

Shropshire Climate Action Partnership

Steering Group Meeting 14th April 2021

Attending: SCAP representatives: Allan Wilson, Chair; Sue Burnell, Recorder; Robert Saunders, Mark Fermor, Jo Blackman, Liz Knowles, Lorraine Waurmsley, David Matthews, Richard Watkins, Michael Willmot, Rob Saunders

Jane Cullen, Chair Shropshire Climate Action; Richard Grindle, SWT; Phil Holden, Shropshire Hills AONB; Adrian Cooper, SC; Sam Kirby-Bray, SC; Tim Yair; John Ellis-Tipton, NHS; Stephanie Mansell-Jones, Shrewsbury Bid; Harj Rayet, T&W; Andrew Howe, The Shrewsbury Food Hub.

A G E N D A

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. APOLOGIES – none received
3. DECLARATIONS incl. additional AOB items for listing.
4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 were confirmed.

5. GOVERNANCE OF SCAP:

On Monday 12th April the SCAP Task Force met for 2.5 hours to decide on the future structure of SCAP. The decisions taken were:

To become a charity – 14 votes

To have a category of active members (to be defined) that can vote for Trustees – 14 votes

To become a CIO (Association model) - 9 votes. (The alternative option was to become a charitable company limited by guarantee – 6 votes.)

The SG was asked to approve the decision which it did with 13 votes for and 2 abstentions.

Next steps is for the Governance WG, led by Allan Wilson, to consider the number of Trustees, the role of the Task Force and Steering Group in the new structure; to work through the necessary processes and documentation to apply to the Charity Commission to become a Charity. The Governance WG will consult with the TF at all stages and keep the SG informed of progress.

Members of the SG that have relevant expertise are invited to participate in the Governance working group.

Ideally the process will be complete by June 2021.

6. SCAP UPDATES:

ZCS Membership sign-ups: 34 new signups since 01 March, 2 of which are organisations.

Shropshire Loves Nature Festival planning is going ahead. SWT have enabled a grant application to the Lottery fund. Dates are last 2 weeks in August and first 2 weeks of September. The festival will go ahead with or without funding. There are 10 people on the working group. Next steps are to get a festival pack together for organisations wanting to run an event and create website content for SWT site. Liz Knowles

Generation Zero Carbon launches 22 April, World Earth Day. Due to safeguarding requirements the youth website and sign up is separate from the ZCS site. Group members have been DBS checked and membership is for 16-25s. Eleanor Thurston
Energy mapping exercise is proceeding with a small grant from SC. A contractor has been appointed, Land Use Consultants. Chris Deaves

Carbon Watchers is launching in Pontesbury with support from the Parish Clerk. The pilot is a learning opportunity to create a package that can be used to roll it out across the county and be adapted for different audiences. Awaiting a reply from T&WC on participation. Future audiences are NHS and SC staff. Lorraine Waurmsley

Shropshire Badge scheme needs funding 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. It will also enable collection of data over time. Deb Cairns, E4environment.

SG MEMBER UPDATES:

T&WC will be running an event as part of world heritage festival in September around Ironbridge. Can SCAP connect it with the Shropshire Loves Nature Festival?

SC is involved with EV charging scheme with Agile Streets to provide charging where no on street charging isn't available. Aiming to put 50 charging points across market towns with 100% grant funding

Working with SCAP and leveraging contacts in Agile Streets to work out how to set up a pilot for electric car club to reduce car ownership.

Tim Yair is also applying for funding for EV charging.

SC, Active Travel lead appointed and will be looking at Shrewsbury Connect proposal re how people get from park and ride into town by various means.

SC, TechSevern21 virtual conference 16-17 June is a free event and all are invited to register now. It is supported by Innovate UK and is part of the lead up to COP26, which is a significant association.

SC is planning a sustainable construction conference to follow the TechSevern event. The aim is to improve social housing and improve skills in retrofitting.

WARPIT <https://www.warp-it.co.uk/> – waste reduction resources portal and for organisations to reuse office furniture.

The SG had sight of SCAP ICA on SC North West Relief Road proposal, seven days before this meeting as set out in the ICA process. SG was invited to vote on recognising SCAP will be objecting to the proposal. 7 votes for and 4 abstentions from SCAP partner organisations. The vote was carried and the ICA will go forward to the appropriate parties.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:

Please continue to share relevant events that SCAP can attend or participate in. Please forward to sue@acceleratedsuccess.co.uk. SCAP is seeking 2 hours per week project management support.

AOB

Members updated each other on recent sustainability developments and initiatives.

Date of next Steering Group meeting 12 May 2021 3.30pm to 5pm.

Attachments

Governance presentation, Allan Wilson

Sue Burnell

Reporter to SCAP Steering Group