



Clean Growth Sub-Group Meeting

Thursday 21st May 2020, 11:00 – 13:00

Virtual meeting during Covid-19 lockdown

Notes of meeting

Present:

Cllr James Mills, West Oxfordshire District Council (Chair)

Ahmed Goga, Director of Strategy and Programmes, OxLEP

Stephen Brown, Strategy Development Executive, OxLEP

Vicky Fletcher, Oxfordshire County Council

Harriet Waters, University of Oxford

Vered Balan, University of Oxford (guest)

Tim Sadler, Oxford City Council

Joe Tah, Oxford Brookes University

Steve Hornblow, A2Dominion

John O'Brien, LCMB Building Performance

Martin Gibson, Earthly Gains Ltd

Lewis Knight, Programme Manager, Bioregional / Oxfordshire Greentech

Apologies:

Jayne Norris, Edgars Ltd

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions Introductions with aspirations for contributing to the sub-group. Draft notes of the meeting of 21 st November approved. Ade Thomas of Green TV and Christian Marti of Arrival have stepped down from the sub-group. Arrival intend to nominate a new attendee at a future meeting.	

2.	<p>Covid-19 Perspectives</p> <p>A brief presentation by Stephen Brown was followed by broad group discussion sharing direct and indirect experiences in relation to clean growth.</p>	
3.	<p>Group discussion</p> <p>A wide-ranging initial discussion took place considering clean growth in the context of Covid-19 and what recovery should focus upon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workplace wellbeing and public transport reluctance to return to workplaces. ○ Modal shift to active travel. ○ Spatial land use change in business sites and premises in city and out of town locations. ○ Change in employment floorspace requirements and mobility reflected in University Estates masterplanning. ○ Oxford University has divested from fossil fuels and has initial findings of significant post Covid energy use reduction. ○ Scope for more efficient organisation of multiple home delivery operator services. ○ Impact in helping organisations becoming more sustainable in the way they operate. 	
4.	<p>Clean Growth Sub-Group Workplan</p> <p>Workplan remains appropriate. Scope for changes in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retrofit potential in relation to homeworking productivity conditions and energy use. ○ Oxfordshire clean technology business activity in the changing context, for example digital services growth. ○ Importance of supply chain adaptation and resilience to restarting, rebuilding and renewing levels of output set out in the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth deal and building back better. ○ Mobility including first and last mile logistics. 	SB / AG
5.	<p>OxLEP update</p> <p>AG provided a brief update on OxLEP Covid support for Oxfordshire businesses including grants, online workshops and 1-2-1 business support. New schemes and the flexing of existing ones include innovation support for new business development and product ideas.</p>	

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Proposed dates for 2020 sub-group meetings

(August and November):

25th of August 2020 – 11:00 – 13:00

16th of November 2020 – 11:00 – 13:00