Clean Growth Sub-Group Meeting

Thursday 25th February 2020, 11:00 – 13:00

Board Room, OxLEP Offices, Jericho Building, City of Oxford College, Oxpens Road, Oxford, OX1 1SA

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
Jayne Norris, Edgars Ltd
Harriet Waters, University of Oxford
Steve Hornblow, A2Dominion
John O'Brien, LCMB Building Performance
Martin Gibson, Earthly Gains Ltd
Dale Hoyland, Oxfordshire Greentech
Christian Marti, Arrival Automotive UK
Andy Gilchrist, University of Oxford (guest)
Tim Sadler, Oxford City Council (by phone)
Apologies:
Vicky Fletcher, Oxfordshire County Council
Joe Tah, Oxford Brookes University
Ade Thomas, Green TV
Lewis Knight, Programme Manager, Bioregional / Oxfordshire Greentech

Item	Action
1. Welcome, Introductions and Review of Minutes	
The group agreed the minutes of the previous meeting of 28th November 2019 as circulated in advance of this meeting.	
New sub-group member Christian Marti of Arrival Automotive UK, a senior business leader with valuable E-Mobility experience was introduced.	
2. Draft Workplan	
Consideration and approval, with minor amendments, of the draft workplan that sets out deliverables for sub-group activities over the next 12 months.	
Minor amendments in emphasis to the business sustainability and circular economy scope. Balance with where responsibilities and coverage already lies Sustainable construction to be moved under a broader 'sustainable approach to place' theme. This theme shall include the whole development cycle and sustainability after completion and occupation.	SB
To agree clean growth sector and circular economy definitions for the sub-group.	All
3. Oxfordshire Greentech Conference	
DH provided an overview of the Greentech network reflecting its spread across low carbon vehicles, built environment, social enterprise, circular economy and access to finance. Event attendance would be helped by a catchy hook to attract businesses other than cleantech and sustainability firms. Businesses are faced with navigating an abundance of events, business services and sustainability products and events. Suggestion to consider a visible star / emblem approach for business to pursue as an alternative to time consuming awards events.	
4. Update on the development of the LIS Investment Plan	
Overview update including key clean growth propositions including an insightful presentation on the Energy Systems Accelerator by Andy Gilchrist. Holistic and global leadership	

highlighted along with battery storage at Harwell and related workspace provision at Osney Mead.
Development of the Energy strategy is a potential exemplar of how Oxfordshire stands out for investment.
Support amongst the sub-group for a best practice case study digest proposition to the Growth Board. This could help focus opportunities for investors.
5. Oxfordshire Plan 2050
The chair provided an overview of Plan 2050 preparation and consultation including intentions to involve universities and students.
Potential for promotion of the circular economy beyond a perceived the natural capital focus of Arc.
6. AOB
Future sub-group meetings
21st of May 2020 – 11:00 – 13:00
25th of August 2020 – 11:00 – 13:00
16th of November 2020 – 11:00 – 13:00