



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING OF THE

CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

(Members: Councillors Zafar Ali, Chris Church, Sarah Cockburn-Price, Kieran McGladdery, Ash Sutcliffe, Y. Tennant and Tom Whipp).

TO BE HELD
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON

18TH NOVEMBER, 2024

AT 6.00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes

Enc. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 16th September 2024.

2. Welcome and Introductions

To welcome and receive introductions from Victor Equere, Climate Programme Manager, Pendle Borough Council and also the following newly co-opted Members:

Angela Moran representing Eco-Barnoldswick
Stephen Sykes representing East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce
A representative of Trawden Community Group

Existing co-opted Members include:

Sylvia Godfrey representing Greenpeace
David Penney representing Lancashire Climate Action Network (LancsCAN)
Jane Wood representing Friends of the Earth

3. Annual Emissions Report

To consider the attached report from the Head of Economic Growth **(TO FOLLOW)**.

4. Building Stock Decarbonisation Programme

To receive a verbal update from the Facility Manager.

5. EV Charging Points in Car Parks

To receive a verbal update from the Head of Economic Growth.

6. Examples of Good Practice

An opportunity for examples of good practice to be put forward.

7. Items for Noting

- **Climate FRESK at The Muni.** This was a thought provoking and interactive evening with Tom Deacon and the In-Situ team. Through guided discussion, groups were shown all the interactions and interrelations of the various scientifically proved actions and effects on the climate. Everybody learnt something and there were masses of quite horrifying statistics. It was very clearly demonstrated that human activity has led to all of these negative effects and how the cumulative effects are leading to a rapid increase in the pace of change, encompassing ecology, meteorology and oceanography. It was powerfully demonstrated that no one area can be protected from the change wrought on another, seemingly unrelated sphere. The same team will now deliver a much bigger version of this event, again at The Muni, to young people and businesses.

- **Climate Change Strategy.** Since the last meeting Pendle Borough Council (PBC) has developed a Consultant's brief to help develop the Climate Change Strategy based on the original climate change priority list.

A Consultant has now been appointed following a procurement process and their initiation meeting will be on 13th November 2024.

The Climate Programme Manager, who is now in post, will be supporting the strategy's development and is currently in the process of developing and submitting the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme application.

- **COP29.** COP29 (the UN Climate Change Conference) is taking place 11th-22nd November in Baku. The key themes are: Action for Climate Empowerment and Children and Youth, Adaption and Resilience, Capacity Building, Climate Finance, Climate Technology, Co-operative Activities, Gender, Global Stocktake, Innovation, Transition, Landuse, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples, Market and Non Market Mechanisms, Mitigation, Pre 2020 Ambition and Implementation, Science and The Ocean.

World Leaders are being encouraged to engage and enhance ambition and enable action to reduce emissions, adapt to climate change, and address loss and damage, to implement and transform key climate related decisions into concrete actions and credible plans to tackle climate change.

You can find out more via this link, which includes webcasts: <https://unfccc.int/cop29>.

- **Gib Hill.** A first meeting has been held and a second has been scheduled now Gib Hill has been formally declared a Local Nature Reserve with Natural England, and that planning permission has been granted by PBC. It was confirmed that both Colne and Nelson Town Councils have made funding available for Gib Hill that can be used for projects or as match funding. Management roles were filled, with Will Stephenson becoming Chairman and Andrew Ashworth becoming Treasurer. After the meeting, David Foat came forward as Secretary.

Work will now be put in to develop the terms of reference and constitution of the Group. It was agreed that it is important to involve schools in the project. The Chair of this Working Group, Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, volunteered, and was accepted, to be the schools/young person's liaison. PBC's Green Spaces Manager discussed some of the necessary infrastructure improvements. Some are to facilitate access for tractors for mowing works, including installing some piped crossings in the ditch lines, whilst others were concerned with improving sludgy paths in the woodland with informal aggregate pathways. Several areas of woodland require thinning out, including removing dead ash trees which were planted at plantation forestry density, allowing for initial death and poor take-up.

There were a number of suggestions for a group name, including Friends of Gib Hill, Gib Hill Action Group and the Gib Hill Hill Billies among others. It was suggested a competition for schools to come up with the best name and logo be held. It was agreed it was possible to have two names for the Group, a catchy working name and a more legitimate name for official use and grant applications.

- **Herbicide / Pesticide Usage.** Research into other Councils' herbicide / pesticide usage is ongoing. An update will be provided a future meeting.

- **LancsCAN Bid Application.** With a deadline of the end of October, the LancsCAN group is submitting a diverse range of projects to the Climate Action Fund within the National Lottery Community Fund. It is good this Working Group is at the table for this pan county effort. A few of the proposed projects are concerned with outreach, for example, climate juries, the development of climate action apps, young peoples' outdoors learning and activity and some arts and culture events. Of great interest to this Working Group is the strand that focusses on making homes more sustainable and here the Blackpool Eco Hub is taking the lead, along with some community energy schemes, such as Rossendale Valley Energy. Then there is a nature and biodiversity strand that also links to green social prescribing. Finally, there is the identification of various special green spaces for extra monitoring and intervention, specifically the Wyre Estuary and Morecambe Bay.

This Working Group's own Dave Penney has put forward some suggestions to the LancsCAN team, including:

- Community Composting, Recycling and Reuse Share Schemes – which would cut down the use of peat, reduce waste, share unwanted items for use by others, such as clothing or household items as well as establishing a Communal Store for such items as tools which people can use and return to the store for others to use.
- Creating a Tree and Plant Nursery in Pendle from which community groups and the PBC Green Spaces Team can draw upon for tree/plant planting on green spaces including greening streets to improve biodiversity, reduce CO2 emissions and create healthier living streets.
- Establishing a Climate Educational Programme, led by this Working Group, to engage with and involve the Community Groups, Churches, Schools/Colleges, Health, Business and Farming Sectors in action to combat Climate Change and its impacts.
- Setting up a Community Renewable Energy Group/Company to increase the sources of renewable energy and control them locally, under the auspices of the Council, with the aim of maximising the potential of such Schemes as well as ensuring that Housing has access to these sources of energy, so reducing the pollution from fossil fuels and the cost of energy to residents.

These align to the various strands within the grant application. The Chair of this Working Group has joined the LancsCAN group.

8. Items for a Future Agenda

- Climate Engagement Programme
- Community Energy
- Community Heat Networks / Geothermal Energy
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) new Active Travel Team
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) Transport Team
- RecycleIT (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZHNnwnkYsA&t=8s>)
- Review of Key Decisions made at COP29
- Rossendale and Reuse 360 HUB Burnley Visits

There will also be an opportunity for further items to be put forward.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 13th January 2025 at 6.00 p.m.**