

CLIMATE ACTION

Summary: To provide an update on Cotswolds National Landscape climate action activity

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee notes the report

Report by: Mike Elliott, Climate Action Lead

BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTED ON THE CLIMATE ACTION WORKING GROUP (CAWG)

- Benjamin Dent (Chair)
- Jane Hull
- Katherine Chesson
- Rosie Pearson
- Isabel Ross
- Graham Hopkins
- Martin Brown

CAWG MEETINGS/ACTIVITY SINCE THE LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. 19 September – CAWG provided detailed comments on the first draft of the 2023-2025 Management Plan.
2. 6 October - Online meeting to feedback on Mike's presentation ahead of the CNL Board meeting on 11 October.
3. 2 November – Joint workshop with Planning and Infrastructure working group to discuss CNL renewable energy position statement.

OTHER ACTIVITY SINCE LAST EXEC MEETING

4. Workshop: Opportunities for Woodlands
 - 26 September - Nicholson's Farm, Bicester
 - Participated in workshop bringing together landowners and farmers to discuss the opportunities and challenges around woodland creation.
5. Farm tours: Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) Gloucestershire
 - 5 October – Various FWAG project sites
 - Exchanged information on FWAG and CNL activities relating to the climate challenge, and how the two organisations can work together.
6. Presentation: CNL Board
 - 11 October – Cotswold District Council
 - Presented key findings in the SWC report to the CNL Board.
7. Focus group: Cotswolds District Council
 - 12 October - Cotswold District Council
 - Andy and I participated in a peer review panel to discuss how CDC is responding to the climate emergency.
8. Presentation: CNL Voluntary Wardens
 - 20 October – Online
 - Presented key findings in the SWC report to the CNL Voluntary Wardens.
9. Workshop: Renewable Energy Position Statement
 - 2 November - Online
 - John Mills and I brought together the Planning and Infrastructure working group and the Climate Action working group to discuss necessary changes to the CNL Renewable Energy position statement.
 - Identified required changes, next draft will be discussed by a smaller group at the end of this month.

10. Presentation: Climate-focussed CNL 'all team' meeting
 - 24 November - Northleach
 - Presented key findings in the SWC report to CNL colleagues.

SMALL WORLD CONSULTING

11. Final draft of Small World Consulting technical report currently awaiting sign-off from senior team member at SWC.
12. Layman summary is in the final editing stage. Draft to Alana before end of the month, then to Andy for review.
13. Publication expected in February.

DECISIONS REQUIRED

- No decisions required.

NEXT STEPS

14. Publish the SWC report together with layman's guide.
15. Write comms strategy with Alana to promote publications.
16. Organise multi-stakeholder visioning workshops based on the SWC results to collaboratively identify a pathway to Net Zero.
17. Finalise the renewable energy position statement with John and working groups.
18. Arrange internal climate literacy training for the CNL Board and team.

SUPPORTING PAPERS

- No supporting papers.

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