

**LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Full Commission Meeting**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10-2pm, City Hall, Committee Room 4**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** *John Plowman (chair), Adrian Gurney, Chris Church, Paul de Zylva, Karen Lawrence, Paul Toyne, Piers Williamson, Richard Stephenson, Samantha Heath, Sue Riddlestone, Andrew MacAskill, Alison Barnes, Rajwant Sidhu, Andy Wales, Mike Tuffrey*

**Secretariat:** *Patrick Feehily, Nusrat Yousuf, Rhiannon Lewis, Martin Jones*

**Apologies:** *Shaun McCarthy, Paul Edwards, Howard Davidson, Ed Gillespie*

**Past**

**1. Minutes from 11 March meeting**

- Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.
- It was noted that AW was in attendance and should be added to the minutes.
- Document sharing is being incorporated into the LSDC website upgrade, rather than 'Basecamp and Huddle'.
- PF is setting up a meeting with GLA colleagues concerning Rio+20 and One Planet London. CC reported that a coalition is developing.

**Action: CC to update LSDC on Rio+20 as it develops.**

**Action: All to share information on One Planet London as it develops.**

**2. Carbon monitoring event**

- PF gave an overview of the event.
- It's clear that standardisation of carbon monitoring is a big issue and that there are many different options.
- A Steering Group of speakers/facilitators/organisers will agree a report from the event.
- A manageable Action Plan will be developed to take the work forward.
- Any future works should take into account the outcomes of the C40 Mayors Summit (31 May – 2 June) in Sao Paulo.
- It should also be noted that there is an intention to announce a common method to measure GHG emissions by the United Nations Climate Change Conference (28 November to 9 December 2011) in Durban, and then to benchmark cities.

**Action: PF/MJ to keep LSDC informed of Steering Group and Action Plan development.**

**Present**

**3. Area for Focus – Sowing the Seeds (formerly Access to Nature)**

- A summary paper of progress was circulated prior to the meeting and summarised by MJ.
- The Report was shortly to be submitted to the Mayor's Director of Environment and Digital London, and the Mayor's Advisors Health and Youth Opportunities, for comment.
- It was recognised that the consultation launch date of 20 July may need to be moved back depending on varying issues, including comments from the Mayor's office and involvement of key external audiences.

- The Report supports the government's Natural Environment White Paper released on 7 June <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/whitepaper/> and the Report will be amended to reference the White Paper.
- Further discussion on the consultation is required (including the event, involvement of uniformed groups and possibly a school, management of consultation responses through the website, actions arising from the recommendations, if supported).
- CC has contacts to BTCV.

**Action: RL to advise Tim Gill to reference the Natural Environment White Paper in the Report.**  
**Action: AB to provide a paragraph to PF emphasising the links to the Natural Environment White Paper.**

**Action: MJ to co-ordinate a meeting between members of the Sowing the Seeds working group and the Communications Sub-group to agree a way forward for the consultation.**

#### 4. GLA work – London Plan

- A paper to identify where Commissioners input had been taken up in the Panel Report of the Draft Replacement London Plan had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- It was suggested that those Commissioners listed in the paper should produce a brief paper to look in more detail at how their comments had been taken up (or not), to be discussed at the relevant Sub-group meeting, the QoL Sub-group, and then to Executive and Full Commission meetings if work was identified. AG had already done this and summarised a paper he had produced on 'Outer London Issues'.
- Where successes are identified these should be promoted both within the GLA and externally.
- UCL are doing a similar exercise so it may be useful to share information.
- The list of forthcoming SPGs will be finalised by the GLA over the next few weeks, and the draft Implementation Plan will be published in Autumn 2011. LSDC will be able to comment.
- Important to note that the London Plan is now the only regional spatial strategy of its kind in the UK in this age of uncertainty in planning policy.

**Action: MJ to circulate AG's paper as a template for other Commissioners to use in considering their input to the Panel Report.**

**Action: Those Commissioners who were identified as making a contribution should submit their papers to MJ in time for discussion at the next relevant Sub-group meeting or by the end of July at the latest.**

**Action: AG to provide summary paper of Commissioners input to Panel Report, for use at 9 August QoL Sub-group meeting.**

**Action: CC to provide information on UCL work.**

**Action: JP/AG/MJ to arrange an informal discussion with London Plan team.**

### Future

#### 5. LSDC Horizon Scan

- A paper to identify relevant issues on the horizon had been circulated prior to the meeting and was summarised by PdZ.
- Other issues suggested included:
  - The definition of sustainable development (probably to be defined in the draft National Planning Policy Framework, late 2011).
  - Economic impact of issues arising from the *Capital Consumption* report, and *Carbon Monitoring* event – impact on the economy of buying less.

- The water-food-energy nexus.
- Mayoral Development Corporations (Olympic Park to be the first).
- Housebuilding/affordability/social housing.
- Localisation of business rates.
- Prudential borrowing.
- Climate change 'resilience and adaptation' – opportunities for green economy from adaptation.
- Green economy opportunities.
- Natural Environment White Paper.
- *Think BIG - How and why landscape-scale conservation benefits wildlife, people and the wider economy* (Natural England).
- What does localism mean in London?
- GLA/LSDC relationships.
- It was noted that these issues are rarely addressed in a global context (benchmarking).
- Some of these issues could be tied together in a new Quality of Life Indicators Report.
- When deciding what to take forward, consideration needs to be given to what's achievable with the resources available, and Commissioners should be willing to 'sponsor' the work to take it forward and to offer their own organisations' resources when possible.
- Work will be taken forward through existing Sub-groups, although other LSDC members can join if they have an interest in a particular piece of work.
- An LSDC general intro leaflet and Powerpoint slides are needed to explain LSDC and its work – to be made available to Commissioners
- The Communications sub-group needs to advise on internal communications with GLA as well as external.

**Action: SR, SH, JP, PdZ to have a discussion about taking forward work from *Capital Consumption* report.**

**Action: PdZ will work up these ideas in the Horizon Scan paper for use in forthcoming round of Sub-group meetings.**

**Action: SH & KL will develop a flow chart to explain how ideas in the Horizon Scan paper can be taken forward.**

**Action: PdZ to provide information to MJ for use in LSDC leaflet and Powerpoint slides, and draft to be circulated to Communications Sub-group.**

**Action: PF to re-arrange meetings between Mayor's Director for Environment and Digital London and JP.**

### **Air Quality**

- A paper summarising proposals for a piece of work on Air Quality had been circulated prior to the meeting and was summarized by JP.
- It was recognised that the role of the LSDC, timeline, etc will need to be detailed in a Project Plan & Terms of Reference.

**Action: JP/MJ/Secretariat to develop a Project Plan, Terms of Reference, and Steering Group, to be considered at the next Quality of Life Sub-group meeting (9 August).**

### **6. AOB**

- Date of next meeting: **Friday 16 September 2011**