
Greenprint Forum Steering Group Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date: Tuesday 13 December 2022

Time: 10:00-12:00

Invited: Betsy Reid, Chris Ryde, Daniel Wareing, James Mallinder, Jane Healey, Laurence Moss, Luke Bennett, Paul Mackie, Susan Harvey, Emily Knock, Claire Ling

In attendance: Betsy Reid, Daniel Wareing, Jane Healey, Laurence Moss, Luke Bennett, Paul Mackie, Susan Harvey

Apologies: Chris Ryde, Emily Knock, James Mallinder

Agenda

1. Welcome/apologies
 - a. apologies from Chris, Emily and James
2. Intro from Claire Ling, Community Support Officer, Suffolk Climate Change Partnership
3. Event of 21 November – opportunity for discussion post event
4. Green Infrastructure workshops with Prof Peter Hobson
5. CP Board representation
6. ESC awards
7. Updates from steerers
8. Update on ESC green agenda
9. Programme of SG meetings for 2023 (next one in diary is 28 March – proposed dates of subsequent meetings 20 June, 26 September, 12 December – all proposed as 10:00-12:00 Tues mornings as usual)
10. AOB

Dates of next meetings

28 March 2023

1. Welcome/apologies

Apologies received from Chris Ryde, Emily Knock, and James Mallinder

2. Intro from Claire Ling, Community Support Officer, Suffolk Climate Change Partnership

Claire was welcomed to the group and noted the importance of listening to the sorts of conversations that groups like Greenprint and the communities that comprise it are having and offered encouragement that progress is happening at grass roots level even if it seems that many of the same conversations are taking place at higher levels.

Claire started this role in October from a public health community engagement background. Her projects include the thermal imaging camera project which can dovetail with the issue of the cost of living crisis; requirement for a home to run heating for 2-3 hours prior to assessment to achieve the differential is a barrier, so we need to think of things around identifying those in fuel poverty and how to support those targeted through the project and ensure they are signposted to schemes like Warm Homes Suffolk and Warm Hubs where relevant.

Claire is keen to signpost and connect so members of the group are encouraged to connect with Claire and share information with her to help with the dissemination of information more widely.

SH keen to hear about how we identify those in fuel poverty, a local charity has resources to help, but it is hard to encourage people to come forward and ask for help. CL suggests that the powerful thing is to have conversations and mention the sorts of help that are on offer without asking intrusive questions.

CL suggests that Heating Bildeston are a great sounding board and shared with the group their contact details.

Community Matchfund is the other scheme that Claire wanted to mention from the SCCP with which is generating much interest, requiring community sponsors and resources making available grants up to £10,000.

LB pointed out that ESC communities team has the scheme Ease the Squeeze [Ease the Squeeze on cost of living » East Suffolk Council](#) and has a triage system to assess those in need and point them towards the relevant help available.

ACTION: CL to supply DW with a paragraph of inclusion by DW in a future round robin around Greenprint membership to encourage members to connect with her and invite her to opportunities to meet face to face.

3. Climate Resilience Forum – opportunity for discussion post-event

Transition Streets training idea – JH suggested we put a call out to the membership to gauge appetite. BH pointed out that there needs to be more done to engage those who are more concerned by cost of living. David Green offered to do some engagement with anyone who expressed an interest.

In terms of ideas for future aspirations from the event to follow up

- Solar panels on car parks, has been looked at behind scenes at ESC with respect to Leisure Centres. BMSDC has explored this further. ESC has interest from perspective of income generation and ties in with ambition to generate more electricity renewably

on site, with next step if successful to move onto other public car parks, current barrier of planning issues but we are exploring how BMSDC managed to overcome this.

- Almshouses, model as potential to explore at ESC. The Deben Fields is not almshouses but is an exemplar potential project. PM pointed out that the balance of objections vs letters of support is also imbalanced no matter what the issue; perhaps a letter of support from the Greenprint Forum would be a useful **ACTION (DW to follow up)**. Intention is to use Deben Fields as a demonstrable example of where the approach of Passivhaus has worked. SH noted that government planning rules sets out the parameters under which additional local planning rules can be made. LM pointed out however that some local controls still make additional preventions on actions that can be taken to improve homes for the better on energy efficiency so can we do something local to engage planners.

