

Notes of City Sustainability Partnership Meeting – 04 July 2013

Committee Room 2, Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton, BN1 1JA

Present:

Public Services:

Councillor Tony Janio – Brighton & Hove City Council (GM)

Councillor Chris Hawtree – Brighton & Hove City Council (OS)

Community and Voluntary Sector:

Cat Fletcher – CVSF (CF)

Chris Todd – CVSF Environmental Rep – **Chair** (CT)

Mark Strong – CVSF (MS)

Roger Carter – Brighton & Hove's Wildlife Forum (RC)

Vic Borrill – Brighton & Hove Food Partnership – **Vice Chair** (VB)

Phil Belden – South Downs National Park Authority (PB)

Christine Gent – Brighton & Hove Fairtrade Steering Group (CG)

Business Sector:

Damian Tow – Sustainable Energy Working Group (DT)

Brighton & Hove City Council:

Dean Austyn – Performance Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council

Thurstan Crockett – Head of Sustainability & Environmental Policy - **Partnership Manager (TC)**

Sarah Jones – Senior Support Officer – **Meeting notes** (SJ)

Speakers

Mischa Hewitt, Low Carbon Trust

Observers

Conor Moloney, BioRegional

1. Introduction, Apologies and actions from the last meeting

1.1 Apologies were received from Alistair Hill, Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust; Becky Ritchie and Will Clark of Sussex Community NHS Trust; Councillors Gill Mitchell, Ollie Sykes and Pete West of Brighton & Hove City Council; Dan Danahar, Dorothy Stringer School; Danni Craker, Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce; Mark Brunet, Blatchington Mill School; Patrick Pica, University of Sussex; Tony Mernagh, Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership; Zoe Osmond, University of Brighton.

1.2 The Chair went through updates on the following actions from the last meeting.

1.3 / 9.2.4 TC/SJ to liaise with Dean Austyn to bring a report on performance and indicators to this meeting. This had been done.

- 4.1 Partners to measure Fair Trade in their organisation; support Fair Trade businesses in the city; link with the Brighton & Hove Fairtrade Steering Group in their activities; and buy Fair Trade items. This had been noted.
 - 4.4 SJ to link to the Brighton & Hove Fair Trade Steering Group website from the CSP web page. This had been done.
 - 6.2 **Members were asked to advise VB of any suitable pieces of land on the urban fringe with the potential for food production.** This was carried forward.
 - 7.1 **All partners to complete a partner resource commitment template by July 7.** Chair reported that he had received two responses. This was carried forward.
- 1.3 Chair noted that since apologies had been received from Zoe Osmond, her agenda item on the Green Growth Platform would be postponed until the next meeting. **Action: CT/TC to include Green Growth Platform update from Zoe Osmond on the agenda for the meeting on 26 September 2013.**
- 2. City Performance Plan and draft One Planet Living Key Performance Indicators**
- 2.1 DA presented on the City Performance Plan indicators. The presentation was to be made available on the City Sustainability Partnership web page on the council website.
 - 2.2 TC presented the One Planet Living Key Performance Indicators update report to members. The report was to be made available on the City Sustainability Partnership web page. The Sustainability Team was currently working with city and council One Planet Principle leads to derive a set of Key Performance Indicators. **Action: Members to read the report and submit comments to TC and DT by 12 July 2013.**
- 3. Update on AECOM Energy Study meeting with city stakeholders**
- 3.1 DT gave a presentation to members to update them on the Energy Study stakeholder workshop. The presentation was to be made available on the City Sustainability Partnership web page on the council website.
 - 3.2 TC drew the members' attention to a report by Ben Messer of Food Matters which was to be made available on the City Sustainability Partnership web page on the council website.
- 4. Green Deal Pioneer Places programme feedback and Green Deal Strategy**

- 4.1 MH gave a presentation to update members on the results of the Green Deal Pioneer Places programme. A film about the project was available on the council website here: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/environment/environment/green-deal>
- 4.2 TC updated members on the Green Deal strategy. His update report had been made available to members before the meeting on the City Sustainability Partnership web page.

5. CSP role on retrofit

- 5.1 The Zero Carbon City chapter of the Sustainability Action Plan included a target of 2,000 local households a year using the Green Deal for retrofit energy efficiency improvements. Members considered how this target could be met. MH advised that access to cheap finance was the key way to achieve this. Other suggestions from members were: communications to the general public advising of the opportunity to incorporate retrofit when moving or refurbishing; educating traders about the opportunities; the establishment of a drop-in advice centre in the city. The Green Growth Platform was seen to be a way of delivering these outcomes.

6. Sustainable Community Strategy review

- 6.1 TC reported that there had been one Steering Group meeting so far.

7. Updates and information:

7.1 One Planet Living Sustainability Action Plan update

- 7.1.1 DT advised members that the council had received input from City and Council Principle leads on their Key Performance Indicators. A report would be going to the One Planet Living Board in July and documents would be circulated to members in advance of this meeting. RAG status on the projects would be communicated week commencing 08 July 2013.

7.2 Eco Tech Show

- 7.2.1 DT advised members that the Eco Tech Show had seen 3,600 unique visitors and 4,500 visits; there had been 120 exhibitors and 75 speakers. Positive and constructive feedback had been received. Next year's show was already being organised and would take place in Brighton Centre again.

7.3 Brighton & Hove Wildlife Forum

- 7.3.1 RC updated members on the Brighton & Hove Wildlife Forum's most recent meeting, minutes of which had been made available before the meeting on the City Sustainability Partnership web page. He highlighted their concerns about the

absence of geodiversity in the Biosphere bid; the lack of time available to discuss the designation of local wildlife sites; whether the role of the new Conservation Manager at the council would have the breadth of the deleted Ecologist post; and their uncertainty about the council's approach to the elimination of Japanese Knotweed.

7.4 Waste and Materials Group

7.4.1 This group was to be launched during Zero Waste week at which point funding will have been made available.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Christine Gent advised members that Brighton & Hove had had its Fair Trade City status renewed and had been declared a 'Paragon City'. The certificate was available to view on the Fair Trade Brighton and Hove website here: <http://www.bhft.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Fair-Trade-town-certificate.jpg>.

8.2 Chair advised members of the 20/20 Vision exhibition currently running on the seafront featuring panels on the Biosphere project.

8.3 Chair updated members on the progress of the Biosphere bid. The application had been approved by partners and UNESCO had given positive feedback on the bid at their recent visit. The bid was on target to go to the UK committee at the end of July, then to Defra at the beginning of September for sign off, then to UNESCO in Paris at the end of September.

8.4 VB invited members to a Sustainable Food vision event on 22 July as part of the Stanmer Park consultation. She encouraged members to take part in the consultation.

Date of next meeting: 26 September 2013, 5pm-7pm, Conference Rooms 1, Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton BN1 1JA.