

Sustainable City Outcome Improvement Group

Meeting on Teams 16th January 2025

Present: Alastair Reid, Andrew Baxter, Caroline Hood, Danny Ruta, Daria Shapovalova, Debjani Sarkar, Fiona Mann, Jacqui Bell, Jillian Evans, Joanne Riach, Jon Barron, Sarah Irvine, Sinclair Laing,

Apologies: Alison Hannan, Alison Stuart, Maggie Hepburn, Martin Carle, Sue Lawrence, Steven Shaw.

Actions:

- Put material/invitation out to press on ice crews – Fiona and Danny to draft
- Promote resulting ice crew coverage on social media across SC group
- Caroline to arrange a meeting linking ice crews with NESTRANS
- Need host for Spring in-person meeting Thurs 22nd May 1000-1130

1. Ice Crews

- Recent analysis is showing promising results during the icy weather – falls have been lower than the same period last year throughout the city, but the reduction is greater in AB15/16 target areas than the other areas of the city combined.
- ED agreed to note location of falls and whether ice-related and started doing recording – more work needed as recording is inconsistent
- Poor press coverage over holiday period – disappointment that NHSG didn't inform councils of fall figures and ACC only learnt from press that there was a problem. Need work on escalation/early communication so councils have a chance to address situations.
- Comms - Danny's report will be used in the next cold snap by NHSG Comms. Suggestion to invite press to go out with teams – NHSG comms people to set up but emphasis multi-agency. Fiona and Danny to draft a piece – quotes from all / Gary to arrange interviews. Then each use our own comms to post the narrative given to the P&J on collective social media of SC partners
- Fiona continuing to push ice-crews and look for finance. Need to make work sustainable. Perhaps a task and finish group on ice crews including ACVO, councils, NESTRANS, NHSG and comms people.
- NESTRANS keen to collaborate with ACC and NHSG around ice and transport – Caroline to set up meeting with Danny & Fiona e.g. sponsorship/hi vis jackets
- Reminder to contact ACVO about working with communities as funding may be available via community groups.
- Other possible funding sources – NESCAN, community groups, Just Transition fund, ACC bus lane enforcement funding to maintain active travel.

2. New charter on reducing car miles – Caroline

- Reframing change ideas for this charter to be submitted next week so messaging is around how people can live better rather than that they need to drive less
- Reducing the need to travel through focus on allowing people to live well locally – e.g. '20 minute neighbourhoods'

- Raising awareness with local pop up events on accessing basic services
- Making journeys in a different way
- Change idea around understanding intentions – asking communities what do you need to live well locally? e.g. ice on pavements might make car travel safer
- What to do with the info e.g. need a pub/shop? learn from existing well-established communities how we could support more communities to develop ideas for themselves independent of commercial organisations; e.g. connectivity, using shared spaces to co-locate services

3. Other updates

- Green Champions – initiatives are taking place, all voluntary not part of anyone's job so needs to be what people want + measuring can be difficult. Has been about creating a movement. New proposal for student to develop a handbook for green champs to give to organisations.
- Recruitment fairs at UoA and student work experience – moving towards including sustainability, local improvement, and regional engagement orgs for free. Access to opportunities for students via SC brokering – through green champs perhaps?
- NHSG green champions participate without extra resource / support with ideas – link with litter picks? Meeting to discuss shared initiatives coming up soon. Suggested change idea – do quarterly meeting across organisations make a difference to actions?
- NHSG working with ACC on meadow in a box – huge demand.
- Awards for Just Transition Fund <https://www.jtpbfund.scot/year3> . Being evaluated – currently only assets funded and would be good to have running costs too, can be a popularity contest.
- Sinclair stepping in to chair next meeting as Jillian is on leave now for 2-3 months.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25th February 1400-1530

Please contact Jacqui or Sinclair with any agenda items.

Updated plan for submission of charters:

Continuing project – for SC group approval

New project – charter to CPA management group

13.1 Reduce public sector carbon emissions by at least 7% by 2026.	Approved
13.2 Reduce the generation of waste in Aberdeen by 8% by 2026	Approved
13.3 To have Community led resilience plans in place for the most vulnerable areas (6) in the City by 2025 and increase by 10% the % of people who know where to find information and resources to help prepare for severe weather events by 2025.	Approved
13.4 Increase by 20 the number of teams and/or volunteers ready to mobilise in icy weather by 2025.	Approved
14.1 Increase % of people who walk and wheel as one mode of travel by 5% by 2026.	Approved
14.2 Increase % of people who cycle as one mode of travel by 2% by 2026.	Approved
14.3 Reduce car kms by 5% by 2026	Submit Jan 2025
15.1 Increase to 65% the proportion of citizens who feel they can regularly experience good quality natural space by 2026	Submit Jan 2025
15.2 100 people to be socially prescribed nature by 2026 to support positive outcomes in relation to their health and wellbeing	Approved
15.3 25% of citizens report that they understand the importance of nature on both their neighbourhood and individual wellbeing by 2026	Approved
15.4 At least 23 organisations across all sectors in Aberdeen pledging to manage at least 10% of their land for nature by 2024 and at least 26% by 2026	Approved
15.5 Increase by 50% the number of community groups delivering local environmental improvements in their neighbourhoods by 2026	Approved