ACTION DW to follow up at officer level within the council particularly with Planning (Chris King and Ben Woolnough) and report back to SG to relay constraints and opportunities for using influence of the council – for example engagement of parish councils in terms of effective engagement over planning development consultations for example. SH pointed out that the volume of material PCs receive is quite onerous already.

4. Green Infrastructure workshops with Prof Peter Hobson

Follow on from conversations about green veining and identified a cluster of Martlesham, Woodbridge and other associated villages. Woodbridge Climate Action Group has some events planned in March and April and our event would be a part of that process. The workshop would be about focussing stakeholder participation with objectives targets and timelines to make nature recovery plan happen and improving biodiversity implementation. Next meeting in early January following which detail will be much clearer.

In terms of costs, guideline for 2 half day workshops with cost of about £1,000 (when Waldringfield first enquired). However more clout if involving Martlesham and Woodbridge so costs might vary. **ACTION BR** to write an application to Nature First with a view to also securing funding from additional sources, and addressing the potential for replication for potential impact elsewhere.

ACTION DW to schedule in meeting with Eamonn and / or Peter Hobson on the scope for the website along with any other members of the Steering Group late January or early February.

5. CP Board representation

SH has expressed the wish to step down as the Greenprint Forum representative for the environment on the Community Partnership Board. SH observed that we need to work harder at getting green issues higher on the CP Board agenda, which JH reinforced at CP level having input to the Framlingham and Woodbridge CPs and feels that the environment requires more embedment into the CP priorities.

LB pointed out that priorities were set by each CP according to data available at the time and by local knowledge of members, but there is scope for more focused environmental data to

be included to influence future decision making on setting future priorities. LB also pointed out that travel has a strong environmental connection and has been elevated to Board level due to its commonality in nature. LB observed there is a further conversation to determine how Greenprint engages with CPs to represent the environment and offered to facilitate that with those who wish to have an input; **ACTION JH and LB** to liaise.

6. ESC awards

The Steering Group has the opportunity to be involved in the process of judging the Green Impact category. DW proposed a collective approach, collating verdicts of all members of the group who wished to be involved and subject to final decision by Chair relaying the collective verdict to the event organisers – approved by all present. **ACTION DW** to circulate nominations to all members of the Steering Group and **ALL** to provide feedback by 21 December, to permit time to secure Chair approval and relay to organisers by deadline of 5 January.

In addition DW mentioned the Greenest County Awards which are still open to nominations; all encouraged to think of potential nominees and encourage nominations. Judges are also invited to step forward – **ACTION DW and JH** to put themselves forward.

7. Updates from steerers

JH: Transition Woodbridge will have the thermal imaging cameras from mid Feb to early March for their heat loss survey of homes that wish to engage with the project – so far had 30 householders sign up.

SH: Kirton applying for grant from Field to Fork for project to do more raised beds and more involvement in the community growing food. Their existing project has had some circular results with some moving on from raised beds to getting their own full sized allotment, to some retirees downgrading from a full sized allotment to raised beds so allows a stepping stone in both directions so there is felt to be clear potential to increase the impact of the concept.

BR: Greener Waldringfield have republished its community directory summarising the range of projects in community and green tips, with a hard copy going to all households in the parish. DW to find link to circulate to the group. [new-directory.pdf \(greenerwaldringfield.org\)](https://www.greenerwaldringfield.org/new-directory.pdf)

LM: Thermal imaging project (home heat loss survey) planned for February has captured attention in the village, as an overriding current concern of residents has been heating their homes efficiently.

LB: Katch electric vehicle has had SCC support beyond trial period of end of December withdrawn. As a project with high profile support the CP Board is keen not to lose the learning from this and explore the potential business case for a continued project of similar essence (but not necessarily the same guise) led by ESC.

8. Update on ESC green agenda

Time insufficient for verbal update; pages 125 to 133 of the document linked below is the update provided by the ESC Environment Task Group to ESC Cabinet on 6 December 2022.

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Focus of Paul's work is currently the Climate Action Plan which will be version 1 of a living document updated every quarter capturing the hundred or so work streams. Discussion on how to engage with Greenprint, can we ask the group to give initial feedback and provide scrutiny and criticism.

Heat and decarbonisation of buildings is the other big focus along with the expansion of the resources and scope of the Warm Homes project.

9. AOB

DW – would the group like to hold next meeting at Suffolk Sustainability Institute on Adastral Park and precede/follow up the meeting with a tour of the DiSH (Digitech Smart House).
AGREED