

Attendees **Co-chairs:** Ann Cousins (Arup), Cllr Kye Dudd (BCC)
Members: Chris Priest, David White, Gwen Frost, Iain Mcguffog, Janine Michael, Katherine Piper, Emma Geen, Lizzi Testani, Olivia Sweeney, Roy Kareem, Sam Willitts, Savita Willmott,
Invitees: Alex Minshull, Ellie Osbourne (workshop facilitator), Jo House, Emma Geen, Rachel Moffat

Apologies Jim Longhurst, Ben Shayler, Tim Borrett, Ian Barrett

Secretariat Vicki Woolley (BGCP), Hannah Roddis (BGCP), Claire Jacob (BGCP) – minutes

ITEMS	ACTIONS
Welcome, quorum & declaration of interests	
<p>No new declaration of interest. Meeting is declared quorate. A venue is required for the September Board meeting.</p>	<p>Action: Members to contact BGCP if they can offer a suitable venue for the September Board meeting.</p>
Welcome to new members	
<p>Welcome to Sam Willitts as the new member for the health sector (taking place of Tricia Down). Rebecca Kirk from the Environment Agency has stepped down, Ben Shayler, Regulated Industry Area Environment Manager to be welcomed as a new member. Emma Geen no longer works for Bristol Disabilities and Equalities Forum but remains on the Board as an independent representative. Lizzi Testani from BGCP will be going on maternity leave, Vicki Woolley will be taking over as Interim CEO and taking Lizzi’s place on the Board.</p>	
Minutes of last meeting & action register	
<p>Minutes from last meeting signed off.</p> <p>Update on actions:</p> <p>RED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting with Housing Board on retrofit remains outstanding. A meeting should be held before the end of the year. • Innovation goal, goal 45: remains outstanding. Links to refresh of the One City Plan. Suggestion to look at this with the new City Office staff in September. <p>AMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savita Willmott confirmed that there had been no offers to join the Ecological Emergency working group. See later in the agenda. Jo House offered to facilitate involvement of BACCC in the working group. 	<p>Action: Kye to take forward organising a meeting with the housing board</p> <p>Action: BGCP to investigate options for a workshop with City Office staff at the September Board meeting.</p>

Updates & Discussion

One City Climate Strategy

Alex Minshull gave an update about the **EU Climate Neutral Smart Cities Mission**

- Bristol is one of two UK cities as part of the EU Smart Cities Mission
- The project is struggling with the sheer number of cities and diversity of size and stage of journey.
- Platform to support Bristol with – consultancy / technical support / peer-to-peer learning.
- Bristol have been successful in the pilot project which could result in funding to develop over 2 years Finance Innovation Lab. This will look at the different types of money needed to decarbonise the city, for example Climate Ventures Fund (in partnership with Bristol and Bath Regional Capital, to fund projects, business development). Also looking at a bond issue with Abundance. Also partnering with the Partnership on community climate action finance.
- In addition, they will also look at what else is needed i.e. how to get investment into other people’s assets to decarbonise the city. This requires demand (e.g. from landlords, householders) and the supply chain. How to enable communities to be the drivers of the demand? How to develop the supply chain?
- Focusing on buildings. Largely residential, but also other buildings.
- Part of the Mission requires creating a Transition Team. In the process of recruiting someone to help do this.

Discussion points from members

- Are there other options the city has if the funding can’t be acquired? Alex Minshull confirmed that there is a plan to go ahead anyway, it will just be bigger, better and faster if the finance comes through.
- Trying to position Bristol to be in a good place to receive government funding, in the hope that it will come through (i.e. create the supply chain and demand).
- Jo House mentioned the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DesNez) interest in Bristol as a case study, local approach can bring in extra funding.
- Jo - Energy Bill has gone back to the house of Commons to take out the ability for communities to use locally-produced energy locally – is this a spanner in the works?
- Kye – We have a temporary sleeving arrangement – not ideal. Need something more tailor-made for Bristol.
- Kye noted that a big barrier across cities in Europe is finance, as a result there is a big emphasis to find other sources of money to support the decarbonisation of cities.

