**Lincoln Climate Commission Minutes**

23 April 2021

via Teams Call

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| **1** | **Apologies**   * Alex Ferguson * Alex Riley * Meryl Shirley * Nick Pettit * Fen Kipley * Richard Jones |  |
| **2** | **Welcome from the Chair**   * Dan Clayton – Sustainability Manager, Lincolnshire County Council * Clive Cummins * Mark Lancaster – Senior Policy Officer, Lincolnshire County Council * Tom Marsden – Group Director of Strategic Gr​​​owth, Lincoln College Group * Sandie Stratford, Earth Lincs |  |
| **3** | **Climate Emergency Centre – Presentation from Sandie Stratford, Earth Lincs**  [Climate Emergency Centres](https://climateemergencycentre.co.uk/) are a network of eco centres across the UK opening Country wide. Over 30 groups around the UK are now working to set up a centre in an empty retail units. The main purpose is to educate and create a local centre for like minded groups who share the same vision of a sustainable future.  The idea is to occupy a premise within or as close to the city centre as possible and build links with the community as well as helping to regenerate the area. The Earth Lincs group have formed, made up of representatives of various organisations in the city and they are able to access support from the main CEC network.  The group have been busy looking at venues and understanding community need, developing a business plan. Until they can identify a suitable venue they are able to use the Involve centre on Mint Lane, on a Tuesday. From there they will build links with the community and trial activities while they continue to look at empty premises.  **ACTION:** Alex Foxley-Johnson to liaise with SS on case study for website and social engagement.  **ACTION:** Nigel Curry to liaise with SS and discuss Mint Lane, as a Board Member of Involve and options for funding bids.  Steve Kemp expressed city centre presence is essential and feels this is something the group should support.  Earth Lincs will be holding a meeting on 27th of April to go through business plans etc.  **PLEASE NOTE:** For anyone who would like to contact Sandie with any further support/questions, can do so via: [earthlincs@gmail.com](mailto:earthlincs@gmail.com) | **AFJ/SS**  **NC/SS** |
| **4** | **5th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan – Update from Mark Lancaster,** Senior Transport Policy Officer. **Lincolnshire County Council.**  Mark gave a presentation on 5th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan.  Formal consultation on the plan with interested parties will commence in June 2021.  This will be a four-part plan, parts as follows:   1. An Integrated Transport Strategy for Lincolnshire 2. Detailed Modal Strategies 3. Delivery 4. Monitoring and Data   Themes of the plan are to be:   1. Supporting Economic Growth 2. Decarbonisation and reducing the impact of Climate Change 3. Promoting Thriving Environments 4. Supporting Safety, Security and a Healthy Lifestyle 5. Promoting High Aspirations 6. Improve Quality of Life   Timescale:   * May – Councillor Induction Process * June-August – Public consultation period (6-12 weeks) * 9th September – To be added to [LCC’s Forward Plan](https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=121&RD=0&bcr=1) * 19th October – LCC [Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee](https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=548) * 25th October - [Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee](https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=492) * 2nd November – [Executive Committee](https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=121) * 10th December – 5th Lincolnshire Transport Plan due to be adopted by Lincolnshire County Council’s [Full Council](https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=120)   Strategic Environment Assessment process would run broadly concurrent with this but is governed by statutory consultation process.  **ACTION:** Group to engage with consultation process | **ALL** |
| **5** | **Presentation on BioRegional Reports and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP) – Toby Forbes Turner (TFT)**  TFT provided a summary on progress on CLLP. Full details of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan review is available on the website [Local Plan | Central Lincolnshire (n-kesteven.gov.uk)](https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/local-plan/)  On the 15th of March the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee discussed the Bioregional reports and agreed for Central Lincolns Planning Team to prepare local plan policies on climate change and energy. A public consultation on the new policies is due to take place in June, where the local plan will seek views of the public, developers, landowners on the new policies prior to presenting the revised Local Plan for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.  A recording of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting, and access to the Facilitating a Net-Zero Carbon Central Lincolnshire report is available here [Agenda for Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee on Monday, 15th March, 2021, 10.00 am | North Kesteven District Council (n-kesteven.gov.uk)](https://democracy.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=729&MId=8310&Ver=4)  Copies of all the Bioregional reports can be accessed via the links below:-   * Task A (position statement) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-a](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-a)   • Task B (spatial strategy) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-b](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-b)  • Task C (carbon targets) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-c](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-c)  • Task E (Infrastructure) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-e](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-e)  • Task G (feasibility) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-g](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-g)  • Task H (costs) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-h](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-h)  • Task I (offsetting) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-i](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-i)  • Task J (decentralised energy) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-j](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-j)  • Task K (embodied carbon) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-k](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-k)  • Task L (peat soil) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-l](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-l)  • Task L (Appendix B) – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-lb](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/task-lb)  • Recommended Policies – [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/recommendedpolicies](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/assets/cl/recommendedpolicies)  Once the draft local plan policies have been published, members of the Climate Commission will be able to submit their responses through the public consultation due to take place in June, in the mean time any questions can be directed to TFT at present.  