

ASC Committee Meeting

Thursday 14th December 2017 | 09:30 – 15:00 | CCC, 7 Holbein Place

Present: Baroness Brown (Chair), Jim Hall, Anne Johnson, Ece Ozdemiroglu, Rosalyn Schofield and Graham Wynne

Apologies: none

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

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 16th November were agreed without amendments.

2. Review of interests and recent meetings

The ASC members and the secretariat had met with various stakeholders over the previous month and relevant progress and information was shared at the meeting.

3. Expert stakeholder session – international standards

Lesley Wilson from BSI attended the meeting to update the ASC on recent work relating to standards on climate change adaptation.

Two BSI standards on a framework for climate change adaptation and for a climate change vulnerability assessment were being prepared for likely launches in 2019 and 2020, respectively. Other international work (e.g. CEN/CENELEC) was also discussed.

The ASC members thanked Lesley for attending and asked several questions to clarify aspects of particular relevance to the ASC's work.

4. Expert stakeholder session – insurance and adaptation

Greg Lowe (Aon) attended the meeting to update the ASC on recent work relating to climate change adaptation within the insurance industry.

The ASC members thanked Greg for attending and asked several questions to clarify aspects of particular relevance to the ASC's work.

5. Session with Lord Gardiner, Defra Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity

Lord Gardiner updated the ASC on ongoing work relevant to climate change adaptation within Defra, including how recommendations from the ASC have fed into that work. The committee asked questions relating to land use, soils, the 25 year Environment Plan, and communicating the risks from climate change.

Lord Gardiner also took the opportunity to formally thank Anne and Graham, who are both approaching the end of their terms on the ASC, for their contributions to the Sub-Committee.

6. Business theme – work plan and stakeholder mapping

David presented plans to the committee for the business analytical work programme for the coming year. A strategy to engage with targeted business stakeholders was discussed and developed. In particular, the ways in which this strategy dovetailed with other bodies and other ASC activities was seen as key.

7. CCRA – update on research programme and plans for CCRA3

Progress relating to initiatives to encourage funding for, and research on, the CCRA2 evidence gaps were reviewed and further plans for action were developed. The committee reviewed the ASC's proposed role for CCRA3.

8. AOB and close

The ASC's potential involvement in the next SCCAP was discussed briefly.

The next meeting is scheduled for 18th January 2018.