

Haringey 40:20 Steering Group Summary

Background

Haringey 40:20 will aim to bring together key organisations in a concerted effort to work towards achieving 40:20 and encouraging the support of hundreds of local residents and organisations. Haringey 40:20 will require input from community organisations, local business, local and regional third sector organisations as well as a large number of individual supporters.

Although primarily focussed on achieving a reduction in carbon emissions in the borough, Haringey 40:20 will also have an awareness of and link to the wider sustainability agenda. This includes the following areas:

- Supporting the resilience of local ecosystems;
- Reducing water consumption;
- Supporting a transition to lifestyles that promote mental and physical health and wellbeing ;
- Providing space and support for local leadership and voluntary action.

Introduction

At the Haringey 40:20 Conference on 11th June 2011, attendees expressed a strong desire to develop a 40:20 Steering Group that would play a key role in engaging local communities to lead the transition to a low carbon future. A preliminary meeting was held on 20th June 2011 between:

- Cllr Goldberg (Cabinet Member for Finance and Carbon Reduction)
- Joyce Rosser (Sustainable Haringey and Warner Est Residents Association)
- Quentin Given (Friends of the Earth)
- Dermot Barnes (Muswell Hill Sustainability Group)
- Ruth Schamroth (Muswell Hill Sustainability Group)
- Adam Hunt (Place and Sustainability Directorate – LBH)

At this meeting draft proposals were made for the objectives, membership and approach to working of the 40:20 Steering Group (i.e. its Terms of Reference). It is important to note that the Terms of Reference are a guideline only as the business and purpose of the group will change and develop as the 40:20 partnership grows and as the membership evolves.

Links with the Carbon Commission

The 40:20 Steering Group will support the Carbon Commission in scoping its Terms of Reference and the key lines of enquiry for its work. Whilst the Carbon Commission is gathering evidence and developing its proposals and recommendations, the 40:20 Steering Group will also have a key role in

providing local community representation and input into the Carbon Commission's work. The input of the 40:20 Steering Group members will be both in terms of their own areas of expertise in relation to carbon reduction and also as representatives of the local community – ensuring that the Carbon Commission's recommendations will be practical, realisable and be able to be implemented by local communities.

The Commission will also take note of, and build upon, previous technical reports and projects commissioned by the Council as part of the Department of Energy and Climate Change, Local Carbon Frameworks pilot. The 40:20 Steering Group will work with the Carbon Commission to analyse these reports and identify options for CO₂ reduction.

Aims and objectives of the 40:20 Steering Group

1. 40:20 Action Plan

- To work with the Carbon Commission to identify options for CO₂ reduction in the 40:20 Action Plan
- To act as an advisory body to ensure the work of the Carbon Commission, and the recommendations it develops, accurately reflects the challenges and opportunities within Haringey.
- To co-produce, scrutinise, challenge and monitor the delivery of the 40:20 Action Plan.
- To make recommendations to Officers and Councillors as to how the delivery of 40:20 can be improved and comment on progress being made as part of the Council's Annual Carbon Report to full Council.

2. Engagement with communities and implementation of 40:20

- To support the implementation within local communities of projects and proposals identified by the Carbon Commission and other expert bodies.
- To actively promote the 40:20 agenda with previously unengaged communities and to gain new members.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge between 40:20 Steering Group members as well as in the wider 40:20 community.
- To oversee the management and dissemination of the Haringey 40:20 community grant fund (funded by the dividend from any potential environmental revenue generating activities e.g. a solar photovoltaic programme on existing Solar PV arrays installed on schools as part of the Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone) that will support our 40:20 ambitions.

Membership

40:20 Steering Group decisions shall not be binding on the organisations that members represent. The 40:20 Steering Group will meet every two months. The frequency can be changed with the Steering Group's agreement.

Steering Group Role	Comments
Chair	Currently Cllr Goldberg as interim Chair
Community representatives (x 7)	Will need to reflect the geography of the borough and bring to the 40:20 Steering Group a range of expertises and skill sets. It is proposed to initially elect the majority of the community representatives through the Sustainable Haringey network.
Councillors (x 3)	Political membership will incorporate the relevant Cabinet Member and a Councillor from both the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups.
Business Lead	Appropriate representative TBD
Carbon Management & Sustainability Service Officers	As well as providing the secretariat support for the group, officers from this service will be full members of the Steering Group.

The 40:20 Steering Group will have the power to co-opt other members as required or to request representatives from organisations depending on the specific meeting agenda. Examples of representatives, who could be requested to attend, include:

- Housing Associations
- Education
- Faith organisations
- LB Haringey Officers

The method of determining future community representation on the 40:20 Steering Group will be discussed and agreed at a later Steering Group meeting but it is expected that an annual election of members will occur.

Core business

Whilst the Carbon Commission is sitting, the 40:20 Steering Group will receive update reports from its representatives in relation to its progress and emerging conclusions. The 40:20 Steering Group will ensure that it is feeding in its views and expertise into the Carbon Commission through its representatives.

Following the publication of the Carbon Commission's recommendations, the 40:20 Steering Group will scrutinise, challenge and monitor the delivery of the 40:20 Action Plan. It will make recommendations as to how delivery can be improved.

The 40:20 Steering Group will be responsible for developing a communications plan and co-ordinating and promoting communications and engagement activities with local communities. This will be a standing item at each meeting.

There will be a standing item on 'Ideas and Knowledge Exchange'.

40:20 business will be conducted outside the Steering Group as well. The Steering Group will generate actions for officers, Councillors and representatives to deliver between meeting. It is also envisaged that the Group uses Councillors and officers to facilitate business between the local community and key stakeholders in relation to carbon reduction initiatives i.e. to open doors for community representatives that may otherwise not be opened.