

**OVER 30 YEARS OF MAKING NOTTINGHAM GREENER TOGETHER**

Meeting hosted by It's in Nottingham held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Boardroom at Dryden Enterprise Centre, Nottingham Trent University, Dryden St, Nottingham NG1 4FQ

**ACTION NOTES**

**Attendees**

Name	Initials	Organisation
Adam Pickering	AP	<a href="#">Green Hustle</a>
Alex Flint	AF	<a href="#">It's In Nottingham</a>
Alice Colyer	ACol	<a href="#">Marketing Nottingham &amp; Nottinghamshire</a>
Alice Veldtman	AV	<a href="#">Raven Sky Consulting</a>
Amy Coulson	ACou	<a href="#">It's in Nottingham</a>
Anneli Judd	AJ	<a href="#">Notts Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</a>
Benita Stacey	BS	Nottingham City Council
Chloe Langley	CL	Nottingham City Council
Chris Pryke-Hendy	CPH	<a href="#">Nottingham Community Housing Association</a>
Clare Foster	CF	Nottingham City Council
Clare Maltby (guest speaker)	CM	<a href="#">East Midlands Combined County Authority</a>
Emily Brookes (vice chair)	EB	NHS
Emily Patrick	EP	<a href="#">Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust</a>
Emily Spencer	ES	<a href="#">Nottingham Trent University</a>
Fred Paterson	FP	<a href="#">Accelerate the Shift</a>
Harriet Thomas	HT	Nottingham City Council
Harry Smith	HS	<a href="#">Nottingham Playhouse</a>
Jacqueline Kirk (guest speaker)	JK	<a href="#">Nottingham Business School</a>
Jo Lees	JL	<a href="#">STAA Allotments</a>
Jorge Santana	JS	Nottingham City Council
Jorgen Pedersen	JP	Nottingham City Council
Joshua McCluskey	JMc	Nottingham City Council
Julian Marsh	JMa	<a href="#">Nottingham Climate Assembly</a>
Kate Ling	KL	<a href="#">Nottingham Trent University</a>
Kate Perrey	KP	Nottingham City Council
Keith Morgan (guest speaker)	KMo	Nottingham City Council
Laura Mayhew-Manchon	LMM	<a href="#">Nottingham Trent University</a>
Martin Land	MLa	Nottingham City Council
Michael Gallagher	MG	<a href="#">East Midlands Combined County Authority</a>
Mike Lyon	MLy	Nottingham City Council
Patrick Hort	PHo	<a href="#">Savoy Systems / Mammoth Climate Action Cinema</a>
Penny Halewood	PHa	<a href="#">Groundwork Nottingham</a>
Rachel Smith	RS	<a href="#">Nottingham Growing Network</a>
Richard Barlow (NGP Chair)	RB	<a href="#">Browne Jacobson</a>
Rob Kirkwood	RK	<a href="http://www.nosf.org.uk">http://www.nosf.org.uk</a>
Roger Whittle	RW	<a href="#">Jigsaw 24</a>
Roland Boyer Blanchard	RBB	<a href="#">Jigsaw 24</a>
Sally Longford (vice chair)	SL	
Sara Davies	SD	<a href="#">Active Partners Trust</a>
Sarah Ansari	SA	<a href="#">Walk Wheel Cycle Trust</a>
Sarah Manton	SM	<a href="#">Nottingham Open Spaces Forum</a>

