

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>SOUTHAMPTON CLIMATE COMMISSION</b>
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<b>Time:</b>	<b>Tues 9th<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-12.30am</b>
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<b>Location:</b>	<b>SUSU</b>
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***Attendees:** Phil Horton (Portsmouth University), Jessica Lewis (SCC), Melanie Robertson (SCC), Liz Harris (SUSU), Bakr Bahaj (UoS), Mark Hancock (Southampton Friends of the Earth/SoCAN), Jason Light (Green Robin), Sarah Puckett (UoS), Adam Tewkesbury (NHS), Adam Goulden (tec), Rebecca Kinge (SoCAN/Southampton Collective), Flavia Macedo (Bring Energy),*

	<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
1.	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p>Liz Harris – 2026 Chair</p> <p>Jason Light – 2026 Vice Chair</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action points from Sept Meeting</b></p> <p>Speaker on LGR or Public Health (Climate Change and PH report 2026) at next commission meeting</p>	Ensure we are clear what we want from them (protocol)
3.	<p><b>Proposed green hydrogen at Fawley (MH)</b></p> <p>Concerns about hydrogen being used for heating rather than industrial processes.</p> <p>Preference for green hydrogen over blue hydrogen with carbon capture.</p> <p>Commission agreed to seek clarity from Solent Cluster on hydrogen plans and environmental impacts (e.g., brine disposal from seawater electrolysis).</p>	FM and SCC to see if there is a technical contact
4.	<p><b>Renaissance Board</b></p> <p>Renaissance Board oversees the City Plan but lacks statutory authority.</p> <p>Commission wants clearer governance, indicators, and a role in advising delivery.</p>	

	Meeting scheduled with Renaissance Board leads on <b>16 Dec</b> to discuss green mission and oversight	PH to send to send invite to LH
5.	<p><b>AG to feedback on statement being prepared by HCAN.</b></p> <p>Group of organisation across region – papers from new mayoral candidates – has evolved to website Voice for Climate and Nature – launch to public in April  <a href="https://voiceforclimateandnature.org/">https://voiceforclimateandnature.org/</a></p> <p>Discussion on compliance with lobbying regulations for charities</p>	Edits being made as we speak but your feedback would be greatly appreciated - Commission to align with message
6.	<p><b>JL to contact Transport team on PHD proposal</b></p> <p>No interest at this time</p>	
7.	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Housing Strategy.</b></p> <p>Rebecca has put together paper around health and messages from Commission</p>	Commissioners to review paper around Health and develop into Position Statement
8.	<p><b>City Plan</b></p> <p>Paper to working group- governance states that Green mission to be led by Renaissance Board. Wait until conversation with Renaissance Board (16<sup>th</sup> Jan). As published document, focus is on Governance and KPIs – use Commission as resource.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Roundtable</b>  Statutory vs non-statutory  Just transition – planetary boundaries and social shortfalls  Where is the roadmap for City Plan actions  Where are the gaps</p> <p><b>Green Open Homes (MH)</b>  Running in 1 week over September -Successful. Running again, extend to other parts of city  Other events such as Urban Wild to connect in with – May 2026</p> <p><b>Beat the Heat (RB)</b>  Coordination group for those involved in responses to heatwaves in city.</p> <p><b>Climate Action Fund (RB)</b>  £1.5m bid for lottery – imaging Southampton as climate friendly city and how to get there– focus on Shirley and Portswood, learn from other places. Encourage others and</p>	Commission express support in principle

businesses to develop their own projects. Submission 17 Dec --- Doughnut Portrait of Place.

**NHS Trust (AT)**

Adaptation is built into Southampton & Hampshire Hospital Trust Green Plans. Placement looking at Adaptation building into Action Plans. Green Plans published next week – funding bids for submetering, BMS upgrades, solar.

**Apprenticeship Assignments (MR)**– Report looking at internal council, video which may focus on Doughnut Economics – any thoughts on how to make this more useful for Council/ City?

**Student Union (LH)** – student group to set up some veg beds, student forum part of sustainability strategy & ethical investment

**University Estate (SP)**– Groundworks installing water saving devices around estate, energy monitoring and reduction – extract systems. Residential blocks. Fruit trees to valley gardens – used in catering

**Sustainability Strategy (AB)** – refresh 2025. Each goal has champion and leads. Milestones to deliver against for scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. Making sustainability at the centre of University processes. Aiming to publish Feb 2026.

**Congratulations to Alan Whitehead** who has been made Lord and Minister

**The Environment Centre (AG)** Supporting SCC develop Fuel Poverty Strategy – Southampton Warmth for All Partnership will be renamed Southampton Healthy Homes Partnership to reflect impacts from heat as well as cold. ECO gone, Warm Homes Plan – boiler upgrade to ASHP funding to remain. Southampton Healthy Homes to include ASHP where appropriate to vulnerable homes. Additional funding from Redress for health care professionals to refer into scheme. My Home Made Better to support self-funding households – Lunch and Learn offered to organisations and bespoke individual advice.

**Southampton Energy Coalition (FM)**– meeting Thursday. Main theme is electricity and making sure we have enough energy for the city. Green Hydrogen may come into play. Decarbonising heat network without electricity demand – geothermal well may be solution if sufficient anchor loads. No PSDS available. SCC Call for Sites – potential sites for new well. Meeting in Jan

	<p>with SCC/ Bring Energy. Expanding heat network sites requires business case.</p> <p><b>Funding (RB) – Millbrook and Weston</b> is climate and nature being considered as part of this?</p>	<p>SCC to find out about this funding</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Action Network – Informal gatherings 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. People Planet Pint. Funky Hats</li> <li>• Website updates urgently needed</li> <li>• Sustainability and Resilience Institute rep on Commission?</li> <li>• Sarah Puckett shortly leaving for maternity leave</li> </ul>	<p>Set up teams meeting with Phil Turner to go through changes prior to Jan meeting</p> <p>Invite SRI rep to Commission</p>
<p>Next meeting: <b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 5PM TBC</b></p> <p>PH/ LGR speaker?</p>		