

# Gosport Climate Change Partnership Steering Group meeting minutes

30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Attendees

AS	Anne Stephenson	Gosport & Fareham Friends of the Earth
BC	Barbara Cooke	Abri
GC	Glenn Chatwood	HMS Sultan
MS	Megan Streb	Sustrans
TM	Tom Morgan	Gosport and Fareham Multi-Academy Trust Chair
TP	Tim Pratt	Gosport Borough Council
ZH	Councillor Zoe Huggins	Gosport Borough Council
ZS	Zoe Smith	Co-op Group

## Apologies

Andy Ames Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust  
Louis Crowe Loud & Proud

### 1. Welcome & apologies

Apologies were received as noted above.

*Decisions:* none

*Actions:* none

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

No comments or queries were raised.

*Decisions:*

- The minutes for the meeting of 8/7/21 were accepted as correct.

*Actions:* none

### 3. New Partnership members and requests to join Steering Group

TP advised that the Gosport Rotary Club, Gosport Fairtrade Action and St Vincent College had joined the Partnership subject to ratification at this meeting. No objections were raised.

TP also advised that Friends of Leesland Park and Elson Community Library are expected to join shortly, subject to this being confirmed at their respective committee meetings, and suggested that their membership be ratified in principle. This was agreed.

The following new Steering Group members were proposed and agreed.

- Andy Grant, Principal at St Vincent College
- Jane Staffieri, volunteer at Gosport Fairtrade Action
- Two student members from Bay House and St Vincent; TM and Andy Grant are working on recruiting these

TP clarified the status of himself and ZH on the Steering Group, and suggested that ZH be a full Steering Group member, while TP would be a non-voting member, in order to support the Partnership without giving undue weight to the Council on the Steering Group. This was agreed.

*Decisions:*

- The Gosport Rotary Club, Gosport Fairtrade Action and St Vincent College have joined the Partnership.
- Friends of Leesland Park and Elson Community Library will join the Partnership if they confirm they wish to do so.
- Andy Grant and Jane Staffieri have joined the Steering Group.
- Two student members will be accepted onto the Steering Group once they have been recruited.
- ZH is a full member of the Steering Group while TP is a non-voting member.

*Actions:*

- TM and Andy Grant will recruit two student members to the Steering Group.

#### 4. **Any updates from members**

ZH reported on Gosport Borough Council's decision to create naturalised flower zones covering approximately 70,000m<sup>2</sup>, which was agreed at the Community Board meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September. This has received good feedback from residents and groups in the Borough, and other councils are now looking to follow this example.

ZH advised of a consultation exercise being carried out by Hampshire County Council on a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Gosport, and requested that members share this information in their organisations and networks.

TP advised of the consultation on the Gosport Local Plan 2038 and requested that members share this information in their organisations and networks.

Andy Grant briefly joined the meeting to introduce himself. As the Principal of St Vincent College he will be working with TM to encourage student involvement. He also chairs the Gosport Place Board and expects there to be opportunities for links between this and the Climate Change Partnership.

*Decisions:* None

*Actions:* None

## 5. Vision statement

Possible vision statements had been added to a shared document before the meeting and these were discussed. While the benefits of a short vision statement were recognised, the preferred option was a longer version that described what the Partnership will do as well as the end result we would like to see. However to increase the accessibility and impact of the vision statement, it was agreed to reformat it as a headline vision followed by bullet points expanding on this.

The proposed vision statement included a placeholder for the year by which we would like to aim for Gosport to be carbon neutral and climate resilient. There was a desire for an ambitious target year of 2030, but there was some doubt over whether this was realistic given the 2050 target dates set by both the UK Government and Hampshire County Council. However, it was felt that our target should be at least as ambitious as the Government's, and therefore it was agreed to state a target of carbon neutrality and climate resilience by 2050, but with an interim target of emissions having reduced by 78% compared to 1990 levels by 2035.

Some other minor changes to the wording were agreed.

### *Decisions:*

- The vision statement will be based on the following, reformatted for readability with any changes to phrasing needed to support this.  
*"By 2035, Gosport will have reduced emissions by 78% compared to 1990 levels, on the path to becoming carbon neutral and climate resilient by 2050. We will have collectively achieved a fair and inclusive transition, creating strong communities and capturing the opportunities of new jobs and investment, improved health, wellbeing and education, while enhancing the local environment and addressing the ecological emergency. The Gosport Climate Change Partnership will have helped bring this about by collaborating with others to raise awareness, research funding sources, and facilitate transformational changes in all areas of Gosport."*

### *Actions:*

- TP will draft a final version of the vision statement and share with Steering Group members for agreement by email.

## 6. Work streams and working groups

Possible work streams had been added to a shared document before the meeting, and other ideas for work streams were also put forward. Following discussion of these ideas, BC, GC, MS and TM agreed to lead on setting up working groups on food, energy efficiency, planning and transport, and climate change strategy respectively. Various possible topics that these working groups could address were raised, and it was agreed that the working group leads would prepare a short statement outlining what they would like their working group to cover. These would then be used to recruit further members to the working groups.

TP confirmed that as well as other Steering Group members, representatives of other Partnership members would be given the opportunity to join working groups, and that working groups could recruit members from outside the Partnership where they would provide specific expertise, skills or experience.

BC and ZH advised that they sit on the Gosport Food Partnership which is aiming to establish a sustainability sub-group. There is therefore an opportunity for the food working group to link in with this.

*Decisions:*

- The following working groups will be established. The proposed work to be undertaken by these groups will be circulated once received from the working group leaders.
  - Food, led by BC
  - Energy efficiency, led by GC
  - Planning and transport, led by MS
  - Strategy for climate action in Gosport, led by TM

*Actions:*

- BC, GC, MS and TM will prepare statements describing their proposed remit for their working groups and send to TP.
- TP will then circulate these statements to Steering Group members and contacts for Partnership member organisations, and ask for volunteers to join the working groups.

## **7. Frequency of meetings**

TM proposed aligning meetings to school terms with one meeting each half term, and this was agreed. There was some discussion around whether to hold meetings online or in person in future; a poll will be circulated to collect opinions on this.

*Decisions:*

- The Steering Group will aim to meet once each half term.

*Actions:*

- TP to circulate poll on whether meetings should be in person or online.

## **8. Any other business**

The need for baseline data was discussed. TP stated that the emissions data reports on the Gosport Borough Council website include baseline data. However, the need for baselines for other metrics, for example levels of food waste, was recognised.

*Decisions:* None

*Actions:* None

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be at 3:30pm on one of the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November or 1<sup>st</sup> December.

*Decisions:* None

*Actions:*

- TP to circulate poll to establish preferred meeting date.