## Action Notes

Item	Action
<b>1 Welcome, Introduction &amp; Housekeeping (Richard Barlow, NGP Chair)</b> <p><i>Introductions and venue housekeeping were given by RB and LMM.</i></p> <p><i>This meeting was very kindly hosted by It's in Nottingham and big thanks to them. ACoU will be giving an overview of It's in Nottingham and their sustainability contribution at the next meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</i></p> <p><b>New Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alice Colyer, Marketing Nottingham &amp; Nottinghamshire</li> <li>• Chris Carter, Nottingham City Council</li> <li>• Fred Paterson, Accelerate the Shift</li> <li>• Jacob Vivian, East Midlands Combined County Authority (apologies)</li> <li>• Joshua McCluskey, Nottingham City Council</li> <li>• Kate Ling, Nottingham Trent University</li> <li>• Kate Perrey, Nottingham City Council</li> <li>• Roland Boyer Blanchard, Jigsaw 24</li> <li>• Sara Davies, Active Partners Trust</li> </ul> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Quick, Nottingham Playhouse</li> <li>• Catherine Mayhew, Nottinghamshire County Council</li> <li>• Emily O'Donnell, University of Nottingham</li> <li>• Graham White, Nottingham City Council</li> <li>• Jacob Vivian, East Midlands Combined County Authority</li> <li>• James Thacker, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust</li> <li>• Jo Birch, Natural England</li> <li>• Lucelia Rodrigues, University of Nottingham</li> <li>• Matilda Crane, University of Nottingham</li> <li>• Peter Saunders, Nottingham City Council</li> <li>• Sarah Wainright, Natural England</li> <li>• Simone Codrington, Willmott Dixon</li> </ul>	
<b>2 EMCCA's Transport Strategy (Clare Maltby, East Midlands Combined County Authority)</b> <p><i>CM presented slides.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) are a locally led, democratically accountable body bringing together leaders from across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and their cities, under the leadership of the region's first directly elected Mayor, Claire Ward.</li> <li>• EMCCA's Inclusive Growth Framework has one core mission and six supporting ambitions.</li> <li>• One of the ambitions is that by 2040, communities in the East Midlands will benefit from reliable, inclusive and sustainable connectivity, through integrated transport and high-quality digital infrastructure, broadening access to opportunity and reducing reliance on private cars, while driving investment across the region.</li> <li>• This is set out in the Mayor's Transport Plan which sets the strategic direction for transport in the region and sets the framework for investment.</li> <li>• There is a consultation upcoming, with an aim to open on the 17 November.</li> <li>• <b><u>ACTION: Please participate in the consultation and share widely with your networks.</u></b></li> </ul> <p><u>Questions / Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHo: How much influence does the consultation feedback have? CM: There is an opportunity to influence. The full plan hasn't been written yet, just the high-level aims. Therefore, there is still scope for influence.</li> </ul>	ALL

- SL: Nottingham has a more advanced transport system. The Mayor has spoken a lot about rural transport; will Nottingham get a fair cut? Will we see improvements? CM: Nottingham has a lot of best practice and trail blazing when it comes to transport. So much will still be focused on our core cities, still a big focus in advancing transport. Nottingham also has a good pipeline of projects it can take forward. The challenge is to meet the needs of everyone.
- RK: What political/economic role do existing local authorities have? CM: An important one. There are formal structures at officer level to bring officers from relevant local authorities together. Politically, it goes through a collective committee and then the final plan goes to EMCCA Board.
- MLA: Went through a similar process in Liverpool, got a lot of capital but not much revenue. How are you going to ensure this isn't the case for EMCCA? We have 40% car ownership in the city. CM: Capital revenue split is a real challenge. We will get a bus grant, not confirmed which level that will be yet. Good public transport is crucial to mobility and social cohesion. We will be doing a collective regional bus improvement plan – this consultation is a good opportunity to get feedback on this. It's a big area of challenge and opportunity.
- FP: What provision will there be for improving monitoring on air quality? CM: Air quality is an objective. At this stage, unsure of details of monitoring specifically but there will be opportunities moving forwards.
- RB: How long is the consultation open for? CM: 12 weeks.
- **ACTION: RB suggests NGP to have collective response. All to advise RB if interested in contributing.**
- AP: Could we draft the response at the next meeting? RB: Not sure timing works out. The initial draft needs people with the most knowledge to come together but everyone will get a chance to review the response. We could sign it off at the next meeting as a group.
- **ACTION: CF to add CM to NGP speaker pipeline with view to update partnership in 2026.**

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### 3 Review Notes from Last Meeting, August 2025 (Richard Barlow, NGP Chair)

- Action to circulate terms of reference has been completed.
- **Green Hustle Festival 2025:** AP advised Green Hustle confirmed for either 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> May next year.
- **NGP Progress Review & Forward Planning Workshop:** CF advised that active NGP member's websites and upcoming meeting dates now feature on the NGP page: <https://www.cn28.co.uk/get-involved/nottingham-green-partnership/>

Notes reviewed and all agreed.

