

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

Built Environment Sub Group

11th March 2010

Present: Richard Small (Chair) – Liverpool John Moore’s University
Tina Iball – WLBC, Environment
Pat Burgess – WLBC, Waste and Recycling
Laura Gee – WLBC, Private Sector Housing
Pam Brandwood - Edge Hill University

Apologies: Fiona Cruchley – LCC, Environment
Gillian Whitfield - WLBC, Planning Policy
Andrew Hill – WLBC, Environmental Protection

	Action
1. <u>Introductions and apologies</u> RS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. RS introduced Pam Brandwood as a new member to the group. Pam is the Energy Manager at Edge Hill University.	
2. <u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.	
3. <u>ETG Action Plan Progress Updates</u> TI informed the group that it’s important to ensure the action plan progress report is fully up to date as we come to the end of the financial year. TI encouraged members to report on actions completed, provide timescales for those still ongoing and raise any issues that might make some actions undeliverable. The Action Plan will then be revised for 2010-11. Members of the group provided updates on some of the actions which can be found in the accompanying action plan progress update document. TI requested all members add to this document as required and return before the end of the month.	All

PB informed the group of changes that will be coming up in the near future with regards to waste and recycling:

- All waste from West Lancs will be going to a treatment centre in Leyland, where it will be sorted then composted or recycled.
- A transfer station will open at Stanley Depot which will reduce fleet journeys to landfill.
- Alternate weekly collection will be rolled out in Skelmersdale in May, which will encourage recycling and waste minimisation.
- Collection rounds will become zoned so all vehicles target one area at the same time. This will also reduce mileage from missed bins etc.

RS informed the group the John Moore's University have a group working on the use of compost to store carbon on brownfield sites.

PBd enquired about WLBC collecting waste from Edge Hill. PB informed that this isn't possible at the current time as the service doesn't have a commercial recycling facility. This also applies to domestic waste from residential accommodation on the university site.

4. **Update on WLBC Energy Efficiency Initiative with Groundwork**

TI informed the group that the first of the two twilight sessions for school teachers had been held on the 2nd March 2010 at Hillside Primary School. The workshop was delivered by Groundwork and The Wildlife Trust and focused on Waste and Procurement. Attendance was poor as only three schools were present. A discussion followed as to how to try and improve on this for the next workshop to be held on April 26th. Flyer attached for members to distribute as appropriate.

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5. **Thermal Imagery Survey**

TI informed the group that a county wide aerial thermal imagery survey is being undertaken of all urban and semi-urban areas, the results of which should be available soon.

West Lancs Council have also borrowed a heat camera to undertake ground level thermal imagery to inform energy efficiency works to be undertaken on social housing in 10/11. This can also be provided for residents of privately owned properties but will probably be advertised in Autumn on the lead up to winter. TI to keep the group informed.

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6. **Any Other Business**

PBd asked if it would be possible for her colleague to represent Edge Hill at the Transport Thematic Group. TI to forward request.

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7. **Date of next meeting**

TI to arrange electronically in June. Plenty of notice to be provided.

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