

## Climate Change Update

### Report on Low Carbon Oxford Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### Introduction

1. Oxford's Sustainable Community Strategy, "Oxford: A World Class City for Everyone" sets a vision that includes the city becoming "carbon neutral with high eco standards that protect the health and wealth of all our citizens and which will be a model of good practice locally, nationally and internationally."
2. The Action Plan presented to the OSP earlier in 2009 highlighted the value of engaging with the many sources of expertise in Oxford (including leading thinkers, research institutes, key employers in commercial, industrial and retail sectors) in order to meet this high-level and ambitious aspiration.
3. Martin Chilcott, Founder Chairman of 2degrees ([www.2degreesnetwork.com](http://www.2degreesnetwork.com)) was invited to present ideas and views on how best to engage with these key stakeholders in the City and assisted in planning a Low Carbon Oxford lunchtime meeting that was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

#### Low Carbon Oxford Meeting

4. The objectives of the meeting were:
  - To acknowledge that a range of public and private sector partners have a commitment to reducing their carbon emissions because they believe there is a sound business case and it is the right thing to do;
  - To share best practice and learning opportunities between key stakeholders in the City;
  - To explore how we can share the evidence of measurable progress that we are all making so that as a whole Oxford can demonstrate how it has and is reducing its carbon emissions.
5. A range of representatives from key organisations were invited and attended. The list of attendees is attached as appendix one. Having senior representation and participation from such a wide range of partners that included Tesco, BMW, OUP and Unipart is a clear indication of the momentum which exists behind the push for a low carbon economy.
6. The meeting identified five key action points:
  - i) Connectivity – developing networks to establish continuing links
  - ii) Agree the story of where the city is aiming to go – what is the vision and the aspiration (e.g. Green Palo Alto)
  - iii) Celebrate what we are doing well and where excellence already exists

- iv) Work on the three thematic areas of travel, house, office/facilities/factories etc and how we can reduce emissions and footprint from each
- v) Influencing the Economic Assessment of Oxfordshire to ensure the inclusion of the green economic agenda

### **Next Steps**

7. Martin Chilcott of 2degrees will be working with the OSP over the next few months to build on the action points and contributions expressed at the meeting and he will help us to work on developing the vision for Oxford as a world leader and the exemplar that we are seeking to become.
8. In the first instance Martin will be planning and facilitating two workshops with participation from key stakeholders in the city including wider participation from commercial, industrial and retail sectors.
9. A further update will be provided at the December OSP meeting.

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## Appendix One

### Attendance List for OSP Low Carbon Oxford Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009

| Name                | Organisation  |
|---------------------|---|
| Giorgio Bagordo     | Energy Savings Trust  |
| Melbourne Barrett   | Oxford City Council and<br>Member of Oxford Strategic Partnership |
| Martin Chilcott     | 2Degrees  |
| John Copley         | Oxford City Council   |
| Ian Curtis          | Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford              |
| Lyn Forrester       | Oxford Brookes University   |
| Felix Glummer       | Tesco   |
| Barbara Hammond     | SEEDA   |
| Ian Humphries       | Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust                              |
| Sebastian Johnson   | Oxford Strategic Partnership                                      |
| Shaz Khan           | Tesco   |
| Dr Jochen Lorenzen  | BMW MINI  |
| Ruth Mayne          | Low Carbon West Oxford  |
| Ian McPherson       | Oxford Science Park   |
| Lois Muddiman       | Low Carbon West Oxford  |
| Susie Ohlenschlager | Oxfordshire County Council  |
| Stewart Pegum       | Oxford University Press   |
| Philip Pike         | University of Oxford Estates                                      |
| Cllr Bob Price      | Oxford City Council and<br>Member of Oxford Strategic Partnership |
| Sue Priest          | FSB and Emissions Strategy Solutions Limited                      |
| Paul Robinson       | Oxford City Council   |
| Paul Sawko          | Unipart   |
| Paul Spencer        | Oxford City Council   |
| Cllr John Tanner    | Oxford City Council   |
| Harriet Waters      | Oxford Brookes University   |
| Louisa Weeks        | Oxford Bus Company  |
| Jackie Wilderspin   | NHS Oxfordshire and<br>Chair of Oxford Strategic Partnership      |