

Gosport Climate Change Partnership Steering Group meeting minutes

8th July 2021

Attendees

AA	Andy Ames	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust	
AB	Amanda Baggaley	Gosport Borough Council	Guest attendee
AS	Anne Stephenson	Gosport & Fareham Friends of the Earth	
BC	Barbara Cooke	Abri	
GC	Glenn Chatwood	HMS Sultan	
LC	Louis Crowe	Loud & Proud	
MS	Megan Streb	Sustrans	
TM	Tom Morgan	Gosport and Fareham Multi-Academy Trust	
TP	Tim Pratt	Gosport Borough Council	
ZH	Councillor Zoe Huggins	Gosport Borough Council	Chair

Apologies

Zoe Smith Co-op Group

1. Welcome from Councillor Huggins

ZH thanked everyone for joining the Steering Group, gave a brief overview of her background and interest in the success of the Climate Change Partnership, and outlined actions the Council has taken so far to address climate change.

Decisions: none

Actions: none

2. Setting the context

TP described the scale and speed of action to address climate change that is needed if Gosport is to play its fair share in meeting the ambitions set out in the Paris agreement. ZH then described how the Partnership could help deliver this action and referred to some examples of similar partnerships set up elsewhere.

Decisions: none

Actions: none

3. Introductions

Each attendee briefly summarised their background and organisation, and areas of interest.

Decisions: none

Actions: none

4. **Terms of Reference**

Two clarifications to the draft Terms of Reference were proposed. Firstly, the draft stated that “conditions for membership [for organisations wanting to join the Partnership] will be established and agreed by the Steering Group.” It was proposed that these conditions should be that organisations must not have engaged in activities that were found to be illegal or discriminatory, or that are intended to undermine the aims and objectives of the Partnership.

Secondly, the draft stated that the chairperson would be appointed for a fixed term. It was proposed that this term should initially be one year, although this could be reviewed and extended in the future if desired.

Both these clarifications were agreed and it was decided that they should be added to the Terms of Reference. It was pointed out that the Terms of Reference can be updated by a future Steering Group meeting at any point. A vote on approving the Terms of Reference was then taken and passed.

Decisions:

- The draft Terms of Reference will come into force subject to the two clarifications described above being added.

Actions:

- TP will update the Terms of Reference and circulate to Steering Group members.

5. **Initial discussion of possible work**

TP presented some possible ideas for things the Steering Group may wish to work on. It was then suggested that the Steering Group should agree an overarching vision as a first step, so that any work taken on could be aligned to this. Members agreed that the vision should be agreed at the next meeting. More details about the profile of emissions in Gosport were requested to inform discussions about possible work programmes.

Decisions:

- A vision statement will be agreed at the next Steering Group meeting, and initial work programmes will be decided following this.

Actions:

- TP will share examples of vision statements adopted by other similar climate change partnerships.
- All members will consider possible vision statements and share suggestions.
- TP will circulate information about emissions in Gosport.

6. **Appointment of Steering Group chair**

There being only one nomination for chairperson, no vote was required and TM was appointed as the first Steering Group chair.

Decisions:

- TM will be the Steering Group chair for the next year.

Actions: none

7. Next meetings

It was agreed that we should aim for the next meeting to be as early as possible in September, and that date options will be circulated to find the most suitable date. Whether the next meeting is virtual or in person will also be decided at this point.

Decisions: none

Actions:

- TM and TP to discuss possible dates.
- TP to circulate possible dates to all Steering members for indications of availability.