



Green North Tyneside Board Minutes

20 September 2012

1. Attendance:

Ian McKee (Chair)
Phil Scott
Catherine Lyons
Cllr Edwin Hodson
Peter Hedley
Tony Baines
Colin MacDonald
Michael Blades
Ann Taylor
Alfie Briggs
Paul Nelson
Michael Keenlyside
John Cram

North Tyneside Coalition of Disabled People
NTC Head of Environmental Services
NTC Senior Manager, Waste & Environmental Sustainability
NTC – Cabinet Member Transport and the Environment
Business Forum
Northumbria Water Ltd
Tadea
Northumbria Health Care Trust
NTC Young Mayor Support Officer
Young Cabinet Member
NTC Environmental Sustainability Manager
NTC Environmental Sustainability Officer
NTC-Transport

Apologies

Tony Turnbull
Ann-Marie Crozier
Susan Wear
Ann Marie Crozier
Scott Carruthers
Ken Wilson
Jonathan Walker

NTC Theme Coordinator
Tyne Metropolitan College
Port of Tyne Authority
Tyne Met College
Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
NTC-Head of Regen, Development and Regulatory Services
North East Chamber of Commerce

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2. Welcome & Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Green North Tyneside Board meeting especially to all visitors.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising from the last meeting 28th June 2012

- **Fairtrade** Maintaining a monitoring brief. Issue raised at NTSP Executive with regard to going forward with this. It was reported that we have received accreditation for another two years. **Action:** PN awaiting feedback from Fairtrade Foundation which will set out recommendations for future actions.
- **Green Lab Day** – GNT Chair invited to attend a presentation by existing Council partners such as E.ON, SEC and Kier with regard to reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions.
- **Board Membership** - Chair and Vice Chair met and agreed protocols going forward.
- **Future Projects** - Chair explained that there was still an opportunity to bid for LAA funding. Up to £10k can be agreed by the NTSP Chair, any more would need full NTSP Executive approval. Projects can be put forward by Board members and other groups at any time for consideration by the Board. Information on the funding is available on relevant search engines.
- **Voluntary/Community Sector link** – Ian McKee is this Theme's link representative

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to the Chief Officer Group.

4. Reports

- **NTSP Executive** - Last meeting was a business meeting – NTSP hold one business meeting per year and three workshops. The report and presentation were distributed prior to the meeting. Chair thanked Catherine Lyons for all the work to pull all the information together and for being present at the meeting to explain the Council's role.

5. NTC Transport Strategy

- John Cram, Project Engineer, presented a report on 'Transport initiatives in North Tyneside'. Briefing Note distributed and attached with these notes.
- It was explained that many of the initiatives were Tyne & Wear wide rather than North Tyneside.
- A number of questions were discussed including:
 - 'Go Smarter' initiative –started for this school year, to measure impact
 - Confirmed that still not able to take bikes on Metro
 - Need for modal shift a challenge for bus companies, noted that car ownership since 2005 has decoupled from GDP and is levelling off
 - Issue of Quality Contracts being looked at, Department for Transport proposals are around a formal partnership
 - Public transport has no ombudsman therefore if they are not delivering their service there is nowhere to go.
 - Electric vehicles issue with infrastructure still to be overcome. There are a number of charging points; the majority of them are in town centres. Northumbria Health Trust is in the process of installing charging points in hospitals. It was noted that Northumbria University are researching different types of Vehicles. **Action:** IMcK to investigate possible links.
 - LPG has not been widely promoted. Reported that Newcastle had recently changed to biodiesel from LPG
- John Cram left the meeting.

6. Northumbria Water – Waste Water Treatment – Tony Baines

- Presentation distributed and a copy is attached with these notes.
- A number of questions were discussed including:
 - The water that goes back into the river is monitored to ensure bathing water quality is maintained, as regulated by the Environment Agency.
 - Flood management is through a CSO relief system, June 28 was exceptional, usually effective but constantly improving.
- Chair asked if it was possible to tour the treatment plant in Howdon. **Agreed** to do this once the facility was fully operational next year.

7. Work Plan

Baseline work- Partners Carbon Footprints and Strategy Mapping Exercise

- Plea to all partners to supply the requested information so that this can be published demonstrating the partners commitment to transparency and action on carbon reduction. **Agreed** we need to get our own house in order. **Action** All partner representatives.

Task and Finish Groups

Community Engagement and Behaviour Change & Carbon Award

- Two groups have amalgamated as Award process seen as a vehicle for behaviour

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change.

- Three levels of award proposed, Bronze and Silver based on self-certification and Gold requiring external validation
- Need a strong brand identity
- Aim to work smarter not harder
- Opportunity to cascade the behaviour change from businesses down supply chains and into homes
- Opportunity to promote at the Business Awards December 4. Peter Hedley offered access to the Business Forum mailing list, 550 core businesses, up to 1,500 others.
- Full launch proposed at a further Carbon Breakfast event in Spring 2013
- **Action** To agree branding and award process. **PN/MK**. Suggestion made to look at other similar strong brands such as food hygiene stars. **Colin M** offered to mentor from his experience with similar schemes.
- **Agreed** to provide financial support, up to £5,000, from the GNT board towards setting up the award.

Room Thermometers

- Draft design of the thermometer and wording presented. **Agreed** to include reference to Fahrenheit on either the back or in the accompanying article. Aim is for the public take more notice of the colour coding rather than the numbers.
- These will be distributed with the Council magazine, Widening Horizons, to all households from the end of November.

Any Other Business

- There was a question from a member of the public in attendance about Eco teams. These had been discussed by the Board but the benefit was not as widespread as other initiatives. The idea was still good and Green/Carbon Champions are part of the Council's Watch Your Step campaign.
- The Young Cabinet Member (**AB**) was challenged to ask the Youth Council to see if they have any projects that they feel are a benefit to the community and to bring them to the Board for consideration.
- **Next year's meeting** - no dates agreed as looking for other potential venues. Police, Northumbrian Water, Fire Service and Northumbria Health have all offered that they could be held in their offices.

Next Meeting Thursday 6th December 2012 Room 2.27 10:00 -12:00