Questions/Discussions following update by TFT:  ***Nigel Curry:*** *Note that there are 3 renewable energy groups in the County, all working in partnership, if there was an appetite in the joint planning area, they group would be more than happy to discuss.*  ***Steve Kemp:*** *Setting strategic framework, in between this are smaller communities. Is the report useful for neighbourhood planning?*  ***TFT:*** *Yes, useful at a micro-local level*  ***Dan Clayton:*** *Great about going beyond building regulations for new homes/buildings but the issue is the properties that are already out there, from planning barriers to large scale retrofitting. This is to be one of the biggest challenges to get to Carbon Zero.*  ***TFT:*** *Agree it is frustrating that there are limited opportunities through the Local Plan process with regard to existing buildings, however it is possible to mitigate climate impacts through retrofitting of existing buildings and a proposed approach for how local plan policies could influence this is referenced in the report.*  ***Richard Tibbenham:*** *Building regs, Planning and Future Homes Standard. FHS this has been kicked back to 2025 with various parties suggesting this needs to be brought forward. Anything we can do to bring this forward and raising the standard itself?*  ***TFT:*** *This is a major point we have planning policy officers have grappled with, the revised Local Plan presents an opportunity to regulate development, beyond ‘basic’ Building Regulation requirements in advance of the 2025 Government target. Any local requirements on energy efficiency standards of buildings has to be considered in light of viability and the very low land values in some areas of Central Lincolnshire.*  ***Geoff Stratford:*** *Should the commission be looking to set up the group to engage with the process TFT has informed about? Should we be looking for a voice in this.*  ***KB:*** *A group has provisionally set up to cover Planning Policy and Steve Kemp is leading.* ***ACTION*** *– Anyone who would like to be part of this group should contact Steve or Kate and they will seek to set up a meeting over the next few weeks.*  ***Mike Newton:*** *Great reports, I would like to add from technical point, that for this considerable amount of renewable energy being suggested that would require approx. 100 hectares of land. It may be useful to have a group that is specifically looking at this side of things.*  ***Kate Bell:*** *For context, Central Lincolnshire occupies 525,000 acres of land, the combined land take for all renewables proposed in the report is 1,300 acres and this equates to around 1/400th (0.25%) of the Central Lincolnshire area. Of course, much of that 0.25% of the land can still be used for agricultural uses – the physical land take of the turbines would be very small indeed. KB confirmed that the Greater Lincolnshire Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Group are looking into this in greater detail and it would be helpful for the Commission’s Planning sub group to* spend some time focussing on the details of the reports and the implications for Central Lincolnshire  ***ACTION:*** *Anyone who wants to be included in the Planning sub group to contact KB.*  Useful links:  RT: BEIS Committee meeting on the decarbonisation of heat for those interested: <https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/f3a0c238-c84c-4c7e-9d5b-540e277d09a0>  TFT: item 8 of the link will take you to the CC work on the Local Plan: <https://democracy.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=729&MId=8310&Ver=4> | **ALL** |
| **6** | **Lincoln Climate Commission Communications update – Alex Foxley Johnson**  Lincoln Climate Commission’s first newsletter is available in a virtual format. The next edition will be out in June and we will feature a feature member section in each newsletter. So contact Alex if you would like to be included in this section.  Next Comms meeting 6th May at 11am. If anyone wants to attend, contact AFJ.  Alex has been meeting with Pete Crowther for promotion on Zero Carbon to schools and this will be discussed at the meeting in May.  We are working on a few campaigns in the background. One on litter and its impact on our environment and another on hedgehog week.  Looking for written/video updates/promotion the group requires, can be sent to AFJ.  Chair asked if a media release/highlight from each meeting are put out to the public. AFJ informed that this is not done at present but would be willing to do this. **ACTION:** AFJ to put together a draft media release/highlights for next meeting, for group to consider and agree format.  Useful links:  The [Lincoln Sustainability Toolkit](https://spark.adobe.com/page/Ap3p9fYrHWHFf/)  Introducing our first Lincoln Climate Commission newsletter: [**https://lncn.ac/lccnews**](https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2flncn.ac%2flccnews&umid=62bb0c22-fb5f-488e-b669-430151ce0ffd&auth=e247ce734b64f8cc3cdf3a349ec09ec5b6333ea8-6699b772480b062cf1089b919b9d9b021534901b)  [Lets Go Zero](https://letsgozero.org) | **AFJ** |
| **7** | **Update of funding projects**  Big Lottery Climate Action Fund – Nigel Curry  Nigel explained that he has been working on an outline submission bid for the Big Lottery with Andrew Kythreotis and this has now been submitted to this fund. The value of the bid is for £1.27m for a Countywide Climate Action programme.  Community Renewal Fund – Nigel/ Kate Bell  Working on a bid for the above is ongoing.  Bid to include:   * Sustainable Business Support scheme * Hosting an event for business, communities and local schools to showcase low carbon products and opportunities. * Social food aspect to be included in relation to care-farms as well as St Giles garden city.   Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme – Kate Bell  Allocation for Lincoln is just over £500k.  The City of Lincoln Council have accepted the allocation of funding to help home owners and tenants on low incomes to retrofit their homes. The City Council has joined forces with North Kesteven and West Lindsey Councils to deliver to scheme collectively in Central Lincolnshire. The Council is preparing a delivery profile for submission to BEIS by the 24th of May 2021. The allocation of funds must be sent by December 2021 and we are expecting additional funding to be allocated for 2022/23 through the Homes Upgrade Grant and ECO4 schemes.  Useful links  [Sustainable warmth: protecting vulnerable households in England (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/960200/CCS207_CCS0221018682-001_CP_391_Sustainable_Warmth_Print.pdf) |  |
| **8** | **Any Other Business**  **ACTION:** Chair suggests item on Growth vs. Sustainability for future meeting.  Biscathorpe Planning Application:  PJ and GS went through details for the above planning application and informed the group while they felt the group should object.  **ACTION:** GS to contact group with the info  **ACTION:** Group to review and inform if they would like their name to be added to the objection. | **GS/ ALL** |
|  | Date of next meeting: Friday 23rd July, 10am-12pm |  |