### 4 Hope & Optimism (Roger Whittle, Jigsaw 24)

*RW presented slides*

- RW presented 6 reasons for optimism: Trump 2.0 – Our Response, Technology, the current situation in China, FOMO & Capitalism, and Unstoppable Progress. The presentation concluded with a message of hope, originally created by Patagonia.

#### Questions / Discussion

- RB: How do we translate your points into action for the partnership? RW: we are all citizens of the world, have families and work for companies. We can all do something in our worlds – look at what you can do.
- AR: There is a counter narrative of pessimism. Money and resource for comms around good news is often limited. We should be sharing more good news. How does this link with EMCCA? RW: We do need to be more positive. We are seeing incremental improvements, for example no one buys diesel buses anymore.
- MLA: We have been looking at solar. We are only going to be able to achieve 10% on social housing due to scheme lengths. Solar has gone through same up and down as double glazing. There is an opportunity for a co-created scheme.
- PHo: We have a film called Power Station, which we are planning to show soon. If interested please check our site for updates: <https://mammothcinema.co.uk/Events>.
- RK: How do you factor in pollution from mining when considering renewable energy? RW: The pollution is comparatively less bad. Batteries are also evolving to be better and last longer – there is no reason they shouldn't last for years.

<b>5 Waterside Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge (Keith Morgan, Nottingham City Council)</b>	
<p><i>KM presented slides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All being well, the bridge will be installed next week Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We are not advertising it widely as we would like to keep spectator crowds to a minimum however, it will be filmed. The bridge is expected to fully open in May/June 2026.</li> <li>• This very exciting new pedestrian/cycling route across the Trent at Lady Bay will be established and provide a vehicle free alternative river crossing.</li> </ul>	
<b>6 Local Area Energy Plan Update (Mike Lyon, Nottingham City Council)</b>	
<p><i>MLy presented slides.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are going to be a stakeholder engagement questionnaire and series of workshops.</li> <li>• <b><u>ACTION: MLy asks that if you would like to be part of the stakeholder engagement process (and you are happy for your contact details to be shared with the project consultants for this purpose), please email <a href="mailto:catherine.judge@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">catherine.judge@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a>.</u></b></li> <li>• Additionally, please help us identify additional stakeholders. We are particularly seeking stakeholders for the following industrial estates: NG7 2UJ, NG2 1LW, NG7 2NN, NG1 5FS, NG2 3ED, NG2 3BS, NG6 8EQ</li> </ul> <p><u>Questions / Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KL: There may be some funding that we could look at collaboratively. We could take this offline and discuss further as there is funding such as UKRI. Also, has anyone from Nottingham Manufacturing Network been contacted? MLa: No, but we'd like to link up with them.</li> <li>• SM: Have you done any door knocking? You need to get out and see what is there. MLa: No, we haven't yet.</li> <li>• EB: Have you linked with the hospitals? MLa: Yes, we have. A representative of NUH sits on our working group.</li> </ul>	ALL
<b>7 Nottingham Mini Climate Assembly Analysis (Jacqueline Kirk, Nottingham Business School)</b>	
<p><i>JK presented slides.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The slides spotlighted a mini assembly which took place to coincide with NTU Global Responsibility Week.</li> <li>• Global Responsibility Week is an innovative and interdisciplinary initiative organised by Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University. The event brings together international partners, local community-based initiatives and industry representatives to inspire business students in sustainability.</li> <li>• In May 2025, a showcase held at the Nottingham Contemporary. Bringing together around 100 participants including business leaders, public sector representatives, NBS students, Nottingham Trent University academics and international scholars. The topic discussed was: What might business contribute to delivering net zero by 2028?