



**Minutes of the Local Strategic Partnership meeting held on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 at 10am, Lewes Town Council**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Ian Kedge	LDC Environmental Health, temp chair	Owen Clifford	LDC
Carina Hinkley	LDC	Katherine Perrin	3VA
Tim Davies	LDC	Jan Marshall	Coastal Climates
Andrew Watson	ESFR	Adam Chugg	3 VA
Melanie Cutress	LDC, RVRC	Arnold Goldman	Lewes District Senior Forum
Chantal Lass	Hastings Borough Council	A Dabessi	ESCC
Anna Cooley Greene	SAHA	Fiona Berry	Wealden DC
Cllr Eddie Collict	LDC	A Whitney	FSB
Nick Lear	Barcombe PC RVRC	Trevor Watson	LDC
C Rowland	Ovesco	Sheila O'Sullivan	NHS ESDW
Anne Link	Transition Town Lewes	Adrienne Lumpbell	TTL
Lee Kielty	Sussex Police	Ian Chisnall	Churches Together

**1 Apologies**

Cllr James Mac Cleary	LDC, LSP Chair
Adam Chugg	3VA, Vice Chair
Peter Crowley	Wave Leisure
John Webber, Penny Shimmin, Sue Griffins, Keith Blackburn	Area Partnerships
Sue Harvey	LDC
Lisa Schrevel	ESCC
Caroline Wood	SEEDA

**2 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and Matters Arising.**

The minutes of the last meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> February were read and verified. There were no matters arising.

**3 Setting the scene**

Ian Kedge introduced himself as the Head of Environmental Health and Sustainability at Lewes District Council and explained that he would be chairing the meeting as Cllr James Mac Cleary had to send his apologies.

IK set out the format of the meeting, which would be presentations as well as workshops. IK outlined that climate change is going up the national agenda again and is going to be a major issue, underlined by various Local Area Agreement targets the Council aims to achieve together with other agencies and community organisations. The LSP will play a major part in progressing this.

An East Sussex Climate Change Partnership has been set up and has met a month ago to discuss targets for the County, but objectives need to be achieved on a local level to feed into this.

IK explained that Brighton LSP has mutual 10/10 targets with Brighton and Hove City Council, and suggested that Lewes District may want to proceed in a similar way.

#### **4 Presentation on 10/10 – Rebecca Ritchie**

RR explained that the 10/10 initiative is a national initiative and the 10/10 principle means to cut carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. This is applicable for all organisations and individuals and measures direct emissions only. This current year is therefore the baseline year as well as the “Action year”.

2,300 businesses, schools and individuals have signed up, including Waitrose, O2 and Addidas. LDC is, of course, signed up as well, with the Action year being April 2010 – March 2011. A few “quick wins” were achieved, but it is now essential to involve the wider community, individuals and groups such as Transition Town Lewes.

Please see the attached for the full presentation given.

#### **5 Workshop**

The group was asked to consider the following points:

- Understanding where CO2 comes from
- What can you do?
- Why?
- Quick wins and not so quick wins
- How will you measure your results
- Who and how to engage
- Where do you want to be at the end of 10/10

The workshops were held in smaller groups and the facilitators reported back:

Trevor Watson (group: LDC, businesses, Rural Voices, Rural Choices)

TW reported that in his group, there were no organisations as such, but they discussed the challenging issue of behavioural changes (Smarter Living) as well as specific projects that can be undertaken to improve the local economy; such as setting up a vegetable delivery service to outlying housing estates selling locally grown vegetables but using an electric vehicle. As the recession bites and petrol prices increase it may have a similar attraction to services that had existed prior to the supermarket

Matthew Bird (group: 3VA, Salvation Housing Association)

MB reported that his group discussed opportunities and challenges especially where large buildings are concerned, which are hard to heat and insulate. The group also pointed out that there is not a lot of measuring occurring, which would be fundamental. Matthew Bird has volunteered to work with 3VA on this issue.

Rebecca Ritchie (group: ESCC, LDC, Hastings BC, Federation of small businesses, ESRFS)

RR reported that ESCC have not signed up, but are in full support. An article about 10/10 will go in the next Federation of small businesses newsletter. ESFR are interested in signing up as well.

