

**CLIMATE ACTION WORKING GROUP**

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

**Recommendation:** That the Executive Committee notes the report and supports the roll-out of climate literacy training for Board Members and the Team, organised by Mike.

**Report by:** Mike Elliott, Net Zero Landscape Lead

**BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTED ON THE GROUP**

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

**MEETINGS SINCE THE LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. Working group meetings
  - 12<sup>th</sup> August
  - 9<sup>th</sup> September
2. Other meetings
  - 14<sup>th</sup> June - Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change at the Landscape Scale
  - 15<sup>th</sup> June – Barriers to green energy production in the Cotswolds AONB, Ecotricity
  - 16<sup>th</sup> June – Climate Collaboration Group meeting, NAAONB
  - 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sustainability and Net Zero stakeholder workshop, Western Power Distribution
  - 28<sup>th</sup> June – Vulnerability and Affordability stakeholder workshop, Western Power Distribution
  - 29<sup>th</sup> June – Cotswolds landscape character & land management walk, Mark Connolly
  - 30<sup>th</sup> June - Climate Collaboration Group meeting, NAAONB
  - 12<sup>th</sup> July – Cotswolds landscape character & land management walk, Mark Connolly
  - 14<sup>th</sup> July - Climate Collaboration Group meeting, NAAONB
  - 19<sup>th</sup> July – Net Zero Transport forum, Gloucestershire County Council
  - 11<sup>th</sup> August - Climate Collaboration Group meeting, NAAONB
  - 17<sup>th</sup> August – Nature Recovery walk, Simon Pickering
  - 25<sup>th</sup> August - Climate Collaboration Group meeting, NAAONB
  - 1<sup>st</sup> September – Local Authority decarbonisation challenges/activities, Stroud District Council
  - 7<sup>th</sup> September – Food, farming and the climate crisis, Climate Leadership Gloucestershire
  - 8<sup>th</sup> September - NAAONB Climate Collaboration Group meeting

**OTHER ACTIVITY**

3. Small World Consulting (SWC) report
  - Mike provided feedback on writing/accessibility, and is currently editing the first complete draft
  - Small delay due to reduced capacity in SWC team and holidays
  - Aiming to publish end of September/start of October
4. NAAONB Conference workshop
  - Mike is co-leading the 'Climate Change Engagement' workshop at the NAAONB conference 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September. 150+ workshop applicants.
5. Presentation to Climate Leadership Gloucestershire
  - Mike was invited to present to Gloucestershire's political decision-makers based on her and Mark Connolly's response to their Food and Farming evidence gathering exercise.
  - Mike presented the link between the climate crisis and our food and farming systems, the relevant findings in the SWC report, and an example of a 'whole food systems approach' to climate action.
6. Moreton Agricultural Show
  - Mike attended the Moreton Agricultural Show and spoke to members of the public about land-based climate action
7. FarmED's Emergent Generation
  - Mike is keen to include and empower young people in CNL's climate action work
  - To network, she attended FarmED's Emergent Generation gathering, which brought together young champions who want to help build sustainable farming and food systems that nourish people and regenerate the planet

**NEXT STEPS**

8. To publish the SWC report
9. To publish a layman's guide (8-12 pages) to the SWC research findings
10. To continue engaging key stakeholders with the SWC research findings
11. To present the findings of the SWC research to the CNL Board in October
12. To arrange internal climate literacy training for the CNL Board and staff

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