

YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING ON Dec.10th.2013

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Denise Craghill	Green Party
Cllr.Tina Funnell	CYC Labour Group
Cllr. Andy d'Agorne	CYC Green Group
John Cossham	York in Transition/York Rotters
Mick Phythian	YNET
Barry Otley	Wheatlands Community Woodland
Alison Sinclair	YOPF, Cons.Area Advisory Panel
Anna Bialkowska	Tang Hall Residents Assoc.
Ron Healey	CTC N.Yorks.
Hugh Cripps	Yorks Energy Partnership
Carole Green	Bishophthorpe PC
Ryan Sandford-Blackburn	TIM in York
Phil Bixby	Constructive Individuals
Sara Robin	YWT
Viv Chamberlin-Kidd	York in Transition, York Timebank

Chair: Kate Lock

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies; June Tranmer, Chris.Chambers, David Waddington, Alastair Cooper, Tom Waring, Penny Bainbridge.

2- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

agreed (*see comments at topic 8*)

3 MATTERS ARISING

item 5 (fracking)- JC noted that CYC were to debate this on 27th.Feb.2014. He was preparing an EF submission for members' approval.

4 YORK-"ONE PLANET LIVING"

There was a general discussion following the presentation by CYC officers at the last meeting (item 6).

Comments were:-

A working group was proposed to work with **JW** and **P.McC** to develop the concept. "One Planet", as a quasi-independent body, was to present its ideas to Council shortly. Did the Council recognise "One Planet" independence, and that its recommendations could imply a radical rethink of CYC policies? CYC had very limited resources to take this forward, and here was an opportunity for the EF to make a significant input into policy-making. The value of green infrastructure as a contributor to economic growth should be emphasised. Leeds and other authorities

were already developing visionary policies - were conflicts of interest likely? Developing partnership working across the Council and with other groups was essential. The EF should ask for a formal partnership agreement with the Council and should seek to persuade CYC to commit to this holistic approach.

Results of discussions would be considered at a future EF meeting.

5 "WIGGIO" NETWORK

V.C-K explained how this contact management system would enable the many local individuals and groups with environmental interests to communicate easily, avoid duplication of activities, and as a result be more effective. It would run for a trial period of two months, and guidance was given on how to sign up to the network.

6 T.I.M./ NING CONCEPT

R.S-B described how this movement was developing (see item 5 July 9th. and item 5 Oct.8th.) It was now established at timinyork.org.uk. and would be a self-regulating body co-ordinating activities promoting sustainability and resilience through residents on a co-operative basis, with a consequential benefit to local communities.

7 BRITISH SUGER UPDATE

PC reviewed the developer's exhibition outlining the basic proposals. It asked respondents for answers to somewhat simplistic questions. There was an acknowledgement that there had been considerable public consultation and input from CYC in defining a development brief. The EF had made detailed comments as early as Feb.2008 and again in Jan.2011. The inappropriate allocation of green space; the failure to provide a link across to the recreational area of the Ings; a lack of commitment to provide comprehensive advance infrastructure; that there is no indication of how -or if- the site will be divided up and sold off to individual developers; why there is no commitment to district heating; would land be set aside for self-builders? How will site remediation be tackled, and how long would this take? These are only some of the concerns raised at this stage.

The developers aim to submit a planning application in the spring 2014, when the EF could submit a comprehensive critique. The initial master plan proposals are at www.sugarredevelopmentyork.co.uk.

8 CONSTITUTION & WORKING GROUPS

KL reported that the sub-group was refining the details of the proposed constitution, which would be circulated by E-mail for comment so that it could be signed off at the next meeting on 11th.Feb.2014. (see item 6 Oct.8th.)

AS proposed an amendment to the proposals as minuted 12th. Nov.2013 as follows:-

"It was agreed that the Management Committee should consist of the following:

Chair; Deputy Chair; Treasurer(responsible for membership); Minutes Secretary; Administrator.

It was also agreed that the Management Committee should be enabled to co-opt Forum members as required from time to time".

9 NOTICE BOARD

There was to be a "York in Transition" event as part of the York Residents Festival on Sun.Jan.26th. at Priory St. Contact JC for details.

10 A.O.B.

none

NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues. 11th.Feb. 2014. 4.00-6.00pm
Venue	West Offices - room to be confirmed
Agenda	tbc

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