



Warrington Climate Emergency Commission

Teams meeting – Monday 8th September 14:00 – 16:00

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| - Organisations present: | - Warrington Chamber of Commerce |
| - University of Chester | - Warrington Youth Representative |
| - Enterprise Cheshire & Warrington | - Chair |
| - Cheshire and Merseyside NHS Integrated Care Board | - Business Declares |
| - Warrington Borough Council | |

Agenda:

- 1. Notes of previous meeting and action points not covered elsewhere on the agenda**
 - Notes from the previous meeting were approved and action log updated.
- 2. Reflection on the recent workshop**
 - The workshop in July was successful and had good attendance.
 - Each organisation present gave a summary of progress which was helpful in understanding the wider picture.
 - Cheshire Wildlife Trust were rolling out Nature Literacy. The commission are interested in where this project is up to.
 - Due to the number of items covered at the workshop and number of organisations attending it was suggested that it is made bi-annual. An additional workshop will be pencilled in for the beginning of the year.
 - Producing an annual report was also raised at the workshop. The produce the report input and an indication of activity will be requested from all members. A similar structure will be used as last year to keep it visual and simple with infographics if possible.
- 3. Confirming the events programme for the Climate Emergency Forum**
 - Several events are being planned for this year's climate emergency forum.
 - There is an opportunity to run a business focused event to help businesses on their journey to sustainability. The event should focus on taking practical action which is also accessible to SME's.
 - A plan for the event is currently being prepared.
 - The possibility of a greener school's conference or event to support schools with developing their climate action plans was also suggested. Due to timescales, there may be challenges associated with this.
 - The council will run an EV focused webinar in partnership with the Energy Savings Trust looking at the practicalities of owning an EV including myth busting. The event will be aimed at residents.
 - Climate Express will also form part this year's programme for a third year. Speakers must be confirmed in the next few weeks.
- 4. Communications and engagement update**

- a. Progress with the commission's website
 - A meeting has taken place with the council's communications team who will be supporting the commission in developing their own website. The team have advised on tweaks and the way the website should be laid out.
 - The copy for the website will now be refined over the next few months.
- b. Developing new engagement networks
 - Further to the discussion at the public sector subgroup, we agreed to merge this meeting with the Cheshire Sustainability Group in future.
 - It can be renamed to Cheshire and Warrington Sustainability Group where it is useful to discuss issues relating to the region.
 - A Youth Forum has been established with a small number of people. Work will take place during the next academic year to increase membership and involvement.
 - A Community Forum is in place in the form of People, Planet, Pint. The monthly event is an informal opportunity to discuss practical climate action and topics of interest.
- c. Newsletter
 - A quarterly newsletter continues to be prepared for a growing mailing list.
 - The mailing list has just under 500 subscribers.
 - The next issue of the newsletter will be going out in October to promote the forum programme.
 - There will be space for a small number of stories to feature.
- d. Event opportunities
 - There is a business conference on the 19th September with some links to climate and sustainability due to the organisations attending.

5. Partner updates

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- The council has achieved silver status as a Carbon Literate Organisation meaning they are now one of only six councils in the UK to achieve the award which is used by organisations around the world
- The central Heat Network Detailed project development work is progressing. The hospital's engagement is significant as a potential key anchor load alongside other public sector buildings so help ensuring our consultants make the right contacts and the potential significance of the opportunity is appreciated. This is particularly true in view of the likely introduction of heat network zoning which will give a regulatory push to heat network connection in such zones.
- The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme is currently being rolled out. The pilot will deliver 200 chargers aimed at residents across on street sites and hubs.
- There is a live tender out for Tranche 1 which aims to deliver 450 chargers.

No other partner provided an update

6. Any other business

- No other business

Next meeting: Our next meeting is Monday 10th November 2-4pm