

Date/time	Tues 19 May 1400-1615	Venue	Via Zoom
Chair	Mayor Marvin Rees (Bristol City Council), Ann Cousins (Arup)		
Present	Andy Hicklin (Environment Agency [AH]), Andrew Linfoot (Jacobs) [AL], Ben Ross (Bristol Energy) [BR], Dale Southerton (UoB) [DS], Dan Green (Wessex Water) [DG], Gwen Frost (Bristol Waste) [GF], Iain McGuffog (Bristol Water) [IM], Jessica Ferrow (Bristol Green Capital Partnership) [JF], Katherine Piper (Future Economy Network) [KP], Savita Willmott (Bristol Natural History Consortium [SWi]), Simon Roberts (Centre for Sustainable Energy) [SR], Zoe Willcox (Bristol City Council) [ZW]		
Apologies	Ed Rowberry (City Office), James Longhurst (BACCC co-chair), Simon Wood (North Bristol NHS Trust) [SWo],		
Secretariat	Vicki Woolley (Ops) and Ceilidh Jackson-Baker (Projects), Bristol Green Capital Partnership		
Observers	Nikki Jones (N Somerset Council), Helen Iles (WECA),		
Invitees	Alex Minshull [AM] (BCC sustainability team), David Ader (City Office), Jo House (BACCC co-chair), Esther Coffin-Smith (NBT), Rob-Acton Campbell (Bristol & Bath Parks Forum), Sandra Gordon (Ujima Radio) and Jasmine Ketibuah-Foley (G&B Ambassador)		
Item			Actions
Regular items			
(1) Welcome, quorum & declaration of interests			
Meeting declared quorate. No new declarations of interest.			
(2) Minutes of last meeting & action register			
Minutes from 26 Feb signed off. Actions updated as per action register .			
(3) Introducing new member: Monique Sapla			
Monique welcomed.			
(4) Reflections and Recommendations from board members			
Bristol Green Capital Partnership (BGCP) have had conversations with each Board member to reflect on a year of meetings. Recommendations agreed:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task and Finish groups have been working well and need to make sure that Leads are identified so it is clear who is reporting back to main Board. • Recognise potential need for ongoing working groups e.g. ecological emergency response. • Board members are representing organisations so feel free to delegate Task and Finish group roles to colleagues. • Need ongoing work programme so know what aiming to achieve over coming months. • Would like an informal face to face meet up when safe to do so. 			
Main items for discussion			
(5) Ecological emergency action plan update			
IB updated that ecological emergency working group has been developed with involvement from several organisations.		[All] Put colleagues interested in supporting the	

The group have put together an outline plan that sets out what we need to do to address the ecological emergency and identified who is leading on each of these sections. This includes protecting habitats, reducing pesticide use and developing nature recovery networks as well as how organisations and individuals can help through their own actions.

Bristol City Council (BCC) has some funding to take this work forward. SWi has stepped forward to project manage this with LT and IB. Will also link in with BCC Ecological Emergency Manager currently being recruited.

Aim to have strategy and a forward action plan by September for approval by ES Board. Will agree at 3 June meeting the best way of involving all members of working group and ES Board and consider if one off meeting required to review the draft as per One City Climate Strategy (OCCS). Jo House (JH) suggested sharing draft with Bristol Advisory Committee on Climate Change (BACCC) who also have some expertise in this area.

Although there won't be widespread engagement due to capacity, a BGCP gathering on this topic could be a way to disseminate the work and help build commitment.

Discussed targets which are in line with One City Plan (OCP), OCCS and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The West of England Nature Partnership is developing the monitoring work. Agreed it could be good to have something ready that can be taken forward now for green growth and link in with hard targets in Government's 25-year plan and show how, with funding, these could be delivered locally.

ecological emergency work in touch with SWi.

[BGCP] Liaise with ecological group around potential of Partnership 'gathering' on ecological emergency.

(6) Climate strategy update

Alex Minshull (AM) updated. Engagement meetings on hold but continuing conversations with partners and other Boards, supported by BACCC. These conversations will help for all Boards to have ownership of strategy.

Working on coordination plan, hopefully supported by resources from BCC. Also working on communications plan and heat decarbonisation delivery plan. Looking at how we use OCCS to inform COVID-19 recovery work and align the strategy work as part of the wider recovery, ensuring a low carbon recovery.

Would like a sub-group from ES Board to be part of that coordination structure and help design that process. SR, GF, BR, AH, DG and AC are happy to join OCCS sub-group. BACCC also happy to input. Need to scope out the brief for all the Task and Finish groups to manage resources.

