

ASC Committee Meeting

Thursday 26th October 2017 | 09:30 – 15:00 | CCC, 7 Holbein Place

Present: Jim Hall (Chair), Ece Ozdemiroglu, Rosalyn Schofield and Graham Wynne.

Apologies: Baroness Brown and Anne Johnson.

Secretariat present: Adrian Gault, Kathryn Brown, Gemma Holmes, Andrew Russell, David Style, Jo Barrett and Steve Westlake.

Members' interests: Members' interests were reviewed, no updates necessary. Interests can be found on the CCC's website at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency/>.

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of 14th September were agreed.

2. Committee member appointments - update

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are currently being arranged to recruit two new members of the ASC in time for when Graham Wynne and Anne Johnson step down at the end of their terms in January 2018.

3. Key milestones for next year

The secretariat set out key ASC and Government outputs to the end of 2018. The Committee discussed stakeholder engagement in advance of these outputs and raised additional work to engage with over this period.

4. Government response to the ASC's 2017 report

The secretariat summarised the Government response to the ASC's 2017 report. The Committee discussed the response and approaches for following-up on key issues. It was agreed that the secretariat would further discuss follow-up with Baroness Brown in advance of the November 16th ASC meeting.

5. ASC 2018 report proposal

The secretariat outlined proposals for next year's ASC report. Proposals focussed on the topics of the natural environment, coastal change and cities. It was also discussed how research proposals recently put out to tender would contribute to the report. The Committee made a number of comments and suggestions on the proposals. It was agreed that the secretariat would continue to refine the goals and scope of the proposals and present these again to the Committee at the November 16th ASC meeting.

6. Natural capital valuation

Ece Ozdemiroglu led a session on the rationale and methods for valuing natural capital. This included examples of natural capital valuation which were relevant to the work of the ASC. After questions and discussion, it was agreed that examples like the ones presented would be useful as case studies and in helping to identify metrics for the ASC's work.

7. Stakeholder engagement plan – cities example

The secretariat presented an example of a stakeholder engagement plan for the ASC's work on cities. The Committee were asked to consider if there were any additional stakeholders to add to the plan and then to prioritise those the ASC should most engage with over the coming year. It was agreed that the secretariat would start to organise meetings, workshops and develop briefing materials based on the Committee's suggestions.

8. AOB and close

Nothing was raised.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16th November 2017.