

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
Climate Change Member Steering Group  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
Webex videoconference**

<b><u>Attended by:</u></b>		
<u>Members</u>		
Janet Haddock-Fraser (JH-F), Chris Furness (CFu), David Chapman (DC), Charlotte Farrell (CFa), Lydia Slack (LS), Ken Smith (KS).		
<u>Officers</u>		
Matt Mardling (MM),		
<b>Agenda item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<u>Apologies for absence</u>  Emily Fox (EF)	
<b>2.</b>	<u>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</u> Minutes agreed all actions completed	
<b>3</b>	<u>Ensure our work on climate change aligns to and delivers on the National Parks England Delivery Plan on Climate Leadership.</u>  There was a wide ranging discussion around the elements of the National Parks England delivery plan.  To make up for the absence of a single dedicated officer it was felt there was a need to ensure coordination between the different officers involved. Moreover, a need to be kept informed as a steering group to ensure progress is being made and coordination between officers is happening. The need for a communications plan around planning policy and planning restrictions was suggested and the need to engage the Communications team in future meetings of the Steering Group.	MM

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><i>Continued</i></p> <p>The Land based sector including soil carbon and nature based solutions, is best developed through the land managers forum as this is already working with those who are directly involved in land management. There is potential for more field walks and symposium to spread best practice and knowledge. Reporting between groups via the existing Members was seen as a good method of promoting the objectives of the Steering Group especially as David Chapman is chair of the land mangers forum.</p> <p>Sustainable tourism and lifestyle messages are going to be a major focus for the group because it is less established than land management. The pandemic has had a significant impact on use of public transport which will need to be considered as we move out of lock down.</p> <p>Communicating Climate change impact on the National Park landscape is an area that could be explored as part of the communications plan.</p> <p>MM - Cop26 There is an intention for the UK National Parks to attend with nature-based solutions as the topic but no feedback is available at present. This requires signing up to the 'Race to Zero Programme'.</p> <p><b>Action</b> to chase up progress MM/JHF</p> <p>Galvanising local action. The Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub is now working with Tideswell and District Group and Hope Valley Group. Their last meeting was attending by 65 people where the results of a resident survey were presented and discussed. They are gaining strength in numbers and making their voice heard; so this is developing well. Open house initiatives could help further this to demonstrate what can be done.</p> <p>There was a discussion around taking a position on waste to energy initiatives as part of the wider carbon picture of the National Park, but no specific conclusions.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>MM/JHF</p>
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4	<p><u>Assist with shaping and interpreting the results of the Small World Consultancy National Park carbon emission benchmarking.</u></p> <p>Now in a position to contract with SWC subject to the budget approval for slippage. Work is continuing in two tranches. We are expecting to be in tranche two, which is scheduled to output by September.</p>	
5	<p><u>Gain an understanding of the barriers that need to be overcome to widen the scope of carbon accounted for in our Carbon Management Plan. The wider scope is both emissions associated with the land that the Authority owns and manages directly or through tenancies, and scope 3 external goods and services.</u></p> <p>It was agreed to invite Matt Freestone to discuss scope 3 to the next meeting to allow a more detailed discussion.</p> <p>The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill was also considered to have relevance to this discussion and agreed as an item for the next meeting.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>
6	<p><u>Continue to ensure that we effectively and efficiently communicate appropriate climate change matters with visitors, residents, Members and staff.</u></p> <p>An update and discussion on member participation by theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture, forestry, Landscape – Lydia and Ken</li> <li>• Moorland – David and Ken</li> <li>• Cement works – Chris</li> <li>• Transport – Charlotte and Janet</li> </ul> <p>LS –Nothing further to report.</p> <p>DC – A Strategic Management Board has been formed for MftF to address matters beyond normal operational discussions. This allows a response to funding decisions to be made quickly enough to respond to opportunities that exist. Also it was MftF greatest delivery year to date.</p>	

<p>6</p>	<p><i>Continued.</i></p> <p>A discussion occurred around the potential to link to other areas with cement works to address the issues of cement production and around the potential to reduce the CO2 emissions from the plant.</p> <p>There was discussion around the potential for local businesses to financially support the transition to sustainable and active transport</p> <p>CFa – CPRE buses initiative shows what is possible if the government redirected road building funds into the bus network. A link can be circulated. Discussions have taken place with local councillors regarding 20mph limits but nothing to report.</p>	<p>CFa</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Understand how the National Park's constituent councils are dealing with climate change and establish if there are synergies. Gain an awareness of key climate change community groups in the National Park</u></p> <p>Transport needs to be joined up across Councils and bodies such as D2N2. How can we make best use of our own members? From DDDC we need to liaise with their new Climate Change Officer through our own NPA officers. HPBC has a climate change group. To build better relations between the National Park and Borough Council we need to be sensitive to their pressures. We must also stand up for what the National Park stands for and challenge attitudes.</p> <p>JHF to talk to the boundary Members to see what their authorities attitudes are to climate change and sustainable transport.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>JHF</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Meetings to remain virtual due to time saving and carbon emission benefits</p> <p>CFa – Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) have funding to employ a person part time to look at travelling light initiative.</p>	

## Summary of Actions

Engage the Communications team in future meetings of the Steering Group MM

Chase up COP26 progress MM/JHF

Invite Matt Freestone to the next meeting MM

Add the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill to the agenda MM

CPRE link to be circulated CFa

Make contact with DDDC Climate Change Officer. MM

Talk to the boundary Members to see what their authorities attitudes are to climate change and sustainable transport. JHF

## Notes

Climate change impact on the National Park landscape is an area that could be explored as part of the communications plan

### **Future Meetings:**

8:30am 13<sup>th</sup> July

8:30am 6<sup>th</sup> October

### ***Distribution:***

***All invitees***

***Andrew McCloy***

***James Berresford***

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