

## **Notes of a Meeting of The Greener Woking Working Group Held On 30 June 2022 Virtually, Via Zoom**

### **1.0 Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) Update Report**

The Group received the update on the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan since the last meeting in March 2022.

A contractor had just been commissioned to undertake the Council's carbon footprint assessment which was expected to take around three months to complete, with results due towards the end of September.

There had been much activity by Action Surrey delivering retrofit energy efficiency measures for local households.

Close working was taking place with neighbouring authorities on the Surrey EV (Electric Vehicles) Forum which met on a monthly basis. A total of 16 on-street charging bays had been installed recently. [Further information is available online.](#)

Regarding Biodiversity and Climate Change focused communications through Planet Woking, there had been a threefold increase in social media engagement over the past year. Following an initial two years working with Air Social, the Council was content with the direction of travel and had renewed its contract for a further year until July 2023.

Surrey Environment Partnership was operating a series of topical webinars on topics such as waste and recycling, food waste, and waste collection and alternative fuels.

The review of the Council's Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document would run in tandem with the carbon footprint assessment and the planned review of Woking 2050. The draft Town Centre Masterplan would incorporate sections on Green and Blue Infrastructure, Sustainable Construction and Active Travel.

It was noted that the recent Wild about Woking event in partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust had been a great success.

The Woking Environment Action Hub had opened on 11 June 2022.

SCC had launched the Better Points travel app recently.

### **2.0 ThamesWey Update**

Members received the ThamesWey report, the document summarised and provided updates on the initiatives that the ThamesWey Environmental Projects team were currently undertaking.

Green Jump Surrey had concluded its Phase 1 delivery of the largest home energy efficiency project to date and the resulting fuel bill and energy savings for households were noted. Phase 2 was currently taking place and was expected to conclude in August 2022.

Since moving into its new premises in Poole Road, ThamesWey had commenced a rolling Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE) of the building, which aimed to look at the performance of the building against its intended design, for example building services such as heating, lighting and electricity, and how the occupants use the building.

In late 2021, ThamesWey engaged specialist 'Passivhaus' designers to undertake energy modelling on three property types in Surrey, with the aim of understanding how the highest

standards of energy efficiency could be achieved in a retrofit. The results had been compiled into a standalone report, [publicly available on the Action Surrey website](#).

The wider ThamesWey work was noted, including an electrical substation located in Board School Road connecting ThamesWey's Town Centre energy network to the national electricity grid being energised earlier this month.

### **3.0 Actions Update**

Members received the action sheet which would be reviewed and updated.

### **4.0 WEAct**

The Group received recommendations from WEAct on how the Council and WEAct can continue to work together to drive community climate action in Woking. The recommendations included the following:

- terms of reference for the working group
- inviting a wider variety of officers to present to the group
- provision of updates on budget spend on climate matters and review of the Climate Change supplementary planning document (SPD), further updates on WEAct's earlier Climate Action Plan recommendations
- Assistance to WE Act to explore a more permanent Climate Hub facility, support Woking Great Big Green Week and The Jump campaign.

The Chairman stated that the work of the WEAct Hub was fantastic since its opening towards the end of June, and a litter pick had recently been organised from there. It was agreed that the Chairman, Portfolio Holder and officers would consider the recommendations and provide some comments on them for consideration by the Working Group at its next meeting.