

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 4th JUNE 2007 AT EMRA OFFICES, MELTON MOWBRAY

Present

Simon Drury (Chair)	Envirowise
Bettina Lange	EMEL
Clark Field	EMFEC
Helen Chadwick	EMRA
Hugh Fenton	EMAGE/Wellingborough LSP
James Luger	EMDA
Jonathan Harris	Regional Public Health Group
Katharine Hughes	EMRA
Cllr Lucy Care	EMRA member/Derby City Council
Mike Meech	GOEM
Paul Fleming	De Montfort University
Teresa Jackson	Groundwork East Midlands
Yvette Dearden	EMRA

Guest Presenters:

Ian Gordon	Derbyshire County Council
Philip Stamp	Defra

Apologies

David Short	Clegg Construction
Andrew Jenkins	Boots plc
Cllr Eloise Finch	East Northants District Council
Cllr Joan Travis	Derby City Council
Keith Melton	EMAGE
Miles Watkins	Aggregate Industries
Phil Keynes	Nottinghamshire County Council
Sharon Palmer	Environment Agency
Tony Marmont	Beacon Energy

1.	Welcome and Apologies
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and the apologies were noted.
2.	Notes from Previous Meeting
	The notes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

<p>3.</p>	<p>Behavioural Change</p> <p>Philip Stamp from Defra presented the progress so far in developing the National Behavioural Change Strategy to the Group for comment. He anticipated that the Strategy would be published in the summer. The Group provided ideas for further developing the Strategy, for example the inclusion of a regional dimension.</p> <p>The Group was provided with an update on the regional behavioural change project – the Group discussed and noted the progress made to date by the Behavioural Change Steering Group. Philip Stamp asked to be kept up to date with progress.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>Simon Drury expressed an interest in this item due to the work of AEA Technology.</p> <p>Ian Gordon from Derbyshire County Council gave a presentation on 'Everybody's Talking' –a promotional campaign funded by Defra's Climate Change Challenge Fund. A six week radio campaign has recently been run and a campaign vehicle has been purchased.</p> <p>The progress in developing the Climate Change Programme for Action was also discussed. This had previous been discussed by Policy Board - the Board's comments as well as this Group's comments would be discussed at the next meeting of the Climate Change Steering Group.</p> <p>The general view of the Group was that the Programme for Action should be more ambitious. Philip Stamp also suggested that it should fit with the Climate Change Bill and the five yearly programme introduced as part of the Bill.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Communication Strategy</p> <p>Simon Drury introduced the agenda item – he is keen to develop and diversify the showcasing role of the group, particularly in the local and regional media. He would like to see more one day activities and further showcase what is happening in the region.</p> <p>Helen Chadwick reported that GOEM is working with De Montfort University to develop a communication strategy on energy and suggested that Simon Taylor be invited to a future meeting of the Group. This was agreed.</p> <p>Jonathan Harris suggested linking the communication strategy to the Nottingham Declaration.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Regional SD Consultation and Champion Body – Update</p> <p>Simon Drury reported on a meeting held by the Sustainable Development</p>

	<p>Commission that he and John Freeman, Chair of Policy Board, attended. There are many different approaches to establishing champion bodies emerging around the regions.</p> <p>The Group was reminded of the feedback session to be held in the afternoon of Friday 8th June on the sustainable development consultation that has been taking place in the region. This consultation exercise has been led by EMRA, GOEM and emda.</p>
7.	East Midlands Expo 07 - Update
	The meeting was updated on recent progress in relation to Expo 07. The steering group is meeting regularly and extra support has been contracted in to help with the organisation of the event.
8.	Any Other Business
	<p>James Luger informed the meeting that Steve Lismore, the new Sustainable Development Team Manager, is now in post at emda.</p> <p>Jonathan Harris reported that the Investment for Health Strategy is under review with a key aim to ensure it is better integrated with the IRS Framework and Regional Economic Strategy. He is particularly keen that the revised strategy better addresses sustainable development and climate change. He would be pleased to hear from members of the Group who would like to contribute to the review.</p> <p>Clark Field suggested that a future meeting of the Group should discuss recent progress relating to central and local government procurement.</p>
9.	Date of Next Meeting
	It was agreed to still hold the meeting on 18 th July that had been previously arranged.