

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
Climate Change Member Steering Group
Wednesday 13th July 2021
Webex videoconference**

Attended by:

Members

Janet Haddock-Fraser (JH-F), Pete Tapping (PT), Charlotte Farrell (CFa), Ken Smith (KS).

Officers

Matt Mardling (MM), Matt Freestone (MF), Tom Marshall (TM).

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. <u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Emily Fox (EF), Chris Furness (CFu), David Chapman (DC)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>Welcome to Pete Tapping who has now joined the steering group. Many thanks to Lydia Slack for all her support and industry insight over the previous months of the groups operation.</p> <p>Minutes agreed and all actions completed</p> <p>Our CoP26 application is progressing and has been categorised as amber. A further update maybe available at the next NPE Climate Change Group meeting on 27th July. If the application is successful, this includes a requirement to sign up to the 'Race to Zero' initiative.</p> <p>Small World Consulting report is now potentially delayed by competition from other National Parks but we are pressing to maintain the original timescale.</p> <p>JHF - All boundary Members have been contacted to discuss climate change and sustainable transport matters.</p>	

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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.

Scope 1. Emissions directly from activities such as burning fuel.

Scope 2. Are emissions you cause directly but off site and principally due to electricity use.

Scope 3. All Other indirect emissions from activities of the organisation, occurring from sources that they do not own or control. Such as waste disposal and water consumption.

Not all emissions that fall into scope 3 are included and reported by the Authority. We are looking to expand the range we include. The biggest item is the land we own. This has both emissions and sequestration fluxes. At present we do not have a complete picture of land based scope three emissions. The Warslow Moors Carbon Project 2016/17 covers just over half our land. The study covers the agricultural properties and is quite comprehensive and detailed. The science has moved on since 2016 and an update is likely to show a more positive picture due to woodland sequestration. A scoping study has been commissioned to see if we can streamline the tool to make it applicable to the whole estate. Once complete this will help us consider the balance of sequestration and emissions.

Scope 3 external goods and services. This has not changed recently and fundamental questions that were raised when we adopted our carbon management plan still stand regarding this. There is the potential for double counting. There are no standard conversion figures available, so it is an expensive and involved process to undertake. It may be better to focus on the carbon implications of our procurement decisions.

We are looking at the implications of home working and commuting which should be reported to P&R committee in October.

KS – Is the land management work an upfront expense or ongoing?

MF – One reason for streamlining is because the situation changes continually so a broader picture may eliminate the ongoing cost, but a periodic review will still be needed.

CFa – Scope 3 procurement is difficult but still should not be ignored.

<p>3.</p>	<p><i>Continued</i></p> <p>MF – I agree. A challenge we face is that our procurement is not focused on a few areas but broadly dispersed into a lot of smaller acquisitions.</p> <p>JHF – In summary our three main areas of scope 3 emissions are land based emissions, procurement and commuting/home working. Members can expect further information in October.</p> <p>Warslow Estate carbon report to be circulated</p>	<p>MF/MM</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>A Communications Plan.</u></p> <p>There was a wide ranging discussion on the issues and objectives associated with developing a communication plan for climate change. A summary of the main points discussed is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The objective is to nudge visitor, resident and business behaviour within the National Park. • We should focus on our visitor centres, café concessions, car parks and cycle hire locations. • Climate change to be a priority message which appears front and centre on our website. • Urban design and hard surfacing should not be ignored. • The Authority should look to move away from printed hardcopy reports and embrace electronic media. • Shop doors and heat loss. • The better promotion and coordination of bus routes. <p>JHF – We need to draw out core messages to feed into our digital output. The key 3 or 4 main threats identified from the CCVA, Carbon Management Plan and the NPMP review need identifying to inform the big messages for the public. This will need input from all relevant officers.</p> <p>Action TM to produce summary matrix of the potential initiatives discussed.</p>	<p>TM/MM</p> <p>TM</p>

5	<p><u>Campaign for National Parks – Climate Emergency Report.</u></p> <p>At a local level the report supported the need for member and staff training, working beyond boundaries, good data, a hierarchy of intervention with offsetting being the last action to be considered. The need for greater cooperation between national parks. Improved communication and ambition. The members of the Steering Group would like it noted that they have considered the report and support its recommendations.</p>	To note
6	<p><u>The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.</u></p> <p>Deferred to a future meeting.</p>	MM
7	<p><u>Essential members training</u></p> <p>The budget is still available. Liaise with Democratic Services to fit with members calendars.</p>	MM
8	<p><u>DONM and AOB</u></p> <p>Meetings to remain virtual for climate reasons. The next meeting beyond October is set for Thursday 16th Dec 9:00am</p> <p>JHF – Is taking part in the zoom based discussion following the launch of the ‘Travelling Light Initiative’ on 26th July.</p>	

Summary of Actions

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The key 3 or 4 main climate threats identified to inform public messaging. Action TM/MM

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Notes

The members of the Steering Group support the recommendations of the Campaign for National Parks, Climate Emergency Report.

Future Meetings:

8:30am 6th October
9:00am 16th December

Distribution:

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