

# Shropshire Climate Action Partnership

## Steering Group Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Attending:** SCAP representatives: Allan Wilson, Chair; Jane Cullen, Vice Chair and Chair of South Shropshire Climate Action, Sue Burnell, Recorder; Robert Saunders, Mark Fermor, Jo Blackman, Sian Thomas, Liz Knowles, Lorraine Waurmsley,

Richard Grindle, SWT; Phil Holden, Shropshire Hills AONB; Dan Wrench and Adrian Cooper, SC; John Ellis-Tipton, NHS; Stephanie Mansell-Jones, Shrewsbury Bid; Felicity Mercer, T&W; Andrew Howe, The Shrewsbury Food Hub; Rob Saunders and Tony Green, Shropshire Green Xchange, Richard Sheehan, Shropshire Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Faulkner, NFU; Jim Davies, Environment Agency.

## A G E N D A

### 1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. APOLOGIES – Jim Davies is deputising for Adam Lines, Environment Agency; Tony Green is deputising for Chris Deaves; David Hall, Wrekin Housing; Simon Jeffery, Harper Adams.

### 3. DECLARATIONS incl. additional AOB items for listing.

### 4. MINUTES

- The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were confirmed.

### 5. GOVERNANCE OF SCAP:

- The updated Independent Critical Assessment protocol was circulated in advance to SG members. This version includes feedback from SG Members provided at the last meeting. This protocol will allow SCAP to address difficult issues without compromising the position of SG members. The meeting approved the protocol with 12 votes and 3 abstentions. Jane Cullen
- SCAP has a legal Entity, Shropshire Climate Action Ltd, with two Directors, Mark Fermor and John Ogle for the purposes of seeking funding for an energy mapping project. Allan Wilson has convened a new working group to consider which legal entity will put the organisation on a sound footing for the future and is most appropriate to SCAP's purpose. Allan Wilson

**Action Governance working group** will report in June 2021 and bring the decision back to the SG. Allan Wilson

### 6. SCAP UPDATES:

- ZCS Membership sign-ups: since 1 February 2021 is 55 (48 individuals and 7 organisations); 46 in March (40 individuals and 6 organisations); 9 in February (8 individual and 1 organisation), Sian Thomas
- Shropshire Badge scheme funding update: E4environment is still looking for funding for the tool to make it free at the point of use for Shropshire small businesses via SCAP website. Starting a sustainability journey is complex and overwhelming for many businesses. The E4environment tool simplifies this journey, gets organisations started and creates a tailored pathway to follow. Most free tools provide general feedback and generic suggestions for next actions. Sue Burnell for 4environment.

**Action E4environment to explore** [www.landaugrants.co.uk](http://www.landaugrants.co.uk) as possible funding option. Also continue discussions with Dan Wrench, SC

- Generation Zero Carbon (SCAP Youth), has two main focuses for 2021 which are growing our membership and reaching out to make as many connections with young

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people and young people's organisations as we can; helping to fulfil ZCS's aims re. rewilding. and will launch on Earth Day, 22 April. Reported by Allan Wilson

- Carbon Watchers project update provided by Lorraine Waumsley, Consumption & Resource WG, see attached project plan. Carbon calculator produced by Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) for small towns and villages - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8aM9\\_9CdPw&authuser=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8aM9_9CdPw&authuser=0)

7. PRESENTATION BY THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, Jim Davies, paper attached.

**Action SCAP to investigate membership of Sustainability West Midlands. Tony Green confirmed** CREST, Meres and Mosses Environment Network, RICOH, Veolia, NFU, Shropshire and Telford NHS, Midlands Energy Hub are members. SWM has a carbon network and lists events which may be helpful for SCAP.

**Action Robert Saunders kindly offered to pay for membership if it is less than £100.**

8. SCAP PRIORITIES:

- Presentation for discussion: Proposed pilot 'Love Nature Festival', see attached presentation, Liz Knowles, was well supported by the meeting.
- Suggestions from the meeting for organisations to include:
- Shropshire Chamber is organising events under the banner of Netwalking clue in the name that could be linked to the festival; [andrew@andrew-howe.com](mailto:andrew@andrew-howe.com) for artists that are doing similar initiatives and have a track record of being creative with little money; Walking for Health groups, Senior Citizens groups, Shrop Federation of WI, maybe Visit Shropshire - The official tourism website for Shropshire

**Action to follow up with T&W council regarding potential event in the town park which may have funding and see how SCAP can collaborate and support the event. Andrew Howe can connect SCAP with artists doing similar activities. Consider involving Walking Festivals in Wellington and faith groups.**

9. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:

Please continue to share relevant events that SCAP can attend or participate in. Please forward to [sue@acceleratedsuccess.co.uk](mailto:sue@acceleratedsuccess.co.uk).

10. AOB

Members updated each other on recent sustainability developments and initiatives.

[www.sustainabletelfordandwrekin.com](http://www.sustainabletelfordandwrekin.com) The Telford and Wrekin Climate Change Fund is a sustainable initiative being offered by Telford & Wrekin Council as part of its commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030, with the aspiration for the borough to be carbon neutral by then too.

SCAP is planning to carry out an energy mapping project. Please direct companies that may want to tender for the work to [markfermor@zerocarbonschropshire.org](mailto:markfermor@zerocarbonschropshire.org).

Sian got permission to send SCAP monthly newsletter to SG email addresses and asked for help nominations for volunteer roles.

SC has approval to cover fees for associated with attending COP26.

Date of next Steering Group meeting 14 April 2021 3.30pm to 5pm.

Attachments

- Carbon Watchers project plan v2 and roles
- Environment Agency paper – to follow
- Love Nature Festival presentation

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## Proposed items for the next meeting

- SCAP project plans that have not been presented to the SG, David Matthews
- Possible report from Shropshire Hills AONB leader's meeting which is focusing on the climate emergency, Phil Holden
- SC Electric Vehicle charging scheme launch and event, more information to follow. Registering for the event allows participants to try and EV.

Sue Burnell

Reporter to SCAP Steering Group