

# Shropshire Climate Action Partnership

## Steering Group Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 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, Kevin Oubridge, Chris Deaves, SCAP & Shropshire Green Xchange, Jenny Rouquette. Carney Burvill, SCAP Youth.

Richard Grindle, SWT; Phil Holden, Shropshire Hills AONB; Adrian Cooper, SC; John Ellis-Tipton, NHS; Stephanie Mansell-Jones, Shrewsbury Bid; Felicity Mercer, T&W; Andrew Howe, The Food Hub; Josh Carpenter, Shropshire Chamber of Commerce; David Hall, Wrekin Housing Trust

## A G E N D A

### 1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### 2. APOLOGIES – Adam Lines, Environment Agency

### 3. DECLARATIONS incl. additional AOB items for listing - None.

### 4. MINUTES

- The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were confirmed.
- Actioned items from minutes:
  - o The minutes of the Steering Group are now circulated withing 5 working days of the meeting.
  - o The Steering Group's minutes are available on the SCAP website.
  - o Funding for SCAP will not be considered at today's meeting. This item will be held over until SCAP has decided on the most appropriate structure for the organisation going forward.

### 5. GOVERNANCE OF SCAP:

- Overview of the Independent Critical Assessment process – Jane Cullen, SCAP Steering Group Vice Chair

Jane presented this process which is still in development and under discussion. The purpose is to enable SCAP to make public statements on important issues that impact on the target of a net zero carbon Shropshire by 2030. Not commenting on key issues may damage the organisation's credibility as an independent voice. Statements will be factual, and evidence based. We need to consider how to manage the tension of maintaining an independent voice that represents individual members, member organisations and Steering Group member organisations.

It was noted that this could lead to conflict of interest between SCAP membership and the Steering Group and / or organisation members' remit.

The ICA working group will continue to develop this process and take into account the number of people needed to form a panel and how to ensure the right expertise and representation is included. Also, on how ICA's are agreed on between the SG and SCAP members.

- Co-opting members of the public onto the Steering Group – Sue Burnell, ZCS Programme Manager

Sue noted that members of the public are not represented on the SG and asked the group to consider co-opting them. As a Partnership SCAP is aiming to represent all Shropshire organisations and residents. Residents are not presently represented of the SG.

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It was agreed as an organisation we need to include harder to reach members of the public as well as environmentally engaged citizens. Meeting during the day can exclude people who are working.

**Action is to bring this issue back to the SG for further consideration.**

## 6. SCAP UPDATES:

- ZCS Plan launch, Sian Thomas, Communications & Engagement WG, reported on the media coverage in the Shropshire Star, (2 articles) and BBC Radio Shropshire interview resulting in our biggest number of signups in one week - 39
- Membership update – Kevin Oubridge, Communications & Engagement WG reported 390 members in total signed up to ZCS pledge, with 84 since 13 January 2021.
- Local plan response – Allan Wilson reported SCAP is organising a response to the local plan
- Shropshire Council LTP4 – Allan Wilson reported on behalf of the Transport WG that SCAP is contributing to Shropshire Council's local transport plan.
- Climate & Ecological Emergency ICA – Jenny Rouquette, Land & Biodiversity WG presented the ICA, copy sent out with the agenda
- Shropshire Badge scheme update – Sue summarised the E4environment report saying:

E4environment Ltd (based near Nesscliff) have 20 years' experience of supporting SMEs in identifying good environmental practices to maintain and the areas and actions they can take to make improvements. This support has been provided across all sectors from manufacturing settings to dentist practices, solicitors and shopping centres. While each business operates differently common factors they share are:-

- They want to reduce their environmental impact
- They want to save costs
- They want to let their customers know of their good practices and achievements; and
- They want to be sure they're meeting their regulatory obligations.

With Zero Carbon Shropshire we recognise we need to mobilise business to be part of the programme. The actions outlined in the Plan targeted at businesses relating to waste and transport, energy consumption etc will be more easily achievable for some than others. Kanopi, the trade name for the Shropshire Badge software, is designed to automate the development of bespoke environmental action plans for Shropshire businesses in line with the one common goal – net zero 2030.

The project requires funding of £10,000 for the first year to support 500 businesses using the tool free of charge.

Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury Bid and T&W Council expressed support for enabling businesses to engage.

**Action, Sue to send a more detailed proposal to the above.**

- Request for Carbon Reporting lead / chair nomination

### **Carbon Reporting Working Group**

The Carbon Reporting Working Group has a critical role to play in enabling SCAP to identify, record and report on carbon reductions in Shropshire. It will advise and support all working groups on identifying carbon savings associated with SCAP projects. It will also collate data from across all the working groups for publication.

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We need to recruit new members to the group that can help SCAP with this process and request the Steering Group's help in identifying suitable candidates.

## 7. SCAP PRIORITIES:

- Launch of SCAP Youth – Carney Burvill, Communications & Engagement WG reported on the founding of 'SCAP Youth' (group name to be confirmed). The youth group is forming and will focus on growing its membership and establishing communications channels. Its key activities will be connected to helping young people recover from the pandemic through connection with nature, especially with involvement in re-wilding initiatives.
- Developing a strategy for engaging business in carbon foot-printing – Sue Burnell, ZCS Programme Manager reported on a new group that has been established with people from outside the SCAP core team to advise on creating an approach to engaging with business. The aim is to identify a road-map that will take businesses through the steps of awareness, education and into practical actions for engaging with businesses that can be scaled across the county.
- Developing a carbon foot-printing project for residents – Kevin Oubridge, Communications & Engagement presented on a proposed central project for SCAP during 2021, engaging the community in education and practical action via a 'Carbon Watchers' community project. Both T&W and SC expressed strong support for this and offers to collaborate with them via established community links.

**Action is for the working group that will run this project to connect with Adrian Cooper and Felicity Mansell-Jones to approach interested groups that will help create a pilot project.**

## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:

We would appreciate notification of events relevant to working group areas. Please forward to [sue@acceleratedsuccess.co.uk](mailto:sue@acceleratedsuccess.co.uk).

## 8. AOB

Date of next Steering Group meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 3.30pm to 5pm.

Attachments