

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING ON April 12th.2016**

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Clr.Denise Craghill	CYC Green Group
Dot Lawton	Heslington PC
Carole Green	Bishopthorpe PC
Barry Otley	Wheatlands Community Woodland
Dave Merrett	Independent member
Andy D'Agorne	Independent member
Graham Collett	Railfuture Yorkshire
Ron Healey	CPRE York/Selby
Alison Sinclair	Cons.Area Advisory Panel
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Adrian Lovett	Schumacher North
John Cossham	Frack Free York-Red Tower Project
Richard Lane	York Community Energy
Jacqui Warren	CYC
Paul McCabe	CYC

Chair Phil Bixby

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies:Chloe Suter, David Midgley, Alastair Cooper, Mick Phythian, James Flinders(CYC Labour Group). Welcome to Jacqui Warren, Paul McCabe

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING,MATTERS ARISING

Minutes agreed.

item 3- GC requested links to the films shown at the previous meeting.

RL reported on the Selby wind turbine situation.

BO reported on the progress of discussions on flood prevention.

AS reported on the allocation of £5k by CYC to embed the Local List in the Local Plan.

3- ZERO CARBON YORKSHIRE

The launch event took place on Feb.27th.where 80 delegates identified areas of future action, which could be taken forward by appropriate working groups. 32 topics were suggested as being the most productive, and invitations were to be extended to all those with a likely interest to join one or more of these groups.

The first General Meeting of **ZCY** will be in Huddersfield on Tues.May 3rd. and suggestions for agenda items should be submitted by April 19th.

Details - info.@ zerocarbyorkshire.org. and www.zerocarbyorkshire.org.

David Midgley (Schumacher North) can be contacted on tel.0113 350 8070

A "Climate Change Action" day in Leeds is planned for Sun.May 8th.and in York on Sat.May 7th.as part of the national programme.

4- ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PROVISION

PB reported on recent contacts with the JRF discussing self-build and custom build alternatives to conventional housing provision, and the JRF experience. It was already initiating a pilot project on self-build. It was understood that the Local Plan would include alternative options for housing supply. JRF would be invited to address the YEF on this topic.

PC quoted other local authorities which have established their own development companies in conjunction with the private sector, which would give them much greater control over housing provision. It was not known if CYC had fully explored this option

5- "MY FUTURE YORK"

Following a meeting between PB, Helen Graham and the CYC Leader, PB had circulated a briefing document aiming to- *"set out a process for developing a Local Plan that will ultimately have strong local ownership and will proactively address the challenges facing the city"*. It outlined strategies for overcoming the difficulties in decision-making and the problems of "consultation", so that residents can be meaningfully engaged in the process and have confidence that the Council will reflect their concerns and arrive at acceptable solutions.

PB suggested that there could be a significant role for the YEF in this programme as a positive participant, complementing the work of CYC's own officers..

6- ONE PLANET YORK - Paul McCabe, Jaqui Warren

PM outlined the social, economic and environmental factors which form the baseline assessment of performance, based on the 10 "One Planet" principles. There were already many positive actions being taken in line with these criteria which go largely unrecognised, and with little connection between them, often marketed as "own brand" initiatives. There was a danger that the programme could be identified solely with "green" issues, when in fact it covered every aspect of activity. A good example of a holistic integrated approach was the progress being made on the health and well-being agenda, and the establishment of a "One Planet Living Co-design Group" to establish a partnership approach to embedding the principles across all sectors. A good example was Bristol, where 800+ partnerships had come together to form a fully-constituted organisation, placing the city in the frontline of authorities taking the concept to a logical conclusion.

JW outlined the steps being taken within the council to ensure that officer recommendations and policies met the "One Planet" principles before being submitted for approval, using an integrated assessment tool at each stage of the process to eliminate as many negative impacts as possible. Projects could be referred back for further consideration until criteria were met, while acknowledging that occasionally there may have to be "trade-offs" in the interests of a project as a whole.

The "One Planet" detailed report was considered by the Executive on Mar. 17th. There would be a formal launch of the project at the University of York on June 15th.

Members expressed their thanks to the presenters.

7- FUTURE AGENDA

Concerns were expressed over the environmental implications and accountability of the city centre **BID** and the operation of "Make it York". It was suggested that the respective directors be invited to address the YEF.

JRF to be invited to present their ideas and research on alternative housing models.

An update on transport and the implications of York's involvement in Rail North Ltd. would be welcome.

8 A.O.B.

JC reported on the formal constitution of the Red Tower project, with the support of CYC.

Cllr.DC reported on the possible changes to administration of allotments.

St.Nicks will hold an Open Eco-Homes event from May 14th.

Frack Free York - a film "Living with Fracking" at Priory St.- AGM 6.30 Film 7.00 April 22nd.

Abundance York welcomes support - www.spacehive.com/Edible-York

Ward funding rounds starting - apply for environmental projects funding for York

Sustainable communities-public transport-consultation starting on bus service review.

PC commented on the lack of progress on the devolution issue, and how York could be radically affected by the outcome. Should the YEF be taking a more pro-active role in contributing to the debate?

NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues. May 10th.2016 4.00-6.00pm.
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	tbc

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