

Environmental Transformation FPG Meeting Minutes

Time and Place: 15:30-17:00, Friday 6th September 2019, 1P04, City Hall, BS1 5TR

Present: Ian Barrett, Ryan Munn, Lucy Gilbert, Emma Burlow, Janine Michael, Roy Kareem, David White, Lizzi Testani, Toria Aubrey-Rees (minute taker), Sacha Korsec, Declan Clark

Apologies: Taylor Meagher, Savita Willmott, Sue Turner, Ian Townsend, Philip Stott

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes and actions from last meeting

Outstanding action: Ryan will circulate the markers of transformational change documents. Ryan acknowledged that this hadn't been actioned as he was aware the 'theory of change' document was due to be discussed. **Complete. Change name to Theory of change documents.**

Outstanding action: Ryan will circulate the metrics/outcomes framework and we can go through it in more detail at the next meeting to agree them. Not completed, as theory of change to discuss. **Discussed today.**

Action: Ian T agreed to circulate the costs and requirements for hosting the researcher to get each member feedback. **BGCP don't have the capacity so we are not taking on a researcher.**

3. Declarations of interest

4. Theory of Change and outcomes

A positive meeting took place on the 'deed'. FPG will play a role in updating outcomes and since the last meeting we have engaged with Happy City.

RM has circulated a consultation produced spreadsheet. This should show something more robust and reflect what the group wanted.

The investment fund is set up and someone has been appointed to run it. Outcomes will be used for funding, so we have opportunity to review and advise.

We may wish to have a meeting in the next few months to test final outcomes and see if there is room for improvement over the initial phase of investment funds.

Action TM: To circulate ToC document again.

It would be beneficial to get clarification on terminology and wording. We wouldn't want applicants to miss out due to misunderstanding, useful to have comments on guidance.

The goal can be if and when we have open grant funding, there will be an application; we want to have that nailed down more. It's about what we want to achieve.

5. Fundable projects session

Action RM: To collect flip chart paper and circulate digital copy

6. AOB

Overview of table top session

- It's important to link waste and carbon together. Things fail at commercialisation or scale up. A lot of potentially transformative projects fail because of market demand, so anything we can do to drive it. Open doors to big partnerships. Could work with equity side. Definitely help with marketing. How we unlock these projects. Aligning with Bristol's aspirations.
- Discussed investment, community energy infrastructure, and fund model, giving grants out. Community energy only investible area for low carbon, wouldn't necessarily give transformative scale. Same with house and retrofit, education and support to change lifestyle, but could be linked to community energy investments. Earlier meeting ruled out transport we need to scope what already exists.
- Natural environment side, potentially tree planting. Access to green space, overcoming culture barriers stopping people benefiting. Food growing areas. A few things we can work on in the grant area. Parks forum, cafes to fund things that fund the green space. Companies pay farmers not to put pesticides in rivers. A lot of research would be needed. Most of it needs research, cost benefits.

What do we need to do to take this forward? Look at role for City Funds, what might we may be able to put a case together. If we have funding we can do certain research to unlock certain things.

Action All: Proposal is that each area has that conversation with BBRC to explore all that was talked about today, then talk to potential funders from there. Rather than have meetings monthly, is set up task groups at each and then meet in 2-3 months' time, to see what role of City Funds might be. Concern about this going in different directions.

We are broadly aligned to the City Plan, assuming their function is to bring other strategies to the table, not duplicate efforts.

Contingent loans could work. If a scheme gets planning and pays money back, could produce a contingent loan scheme to fund projects across the city? Spans more than just community energy.

Practical outcomes can be unlocked by bringing it back to task together. Depends on what the need is. Research might be there, but what is the next step.



Action – who wants to be involved in which discussion? RM to initiate next steps for each theme.