

# Minutes of meeting of the Environment Thematic Group of West Lancashire LSP

## Natural and Built Environment Sub Groups

27<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Present: Richard Small (Chair) – Liverpool John Moores University  
Tina Iball – WLBC, Environment  
Tim Graham – Wildlife Trust  
David Hall – WLBC, Private Sector Housing  
Fiona Cruchley – LCC, Environment  
Gillian Whitfield - WLBC, Planning Policy  
Tracey Jardine – District Partnership Officer

Apologies: Andrew Hill – WLBC, Environmental Protection  
Steve Kent – WLBC, Countryside  
Dominic Rigby – LCC, Countryside  
Dave Dunlop – Wildlife Trust  
Pat Burgess – WLBC, Waste and Recycling

	<b>Action</b>
<p>1. <b><u>Introductions and apologies</u></b></p> <p>RS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Tracey Jardine attended the meeting to inform the group of an LCC competition, detailed below. This agenda item was brought forward for convenience.</p>	
<p>2. <b><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.</p>	
<p>3. <b><u>'Give it a Go' Competition</u></b></p> <p>Tracey informed the group of a competition currently being run by Lancashire County Developments Ltd (LCDL) to find the most enterprising business ideas that will benefit the communities of Lancashire. Groups of 3 people or more, over the age of 14, are being encouraged to submit their bright ideas and the best one in each district will be backed with £5K to help turn that idea into a reality. The best idea county wide will then receive a further £20K to build on their success. The projects should be economically sustainable and make a difference to the lives of those who take part and the communities in which they live. Tracey requested the group promote the competition to anyone they work with who may find it of interest. Further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/giveitago">www.lancashire.gov.uk/giveitago</a></p> <p>It was agreed Tracey will also attend our next meeting to provide the group with information on the changes taking place within the Lancashire Local.</p>	All
<p>4. <b><u>ETG Action Plan Progress Updates 2009-10</u></b></p>	

Members of the group provided updates on some of the actions which can be found in the accompanying action plan progress update.

Further details of actions discussed include:

GW provided an update on the Renewable Energy Capacity Study being undertaken to support development of the LDF. The phase 1 scoping report is now nearing completion and will identify the broad areas of potential for renewable energy, recognising wind technologies to have the greatest potential, and establish achievable targets for the LDF. The full report will be circulated to the group when available.

GW

FC informed that the TrACE model developed by the Energy Saving Trust to help Local Authorities with NI 186 contains a low carbon and renewable energy infrastructure section which may be of interest.

5. **Lancashire Climate Change Partnership (LCCP) update**

FC informed that the LCCP is developing well and moving into the delivery phase of the Lancashire Climate Change Strategy, which can be viewed [here](#). Hard copies are also available from Tina Iball.

The 'sign-up' principles/pledges for organisations involved in the Partnership have been agreed as:

- Commitment to reduce their own operational footprint
- Involvement in at least one action to deliver community/wider action
- Taking action on adaptation
- Commitment to report timely activity (and CO<sub>2</sub> reductions where possible) into a live 'activity database' (to feed into annual reporting of NI186 for LAA purposes)
- Each LSP is requested to prepare a local climate change action plan as its contribution to NI186, 187 & 188.

West Lancashire LSP is a member of this partnership and will shortly be asked for an update on progress towards these pledges and the LAA targets.

With regards to NI 186, immediate focus will be on the key actions taken to achieve CO<sub>2</sub> reductions, rather than the statistics which are 2 years out of date. This indicator requires a 12.5% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita by 2011, against a 2005 baseline. 21,000 tonnes of which should be provided from the West Lancashire borough across the 3 year LAA period.

Enworks will hopefully be providing district breakdowns of work done with businesses and HECA returns, if available, will contribute evidence for the domestic sector.

FC to attend the next energy efficiency meeting with Groundwork and provide TI with case studies of the work being undertaken by Preston LSP.

FC/TI

6. **LAA Half Year Update**

	<p>TI informed the group that a half yearly update on progress towards the LAA targets had been submitted, copy attached for information. TI highlighted the importance of informing the group of work being undertaken so it can be reported effectively.</p>	All
7.	<p><b><u>Update on Energy Efficiency initiative with Groundwork</u></b></p> <p>DH provided the group with an update on the work being undertaken with Groundwork to bid for funding to support community projects. The contract is aiming to be economically sustainable to keep it running long term.</p> <p>TI informed the group that the workshop for rural businesses had been held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November but attendance was very disappointing. A press release/ newsletter is to be circulated to all businesses containing the information provided by the speakers.</p> <p>FC mentioned the Community Energy Saving Project (CESP) funding provided by energy suppliers. Dave Hall queried if a Lancashire wide bid had been submitted to this fund or if each authority is to apply individually. FC to investigate before the next meeting with Groundwork.</p>	TI FC
8.	<p><b><u>Wildlife Action Plan Update</u></b></p> <p>TG informed the group that he has re-drafted the WAP to compensate for the changes to national Biodiversity Action Plans and revise timescales.</p> <p>TG provided an overview of the changes made, which were supported by the group. The revised document is to be circulated to the whole group for comments.</p>	All
9.	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>DH queried how the Marine Coastal Act and Government initiative regarding national coastal footpaths will affect the Ribble Estuary? Are footpaths well defined in the coastal areas of West Lancashire?</p> <p>TI asked if the group could think of any new members or representatives from organisations they feel would benefit the group? It was agreed a representative should be invited from Edge Hill university. Please forward any further ideas to TI.</p>	TG All
8.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>TI to arrange electronically for around February time.</p>	TI