</li> <li>• In Spring 2026 Nottingham Business School and Nottingham Climate Assembly will host a second assembly challenging decision makers on next steps.</li> <li>• <b><u>ACTION: JK puts call out for further assembly volunteers, and if interested to contact her on <a href="mailto:Jacqueline.kirk@ntu.ac.uk">Jacqueline.kirk@ntu.ac.uk</a></u></b></li> <li>• The NCA crowdfunder remains open to donations: <a href="https://www.nottinghamclimateassembly.co.uk/city-assembly">https://www.nottinghamclimateassembly.co.uk/city-assembly</a></li> <li>• NCA volunteer meeting is taking place on 19 November: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nottingham-climate-assembly-volunteer-event-tickets-1870121717399">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nottingham-climate-assembly-volunteer-event-tickets-1870121717399</a></li> </ul> <p><u>Questions / Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FP: On 3rd December, Mammoth Cinema and People Planet Pint are hosting a mini climate assembly. The aim is to get more businesses to attend the next assembly.</li> <li>• <b><u>ACTION: Let FP know any contacts who may wish to be involved: <a href="mailto:fred@accelerate-the-shift.com">fred@accelerate-the-shift.com</a></u></b></li> </ul>	ALL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SL: Hosting a mini assembly tomorrow for older citizens. 19<sup>th</sup> of November, hosting an event at Nottingham College.</li> </ul>	
<b>8 AOB</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Freskival 2026:</b> LMM advised here is an opportunity for upskilling with Climate Fresk. They have funding to bring a facilitator to deliver training in February 2026. It's in early days of being organised but let Laura know if you're interested in being involved.</li> <li>• <b>Nottingham Green Festival 2025 Revision Meeting:</b> SL noted that this year's festival had some insurance issues, and the festival needs some revision. If you'd like to be involved in the revision let SL know as there is an event upcoming.</li> <li>• <b>National Emergency Briefing:</b> FP raised the National Emergency Briefing happening towards the end of this month. Encouraged all members to pay attention to the outcome of the event and check if their MP is attending. Link to website: <a href="#">National Emergency Briefing on climate &amp; nature</a></li> </ul>	
<i>AOBs from members who couldn't attend the meeting:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Nature Recovery Strategy:</b> Catherine Mayhew has asked for the following to be mentioned: The final LNRS will be published on 10 November. A media release will be issued from the County Council, and the strategy document and online map will be available via the LNRS website <a href="http://www.nottsnaturerecovery.co.uk">www.nottsnaturerecovery.co.uk</a>. Catherine plans to speak at the February 2026 NGP event. For any queries, please contact the LNRS team on <a href="mailto:LNRSNN@nottscce.gov.uk">LNRSNN@nottscce.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Nottingham Workplaces 25/26: Personal Travel Planning advice:</b> James Thatcher has asked for the following to be mentioned: We are currently running a project supporting workplaces to help their staff travel actively in Nottingham. Information to be circulated with Action Notes.</li> <li>• <b>COP30:</b> NCC have prepared a COP30 factsheet. Information to be circulated with Action Notes.</li> </ul>	
<b>9 Close / request for future venues and speakers (Richard Barlow, NGP Chair)</b>	
Meeting closed at 12:15	

## Additional Information

### Next Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 3rd February 2025

**Time:** 9:30 – 12:00

**Location:** Browne Jacobson, Mowbray House, Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham, NG2 1BJ

### Future Meetings

Venues for each of these meetings have yet to be agreed, so please contact [climatechange@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) if you are able to host one or more of these meetings – thank you.

- Tuesday 12 May 2026, 9.30 – 12.00
- Tuesday 4 August 2026, 9.30 – 12.00
- Tuesday 3 November 2026, 9.30 – 12.00

### Further information

Website: <https://www.cn28.co.uk/get-involved/nottingham-green-partnership/>

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