

**EAST MIDLANDS ASSEMBLY  
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
CLIMATE CHANGE STEERING GROUP**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

**10:30am – 1pm at Environment Agency, Trentside Office, Nottingham**

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**Steering Group Members:**

Nick King (Environment Agency) – Chair

Susan Brothwood (Environment Agency)

Jim Williams (English Heritage)

Yvette Dearden, Helen Chadwick, Mark Fynn (East Midlands Regional Assembly)

Jim McIlwee (UKCIP)

Rob Crowder (Nottingham County Council)

Nigel Lee (East Midlands Environment Link)

**Apologies:**

Paul Fleming (De Montfort University)

Phil Keynes (Nottingham County Council)

Stephen Ison (Loughborough University)

**MINUTES**

**1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**

Yvette Dearden introduced Mark Fynn to the group, Mark is working on the sustainable design and construction project for EMRA.

**2. MINUTES FROM 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004 - MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES**

No changes

Helen Chadwick to forward climate change template

Jim Williams:

- Regional director of English Heritage put CC at the top of agenda
- Met with National Trust to discuss historic environment for talking climate change forward - discussed EM specific examples.
- Feedback to EMCCSG and environment group (link to A. Hepworth)
- English Heritage will champion climate change policy for historic environment

Jim Mcilwee to forward UKCIP newsletter to Jim Williams and English Heritage chief scientist

**3. DISCUSS WORKSHOP OUTCOMES:**

Please see attached feedback notes taken at the workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Extra notes taken at the EM CCSG meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004; have been added in **RED**.

Yvette Dearden Infrastructure group feedback

Nick King Land Use group feedback

Jim Mcilwee Local Government and Health group feedback

Helen Chadwick Business Group feedback

#### 4. NEXT STEPS

Overall a work plan is needed to identify individual actions.

Main areas to concentrate on:

1. Identify funding for co-ordinator role – note the ‘strategic rivers corridor partnership’ – all put in money for co-ordinator for a short term appointment.  
Jim Mcilwee briefs explaining what other regional co-ordinators do could help to decide that is needed for the EM.
2. Identify what’s happening already – this work overlaps with the EMRA Environment Group – therefore need to speak to Alison Hepworth. Also identify any quick wins.
3. Research and intelligence gathering study is needed as information already available for natural and historical environment
5. Awareness raising
6. Engagement - Identify priorities to raise in Margaret Beckett’s letter as a result of the Defra event and from the 30<sup>th</sup> November workshop especially funding.
7. EM-CCSG need to understand the implications and invite the correct people to the group to discuss.

#### 4. DISCUSS LINKS TO THE EM ENERGY GROUP

Working on energy action plan

Link to sustainable design and construction

Work with EM-CCSG on raising awareness of the issues

Energy not just CC issue

Energy group also setting up project groups to take action plan forward

DTI money available for funding

#### 5. AOB/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Helen Chadwick commented that the Margaret Beckett event was good but missed opportunity to influence CC work in Region.

The group discussed the possibility to respond to the M.Beckett meeting with a letter from the group. Nick King was considering doing this through Diane Whitehead.

It was concluded that this group can respond to the Margaret Beckett challenge and ask for money to help the group do it.

**Action:** Yvette Dearden and Nick King to write letter to Margaret Beckett

**Action:** Sue Brothwood email feedback form and ‘whats going on already’ form to delegates

**Action:** Sue Brothwood work on table of prioritised projects

**Action:** Sue Brothwood contact P.Fleming about hosting next meeting, if not then the **next meeting** will be at the EA Trentside Office on **27<sup>th</sup> January 2005 10:30am.**