

Scotland's 2020 Climate Change Group

Chair: Ian Marchant

Facilitator: John Sturrock

Meeting Minutes: 28 April 2010, 4pm, SSE's offices, Perth

1. Welcome and Introductions

Membership matters - Lesley Ballantyne has had to resign from the group as she was recently promoted and relocated. There has been a number of notes of interest from other groups to get involved in the 2020 group. General conclusion was to grow involvement through the sub groups where appropriate. Martin will speak to all new members and sub-group members to brief them on what is involved in the work of the group etc.

2. Scottish Government update

Scottish Government has approved the 42% target for 2020 focusing on delivering this by using yearly targets.

Draft Scottish Statutory Instruments produced by government aim for no significant reductions between now and 2013, largely in accordance with UKCCC advice. There was a discussion on the targets. The risk of the scale of targets for aviation being underestimated was discussed. Agreement the 2020 group should appear before the parliamentary committee on 11th May

The Government will be putting together their Report on Policies and Procedures (RPP) for publication in September to achieve the 42% emissions reduction target and has invited engagement and input from the 2020 group.

There have been quite a few internal restructures at Scottish Government . D Wilson will replace J Mason.

Action – Martin Valenti to send background information on the proposed annual targets to all members

Action – 2020 representatives for the appearance before the parliamentary committee on 11 May to be identified.

3. Public Sector Group

Ian Marchant attended the Public Sector Climate action group as an observer. A number of actions were agreed there and should link into each sub-group.

The meeting was largely focused around the low carbon economy document recently produced by government, case studies.

4. Update on Subgroups

Built Environment - Campbell Gemmell

Present group members are: Ian Marchant – SSE, Dr Campbell Gemmell – SEPA, Rachel Gwyon – Scottish Government, Martin Valenti – SEPA/Scottish Government, Wendy Pringle – SSE, Michael Tracey – WM Tracey Group, John Sheridan – Scottish Construction Forum, Jonathan Fair – Homes for Scotland, Graham Baxter -Standard Life, Dave Gorman – SEPA, Jack Devlin – AECOM , Richard Ackroyd – Scottish Water and David Melhuish – Scottish Property Federation.

The group is aiming to consider in detail the steps that need to happen to bring about a significant improvement in the energy efficiency of the existing privately owned built environment to ensure significant energy demand reduction by 2020. The group will also consider ways to maximise resource use including, water, waste and heat. The Built Environment agenda crosses over with the following policy areas : Energy, heat and renewables issues, housing, planning and infrastructure issues and waste, water and resource issues.

Public and Business Engagement -Jane Wood

Present group members are: Jo Bucci, Postcode Lottery ,Jane Wood, SBC, Mike Robinson, RSGS, Martin Valenti, 2020 Group Scottish Government, Ian Fleming, Scottish Youth Parliament, David Lee, Freelance Journalist, Sarah Davidson, Scottish Government, Nick Horler, Scottish Power, Gordon McGregor, Scottish Power.

The group is reviewing existing communications activity already undertaken on climate change, assess cost, effectiveness and reach and it will assess consumer behaviour on climate issues by demographic to identify propensity to change behaviour and likely target audience. The group will also engage business organisations to research current understanding, knowledge and likelihood of behaviour change in a cross section of Scottish businesses. It aims to improve communication channels between the main business organisations operating in Scotland for dealing with climate change

Transport -Ian McKay

The present group members are: Nicola Shaw, First Group, Ian McKay, Royal Mail Group, Brian Soutar, Stagecoach, Steven Baxter, Peel Ports ,Dave Densley, SSE, Martin Valenti, 2020 Group Scottish Government, Dr Bernadette McKell, Aecom, Tom Reid, Rebecca Trengrove, Gordon Dewar, BAA, Jonathan Pryce, Scottish Government.

The group will review the issues of alternative fuels and analyse the present capacity and legislative and policy framework to support and promote such fuels and also review the issues of existing integrated transport strategies and infrastructure and make recommendations for improvement.

Finance -Susan Rice

The present group members are: Jamie Hume and John Mason, Scottish Government, Helen McNeill, Lloyds Banking Group, Martin Valenti 2020 Group/Scottish Government, Alan Caldwell Comrie Development Trust, Mike Robinson, SCCS, Prof Jan Bebbington, St Andrews University/SDC.

The Finance sub-group are involved in arrangements for the Low Carbon Investment Conference in September. The group will prompt debate on how best to align finance provision to Scotland's low carbon ambitions and how to attract more investors, create aspiration and activity and look at finance models or incentive schemes which could be developed to expedite carbon reduction programmes.

Opportunities and Challenges – Gordon Grant, INEOS

The group includes Julian Taylor, Scottish Enterprise and Lin Buntin, SEPA and George Baxter, SSE. A range of activities are underway including workshops in June (7th and 30th) to consider the social and economic impact of transition using the existing fuel infrastructure and two industry sectors as examples to stimulate the discussion. The aim is to quantify and address the risk of exporting current Scottish jobs and businesses. The Group will also play a role in assessing the responses to the Scottish Government's Low Carbon Economy Strategy paper.

Land Use and Forestry – Stuart Goodall

The members include David Barnes, Scottish Government, James Withers, NFU Scotland, Graham Hutcheon, Edrington Group, Bruce Keith and George Baxter of SSE, and Mark Aitken, SEPA). The group aims to focus on issues not being covered elsewhere, including: integrate forestry and agriculture sectors to support delivery of afforestation targets, support the development of carbon trading for land use, initially through a forestry pilot; and support an integrated approach to forestry and wood use for a low-carbon economy starting with a conference on 2nd June.

5. Action Plan

There was a discussion on action plan and target dates. The plan includes many actions listed but there should be more focus on the most important action points, ownership and lead times. This will be summarised on our website along with details of notes of related activity by organisations involved in the 2020 group.

6. AOB

None.