Key points from discussion:

- The BACCC is pulling together some reports on evidence base including gaps in research. CCC brought out a report on [resilient recovery](#) from COVID-19 and BACCC will be looking at that in relation to the local Bristol picture.
- How might BACCC work with ES Board to respond to Government consultations? e.g. [consultation on future support for low carbon heat](#). Deadline 7 July. **Post-meeting**

[JH/BACCC] Work on [CCC principles](#) to take forward for Bristol.

[DA] Share write up from session with Robert Muggah.

[DA] Share recovery statement of intent from Economy Board.

[AM] set up OCCS Task and Finish group and scope of work.

<p>note: The BACCC are responding directly to BEIS consultation and will share their response including a draft. BACCC invite ES Board to support BACCC's response or respond directly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority is to go through the OCCS with recovery in mind; considering jobs for inclusion and funding options that don't rely on the Government printing money. What will have most significant impact for city? • There is ongoing work to do on communications, to raise awareness of the OCCS both with city stakeholders and the public. There is a need for ES Board to be proactive about opportunities to share this work, rather than just responding to requests. • Whilst acknowledging the large-scale suffering because of COVID-19, it is still important to recognise this as an opportunity for change in relation to the climate and ecological crisis. Some of the recovery measures will work to tackle both crises and that needs to be part of the communications. • The Economy Board are working on the recovery plan and involving other Boards in those discussions. They are producing a timeline and statement of intent for recovery which the One City office will share. The OCCS is a recognised framework for the city to take this work forward. 	
<p>(7) COVID-19 recovery strategy and One City timeline</p>	
<p>BGCP have collated a draft work programme to see how ES Board, BACCC and One City agendas overlap.</p> <p>Key points from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any recovery plan will be 3-5 years. Keen for OCCS to be at the centre of COVID-19 recovery. • Need to make sure OCCS gets embedded into recovery at all levels; city-wide, regional, national, global and make it fundamental to economic recovery. • Discussed ways of inputting into existing governance structures and agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with and provide recommendations to other One City Boards, seeing where there is impact on/overlap with their goals. ○ Come up with some asks for Local Authorities and other leaders i.e. West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and Western Gateway around recovery in relation to climate and ecological emergencies. • Addressing the climate and ecological emergencies should be cross-cutting across all sectors as we need every sector to be low-carbon. • There are win wins for growing economy and addressing climate and ecological emergencies. Must ensure we are not making mistakes. 	<p>[OCCS sub-group/BACCC] Come up with key asks for WECA and other Boards.</p> <p>[Helen Iles(WECA)] check opportunities for ES Board to contribute to WECA economic recovery taskforce.</p>
<p>(8) Environment Board timetable and priorities discussion</p>	
<p>Changes to timeline for OCP refresh; partly due to COVID-19 and partly to align more with financial year. This gives time to plan ahead for refresh and feed in outputs from ecological emergency action planning process.</p> <p>One City office are developing further engagement around OCP including webinars, workshops with academics, and planning for deliberative democracy (e.g. citizen's assembly) and how that can be done in a virtual space.</p>	<p>[BR] Consider broad plan of action for OCP refresh and come back to ES Board to see who wants to be involved.</p>

Agreed will need another Task and Finish group to review ES Board input and updates to OCP. BR/JF/LT have started some thinking on this but will need group to consider how recovery and ecological emergency work feeds into OCP goals. BR offered to developed broad plan as a starting point.

[BGCP] Establish OCP refresh Task and Finish group

Updates and related initiatives

(9) 2020 One City Goals update from leads

- Goal 7: BCC committed to delivery of City Leap programme as part of carbon neutrality goal. Currently on hold and will resume as soon as is practicable.
- Goal 8: Officially postponed by six months until March 2021 so won't hit target. However, a lot of work has been happening and will be continuing as part of the COVID-19 response.
- Goal 9: Bristol Waste have submitted 2019/20 results to Defra; 46.8% for household waste and 49% municipal. Will likely change slightly after Defra review. Clarification is needed on this goal; is the 50% household waste only or municipal which includes fly tipping and household waste recycling centre? Figures have been relatively static over the last few years, especially household, so to reach 50% would need significant changes to methodology and can't just be done by behaviour change. Bristol Waste need to work with BCC on this. Must be brave in decision making.
- Goal 25: Delay to joint spatial plan, next one is spatial development strategy. There is a knock-on effect to BCC plans so this goal won't be completed in 2021 but some of the work will keep going.
- Goal 26: The West of England Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy (JGIS) sets out a consistent approach to Green Infrastructure. It includes Biodiversity Net Gain Guidance and development of Green Infrastructure standards and sits alongside other regional and local plans and strategies. It is close to being signed off with the final stages being the Mayors and Leaders briefing on 5 June, and Joint Committee 19 June. Will link up with ecological emergency action plan through BCC representative.
- Goal 27: Annual awards could form a part of Future Economy Network (FEN) festival of sustainable business gala dinner on 29 April 2021. Need to decide on categories and find sponsors. Agreed fine for FEN to host, providing awards are open to organisations across the city and there would be no costs involved for organisations to engage. Need to agree how to maintain it as a One City awards. ES Board to consider categories, criteria and judging to ensure it feels like a collaborative effort.

