

**MEMBERS AND OFFICERS
CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP
MEETING NOTES**

Date and Time: Tuesday 20 September, 14:30

Place: Teams Virtual Meeting

Present:

Cllr David Neighbour (Chair) - DN
Cllr Alan Oliver - AO
Cllr Gill Butler - GB
Cllr Dr Anne Crampton - AC
Cllr Steve Forster - SF
John Elson - JE
Mark Jaggard - MJ
Martin Hobley - MH
Steph King - SK
Tamsin Briggs (Friends of the Earth) - TB

Jenny Murton (Minutes)

Item		Action
1.0	<p>Introduction and apologies Apologies were received from Peter Summersell, Cllr James Radley, Adam Green and Wilf Hardy.</p>	
2.0	<p>Notes from previous meeting The previous meeting's Minutes were agreed</p>	
3.0	<p>Planning – Update from Planning & Building Control on decarbonising new homes. Followed by Q&A</p>	
	<p>MH who manages the Building Control team gave an update – <i>notes are attached to these minutes.</i></p> <p>MH suggested that the group go to the Future Homes Standard Hub for more information.</p> <p>MJ asked MH to explain when new standards apply to new developments and to existing sites and planning permissions. MH confirmed that there is currently a transitional arrangement in place. If builders start after 15th June 2023, they are subject to 'rules of the day'.</p> <p>AO questioned what the definition of starting a plot meant and MH confirmed that it is when physical foundations have been laid.</p>	

	<p>AO also asked what the council can do in additional to tighten up minimum standards. MH replied that the council is pushing hard to be 80% better than May 2022 and the Planning department <i>do</i> have the ability to set other standards if required.</p> <p>MJ reminded the group that Daniel Hawes had already bought a draft TAN for energy efficiency for new development homes to Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and this group as well. Further work could also be considered by the team.</p> <p>MJ and MH briefly mentioned EV charging points, how financial limits are set out per plot and that two quotes per energy supplier are required.</p> <p>SF reminded the group that many homes (possibly 30-35%) have on-street parking where EV charging points could not be fitted.</p> <p>DH questioned the EV conditions placed on new build homes.</p> <p>MH encouraged the group to email any further questions through to him.</p> <p>DN asked MH to confirm the difference between Building Regulations Legislation he's seen recently and Permitted Development Rights. DN specifically mentioned overheating regulations and loft conversions.</p> <p>MH reported there had been approximately 1200 applications last year to the council and half were Permitted Development.</p> <p>SF asked the group, as a council what could be done to encourage residents to be more energy efficient when undertaking building work and to strive for more than the minimum standards.</p> <p>The group agreed that this was vital and would be built into future communications were applicable.</p> <p>Action: It was proposed by MJ for SK and MH to have a separate conversation on communication issues when appropriate.</p>	<p>SK & MH</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Communications Update & Big Green Week</p>	
	<p>SK gave an update on the latest communication work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large focus currently is the Big Green Week. • SK and the Countryside team had attended Hook Schools Summer Fair. 	

	<p>SF is keen to see more information highlighted to residents on e-bikes and the possibility of local retailer Pedal Heaven getting involved in the Eco Fair on October 1st.</p> <p>ACTION: SK to investigate including e-bikes for the upcoming Eco Fair and if this is not possible to look at developing opportunities in the future.</p> <p>ACTION: JE and DN to speak to senior leadership about the infra-red (thermal imaging) camera scheme.</p> <p>SF highlighted the group Hampshire EVs to SK.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>JE & DN</p>
5.0	Update Hart Climate Change Action Plan	
	<p>JE confirmed that Sustrans have now been appointed by the council and this work sits with the Place directorate.</p> <p>JE reminded the group that the Carbon Pathway report is going to Overview & Scrutiny on 27th September and Cabinet for endorsement in October. The Council will produce its own updated Climate Change Action Plan following this.</p> <p>Solar PV installation has been delayed until 24th October – 5th November.</p> <p>The project to replace the Council’s carpark lighting with LEDs is ongoing and a survey has been commissioned.</p> <p>The EV charging points project went to Cabinet in August and work is ongoing on a feasibility study.</p> <p>SF declared a business interest (rapid charging) in the EV charging project due to his work with the infrastructure business.</p> <p>ACTION: PS to provide a written update to the group when he returns.</p>	<p>PS</p>
6.0	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to send SK any more pledges for Big Green Week. • TB has asked PS to determine in his update when the final plan is expected to be in place. • DN thanked JE for all his work as it was his last meeting. 	<p>PS</p>
	Date of Next Meeting	
	22 November – time TBC	

Meeting ended at 15:47.