BACCC Update

Jo House gave an update on BACCC

- BACCC review on progress of the One City Climate Strategy was published recently and although there hadn’t been much media coverage it was featured in [Bristol 24/7](#).
- The report found that Bristol would be unlikely to meet the 2030 targets but that progress was being made in some areas.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee on Climate Commission report published on 28 June noted that progress had been slow and there was a lack of urgency to deliver against targets. • Chris Stark, CEO, Climate Change Committee, would be doing a talk at the Cabot Institute in October and has agreed to participate in a BACCC meeting that afternoon where we could also showcase Bristol activity. • The review is being used to inform the BACCC workplan for the year ahead. Priorities for BACCC include establishing a working group on evidence / data (a brilliant workshop has been held recently which helped to not only identify gaps but also the volume of data already available. In addition, there are plans to submit a bid into UKRI to continue the work with a Just Transition focus. This bid would support work to put people at the heart to assess the impact of climate action on people within the city). • Another workstream, led by Jo, will link BACCC with the Bristol’s ecological work and seeing where the overlaps are. • Impacts of recent heatwave – want to put things in place to make sure we are collecting the right type of data going forward, to learn lessons. Currently unsure of who will lead this work. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kye Dudd asked about the 12 recommendations for the report and queried if a response was required. Jo House confirmed that feedback on the priorities and those already in progress would be helpful. • Lizzi shared that there is a report on the 2022 heatwave from the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment. 	<p>Action: BACCC – Environment board to prepare response to BACCC’s 12 recommendations</p>
<p>One City Ecological Emergency Strategy</p> <p>Alex Minshull gave an update from BCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city has adopted a target to have 30% land managed for nature. • Feeding into Parks and Green Spaces strategy and what land should be used for what purpose. <p>Savita Willmott gave a progress update on Ecological Emergency Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savita provided an overview of the One City goals that the working group are actively leading on or involved with. • It was noted that the One City goals don’t map neatly onto the Ecological Emergency Strategy goals and there is a question over who owns the nature goals in the Climate Strategy. • A key focus for now would be on 50% of citizens and businesses having actively made changes towards a carbon neutral and nature rich city by 2030. Currently looking at what a business engagement programme would look like at a West of England level. • Whilst a lot of progress has been made there were challenges remaining specifically around capacity and funding for nature’s recovery in the city. • Ecological Emergency working group = very small team that requires more members to ensure it can be delivered. • The new One City team appointments were exciting, and it was felt that capacity could be unlocked through One City partners once the team were established. 	<p>Action: Members to confirm with Savita / Ian if you would like to join the Ecological Emergency working group.</p>

- It was noted that a programme to invite City Partners to declare their pesticide use, and explore alternatives together, hadn't yet been delivered. This would require support from other teams and possibly the One City Office team to administer.
- Goal on Bristol's waterways is also a big challenge and requires lots of partners to be involved. There is a need to understand the appetite from the Board to take this forward.

Discussion

- Ann suggested that the Board look at leads for all refreshed One City goals at the September meeting.
- Kye confirmed that it would be great to make progress on the goal on Bristol's waterways. However, acknowledged that this requires partnership working to solve it, which is what the One City approach is about.
- It was noted that the waterways conversation quickly becomes about bathing rather than wildlife and it was agreed that the two don't go hand in hand. The priority for the Ecological strategy is to focus on nature rather than bathing.
- Gwen mentioned that there had been a pesticides plan a few years' ago. Kye confirmed that whilst it was moving forward it is complicated due to the alternatives, particularly in certain areas of the city where weed control (to make safer cycle ways or pavements) was important.
- Alex noted that whilst there is a plan to reduce pesticide use, there needs to be an alternative method to get the city down to 50% use. Pilots in other parts of the city found effective methods but that are a lot more expensive and carbon intensive.
- Jo suggested embedding the nature goals in the transition strategy, so the climate actions don't have a negative impact on nature.

Action: BGCP to look at refreshed One City goals as part of September Board meeting / workshop.

AOB

- The Good Food Plan 2030 was circulated a few weeks ago. It has been formally approved by the Health Board and they were requesting endorsement by the Environment Board. The Board agreed to endorsement and the Partnership are hosting a [Green Mingle](#) on Thursday 6 July to launch the plan.
- A Retrofit West launch event was being planned for Friday 7 July. This was a WECA funded programme and homeowner advice centre. [Website live](#) (launching formally next week). Any homeowner in Bristol would be able to get an online assessment for their home and links to grants or subsidies for the work to be completed.
- Olivia raised a query about of the committee system and whether this should be discussed by the Board. Kye confirmed that it would be a good idea to have a discussion. However, there is an overall acceptance that the City Approach has been a good thing and should continue in some form. Things should become clearer by the end of the year.
- Lizzi – should we be proactive by inviting leads from the political parties to a meeting?
- Kye – agreed this is a good idea, but this should be for the whole One City structure rather than just the Environment Board. Kye to take forward exploring this in the autumn when the new City Office staff have started.

Action: Kye to investigate opportunities for engagement between political party leads and the One City boards in autumn

<p>Just Transition Workshop / discussion</p> <p>Members participated in a facilitated workshop on the Just Transition Declaration (closed session) and shared feedback and suggestions on the declaration via break out group discussions.</p> <p>Members agreed in principle to endorse the Declaration but would first need to see the final version (following any incorporation of the feedback shared through the workshop and subsequent survey).</p> <p>Members agreed to add to agenda for September meeting, to discuss practical actions the Board can take to embed in the work of the Board.</p>	<p>Action: BGCP to add JT follow up to September meeting agenda</p> <p>Action: BGCP to circulate a survey to Board members for feedback on the session and any final feedback on the JT Declaration</p>
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