[BGCP] Change goal 26 lead to BCC (Zoe Willcox).

[KP/JF] Write proposal for annual awards.

(10) Black & Green Ambassador programme re-launching

Vicki Woolley (BGCP), Sandra Gordon (Ujima Radio) and Jasmine Ketibuah-Foley (Green & Black Ambassador) presented on relaunch of Black & Green Ambassador programme. It will be a scaling up of the successful pilot project using funding from National Lottery. Over 3 years, 9 Ambassadors will be supported to develop and lead on an extensive engagement programme with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people across Bristol.

The pilot project helped to start the conversation about diversity in the environmental sector and consider who was being invited to the table. With the development of the programme, it will build a network of people who can support each other and sector/city to be more diverse. Having the support network behind the Ambassadors provides a platform for their voices and helps to develop their leadership skills.

[BGCP] Share sponsorship packages for Black & Green project.

Offer - Programme will contribute to enabling bold and inclusive action on climate change, reducing inequalities, and helping to make Bristol a fair, healthy and sustainable city. It will invest in emerging leadership from within Bristol's BAME communities and strengthen voice and participation on environmental issues.

Ask – Advocacy and support including promoting programme, sharing outputs, helping to identify opportunities and platforms as well as in-kind support in key-skills training and/or mentoring. Also looking to secure sponsorship of the programme in addition to National Lottery grant to ensure financial sustainability over three years.

(11) Bristol & Bath Parks Foundation update

Rob Action-Campbell presented on Bristol & Bath Parks Foundation. Park budgets have been cut so the Parks Foundation model is a charity that support parks with time, expertise, and funds without taking over ownership or management of parks. Being an independent charity means they can access funds that BCC can't.

Offer - Intended to run two pilot projects in 2020; Park 'activators' to bring people together to make parks better places and supporting community groups to do more to improve their local park. These projects will help to shift people's mindset from '*why don't the Council do something about that?*' to '*I will help improve that*'. The pilot projects are currently on hold but we have seen importance of local green space during this pandemic.

Ask – Need support to develop the Foundation which will help bring funding into Bristol's Parks. Let Rob know about ideas, projects and funding streams.

(12) AOB

Bristol Airport.

Have received a request from Bristol Airport to input into their sustainability strategy. Discussed role of Board, and how appropriate or not it would be to comment especially considering current priorities, available resource, and capacity.

Agreed to respond to:

- Provide context of OCP and OCCS, not forgetting scope 3 emissions.
- Ask how their strategy aligns with and inputs into these long-term goals including ecological emergency.

[AC] respond to enquiry from Bristol Airport.

Links with each Board:

- Homes and Communities: AL and BR
- Health and Wellbeing: No dedicated link. A joint board session has been postponed due to COVID-19. All members of the ES Board invited on a voluntary basis when this is rescheduled.
- Learning and Skills: SR is the link. Awaiting them to set a date for next meeting and acknowledging their need to focus discussion on 'getting back to school/college'.
- Transport: AC.
- Economy: IM happy to be the link.

[MR] Introduce IM to key contacts on Economy Board

AL due to have first meeting with Homes and Communities Board on 25 June. Discussed how Boards could work together. Agreed:

- Focus on OCCS and delivery themes that link to their goals.
- Building is the most important area in helping to support protection of wildlife. [Look at building with nature](#) to check if developments are protecting wildlife, water and wellbeing.
- Ensuring new developments integrate with heat decarbonisation and electrification of vehicles, linking in with the bigger picture. Must also look at heat decarbonisation of existing buildings and homes.
- Environmental sustainability should be included in any applications for stimulus packages.

Responses to consultations:

- Suggested approach to national consultations is for ES Board and BACCC to act independently but to liaise and brief one another. E.g. BACCC to flag when it is responding, develop and share drafts and final responses with ES Board and invite ES Board to support BACCC's response or respond directly.

Other useful links shared in chat:

- Link to [Partnership member survey](#) inviting people to share their experiences, hopes and concerns at this time of huge change.
- BCC are having a seminar with Robert Muggah on 20 May. His TED talks can be viewed [here](#).
- [MR's blog on the spatial development strategy](#)
- [The National Committee on Climate Change new report on six key principles for a resilient recovery.](#)

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Meeting ends