

“Enabling climate action in a can-do city”

STRATEGY GROUP

Tuesday 19th March 16:30 – 18:30

Merrion House Meeting Suite Rooms 3 and 4, Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8PD

NOTES

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
2	Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda <i>Notes of last meeting attached</i>	
3	<p>Project Development and Finance workshops <i>To present the details of the project development and finance workshops to be run in 2019. All members are asked to promote these in their networks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The first of the 4 workshops start next week. It had been challenging to recruit attendees despite wide promotion. This raises a question for the future as to the most way to engage with organisations around this critical issue. <p>ACTION: All to continue to push through their networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Last year, Leeds City Council received funding to explore crowd funding and worked with Abundance. Their initial findings were the cost of the finance was too expensive compared to local authority’s other finance. They have reworked their model and it may now be possible to pilot this model for funding rooftop solar in Leeds. There will be a national launch in Leeds in May which will highlight all the pilot projects. <p>ACTION: Helen Thompson is interested in supporting the development of this work and will follow up with Tom Knowland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On 19th March, representatives from 8 towns north of Leeds, including Ilkley and Harrogate, met to discuss climate action and the development of community energy. This has come about partly as a result of networking between Commission members. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>HT/TK</p>
4	<p>Position Paper on Hydrogen <i>Final version to be tabled for sign-off following Strategy Group consultation and to be published on Climate Commission website for wider comment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Hydrogen paper has gone through several iterations. Thanks to all those who contributed comments. The paper clearly points out the risks as well as the gains. It was clear that Hydrogen was a stepping stone on the way to a decarbonised electrified heat system. Agreed that after a final iteration, the position paper be published on the Commission website. <p>ACTION: Andy Gouldson to make final revisions to the paper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Members were also asked to comment on the process of co-creating a position paper. Members were impressed at how comments were incorporated into the document. It was noted that getting the initial framework broadly correct was important. It was also crucial that their tone was objective and dispassionate, balanced and constructive. It was suggested that position papers should be referenced in the 	<p>AG</p>

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	<p>Roadmap and it was agreed that this was a good suggestion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Food Waste and South Bank position papers are the next two, the latter being more urgent. Volunteers would be asked to join a small working group to draft the next paper. 	
5	<p>Standing Item: Future Funding and Resourcing <i>An update on the successful P-CAN Research Network involving Leeds, Edinburgh & Belfast announced at the Leeds Investing in Local Energy conference co-hosted by Leeds Climate Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The P-CAN project has now started with Commissions being set up in Belfast and Edinburgh. Representatives from several other cities will be meeting in June about the scope for replicating city commissions elsewhere in the UK. 	
6	<p>Standing Item: Student research projects <i>To update progress on recruiting students for various Climate Commission related work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several students will gain be supporting Commission related projects and will be supervised by Andy Gouldson and Tom Knowland. ➤ There is a list of projects on the Commission website under 'Get Involved'. They are advertised in the winter term and students recruited in the winter and spring terms. 	
7	<p>Low Carbon Roadmap (other Climate Commission groups invited) <i>The Leeds Climate Commission has prepared evidence needed to establish a science-based carbon reduction target for the city so that Leeds has a clear set of city-wide measures for all sectors, designed to deliver the city's contribution to achieving the United Nations goal of maintaining global temperatures increase by no more than 1.5°C. These will be reported to Leeds City Council's Executive Board in April 2019, followed by a 'city conversation' before a final report before the end of 2019.</i></p> <p><i>This work will be presented, followed by a workshop-style discussion to gather views from the Commission on the draft Roadmap and subsequent city conversation, utilising the Climate Commission networks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Andy Gouldson presented the Roadmap which set out that is economically and technically feasible to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. ➤ Cllr Lewis advised that Leeds would declare a climate emergency in Leeds on 27th March. There would be an Executive Board report on how there can be a city wide conversation about what actions can be taken by the Council and the residents / organisations in Leeds. It would be important to take people along with us so that they understand why the changes are being made and how it will benefit them. ➤ By 2025, most of the changes will have to be about reducing energy consumption rather than creating new energy infrastructure. ➤ It would be Important to consider what lies within the control of the city. It owns 18% of the housing stock and even if all of the funds were invested in retrofitting, it wouldn't be possible to make these A rated. The most challenging housing stock is the private rented sector and would need c£2 billion. ➤ Without a different funding envelope, which is a national government 	

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	<p>decision, it will constrain what can be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ About 35% of the emissions are transport related. This presents the biggest area of opportunity and would require bold statements which would need selling to the electorate. ➤ The 10 biggest energy users and probably the largest transport users. ➤ Each wedge needs an action plan. A mapping exercise is the next step. ➤ What will the role of offsetting be to close the gap, are we comfortable with this, how much of it should be local (eg link to northern forest). There is a value of having tree planting in the mix, but more value to planting in the tropics than locally. ➤ If we need £12 billion, pension funds might be one place we should look. This is why innovative finance options, such as green bonds, are key. There is £2 billion of Leeds residents money in ISAs. ➤ It would be interesting to know which measures are in which categories. The full breakdown in the first 50% is drawn from the mini Stern report for Leeds. We don't yet have the economics of other measures. <p>Workshops broke into two groups,</p> <p><u>Monitoring.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There is some monitoring which already happens. It will be action by the largest organisations which we need to capture. ➤ Other types of data might not be perfect but is good enough. ➤ This is an expensive process. How do we turn it into an opportunity. ➤ What is our ask of Government <p><u>Big conversation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The group will meet again. ➤ Where does responsibility lie ➤ Great ideas about visuals ➤ How do we get feedback without falling into traditional consultation ➤ Look at top 10 contributors <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need to break down responsibilities, what level of activity is necessary to begin to deliver this, we could put an early warning system in place re what we need, barriers. ➤ Each of the working groups has a big role to play. ➤ Hesitant to get into the resourcing issue. ➤ Can see a role for different organisations to amplify the message. ➤ The Commission has a convening power and a network power. ➤ Clarify the advocacy role of organisations who are involved in the Commission. <p><u>By July:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Branding that organisations can get signed up to. ➤ Would like to see actions mapped out as red, amber, green. ➤ Be able to start reporting progress. ➤ Have a timetable which we can measure our progress towards. ➤ Have a nominated convenor for each wedge. ➤ Reach out to top 10-25 and have a face to face meeting to get them to sign up to a climate emergency declaration. A forum where they can sign up 	

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9	Any Other Business <i>Dates & Venues for future meetings</i>																						
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