

The Climate Partnership (TCP)

7th October 2022

Board meeting via zoom

Attendees

- Chair: Barnaby Briggs (BB)
- Sarah Bowden (SB)
- Chris Joyce (CJ)
- Simon Wilkes (SW)
- Donna Stimson (DS)

- Nick Baird – apologies

Action points

1. Updates:

The CIC is now formally established with DS CJ and BB as directors. Additional directors and Board members are needed. There is a Starling bank account.

A Net Zero event is being run on 2/11 at Braywick – focused on SMEs seeking to address carbon accounting challenges in their supply chains.

2. Energy direction: generation and efficiency

The OCE and MaidEnergy project to promote three large scale solar projects was agreed to be worth further work. While the Furze Platt project will continue, the work with Leisure Focus needs some clarification to allow it to progress in the short term. CJ will follow up with RWBM.

The OCE and MaidEnergy project “SAVEenergy” will continue to be developed. A mixture of consultancy support, grants and investment will be used to fund the project and it will include significant community group participation.

Both projects will bring detailed project proposals to a future Board meeting for a full review before approval is sought from this Board.

3. Plan to May 2022

In order to take forward the short-term resourcing of TCP, a multi-year resourcing plan needs to be presented to RWBM.

The Board advised that emphasising the team building aspect of this plan was crucial for the overall delivery of TCP objectives. It was felt that having at least two members of staff was a priority.

4. Bioregional baseline progress to date

Headline from an Interim report from the Bioregional work was presented. Detailed reports will be circulated to the Board.

Bioregional will be invited to present and discuss their work with the Board at a future meeting.

5. Building the team

The two roles (engagement and project management) were agreed to be priorities.

6. “Building Bridges”

The “Building Bridges” project will continue to be developed.

7. Principles

The following principles were presented

- Board Members to sign a Code of Conduct (e.g. Cabinet Office Code of Conduct for Board Members of Public Bodies or RWBM equivalent)
- All spending more than £5000 to be agreed at Board level
- All financial decisions to be minuted in Board notes, and made available for public disclosure
- All grants and donations to be governed by MOU specific to each
- Projects should be:
 - o Additional (not going ahead without TCP support)
 - o Local, with local residents involved as much as possible

8. Action items

Action	Owner	Due date
Follow up re Leisure Focus and solar projects	CJ	Oct 22
Solar projects and energy efficiency SAVEenergy to come to Board for review and approval	BB	Nov 22
Multi-year resourcing plan to RWBM	BB	Oct 22
Creating and agreeing Job Descriptions	BB	Oct 22
Circulate Bioregional reports	BB	ASAP
Set up Board meeting with Bioregional	BB	Nov 22
Board members to confirm principles	All	At next meeting
Code of conduct to be agreed	All	At next meeting