Ian Kedge (group: Sussex Police, Barcombe PC)

IK reported that Sussex Police have undertaken a lot of activity in that respect. The main problems are finding baselines and measuring. Barcombe Parish Council suggests influencing others a good contribution.

The group was then asked to put their current position up on a flipchart:

Organisation	Existing CO2 reduction	10/10 signed up?	Will you sign up to some sort of reduction
Lewes District Council	√	√	
ESCC	√	No	Maybe
PCT	√	No	Desire to
TTL	√	√	√
RVRC	√	No	?
Sussex Police	√	No	?
Barcombe	No	No	Maybe
Coastal Climates Community IC	√	Not yet	√
FOBS	No	No	Maybe
ESFR	√	No	Maybe
Salvation Army Housing Association	√	No	√
Ovesco	√	No	√
Churches Together	No	No	Need help but committed to improve and influence
3VA	√	No	Maybe
Barcombe PC	No	No	Maybe
Sussex – air	No	No	√

## **6 Presentation on Climate Risk – How ready is your organisation? Matthew Bird**

Matthew Bird enlightened that scientists agreed that the climate will change and people will have to adapt to the consequences. The LSP's role is to ensure that organisational plans tie in with each other.

The effects of climate change will become noticeable within the next 30 years. Summers are expected to become hotter and drier whereas there will be more rainfall during the winter months. The essential issue is for an organisation to understand the risks and plan for adaptation.

Despite controversy, there is fundamental acceptance that human behaviour impacts on the climate.

As part of the Local Area Agreement, a Local Climate Impact Profile has been undertaken to look at extreme weather events. MB gave an overview of the results for East Sussex.

There is a set list of Adaption questions, which will be sent out to partner organisations, once adapted, involving a risk matrix.

MB also mentioned the websites below as a resource for information:

<http://www.climatesoutheast.org.uk/>  
<http://www.climateprepared.com/>

Please see attached for the full presentation

## **7 Group Discussion**

IK addressed the group to see if the group has found the meeting useful. The group agreed.

Melanie Cutress suggested that a presentation could be given at the annual Town and Parish Conference in October. Owen Clifford will feed this suggestion in.

The name 10/10 was criticised, as the period is longer than that, so 10/10+ would have been more apt.

Ian Chisnall commented that Climate change is clearly a large issue and welcomes the LSP to take a lead on this. Links need to be made with East Sussex and West Sussex. Also, the message needs to be simplified in order to reach more people.

Sheila O'Sullivan welcomes the concept of 10/10 and reported that the PCT is trying to establish baselines at the moment. She thought that the idea of the car pooling scheme was excellent and suggested for other agencies to link in with this as well. Pooled cars could be used by many different agencies. It is a question of finding out where the synergies are and putting them together.

Nick Lear thought that local providers should be encouraged to offer assessments on people's homes in order to measure and reduce emissions.

Matthew Bird mentioned the "smarter living". The project has been developed by Lewes District Council's Local Sustainability Team for promoting and enabling pro-environmental behaviour with out mentioning behaviour! Smarter Living has something for everyone. It supports communities in tackling the causes of climate change and dealing with its effects

LDC has purchased specific software to enable simplified evaluation and consultation. It was suggested to look at the licence to see whether partners would be covered as well, so a common tool could be found.

Ian Kedge will investigate this possibility.

Jan Marshall mentioned this year's "Isn't it Bonkers" event in Seaford and handed out flyers. The event will take place on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> of September at the Down's Leisure Centre.

## **8 Next steps and conclusion**

IK summarised the meeting. Further steps include:

- Finding the right approach to utilise the LSP in taking the issue forwards
- Presenting leadership to communities in the Lewes District
- Acting as champions within each other's organisations
- The Environment Subgroup of the LSP will lead on this. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please email [ian.kedge@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:ian.kedge@lewes.gov.uk)

## **9 Any Other Business**

There was no other business

## **10 Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am** – Venue to be confirmed