

Climate Assembly UK Advisory Panel Minutes, Meeting one

Chair: Chris Shaw

Attendees from Climate Assembly UK team:

- Sarah Allan, Involve
- Rebecca McKee (dial-in), Involve
- Tim Hughes (Involve)
- Jack Miller, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)
- Nina Foster, UK Parliament
- Jim Watson, University College London and UK Energy Research Centre
- Lorraine Whitmarsh, University of Cardiff and UK Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (dial-in)
- Rebecca Willis, University of Lancaster

Attendees from Advisory Panel:

- Dr Alan Renwick (UCL Constitution Unit)
- Allen Creedy (FSB)
- Ann Jones (National Federation of Women's Institutes)
- Audrey Gallacher (Energy UK)
- Ceris Jones (NFU)
- Chaitanya Kumar (Green Alliance)
- Dhara Vyas (Citizens' Advice)
- Eamonn Ives (Centre for Policy Studies)
- Fernanda Balata (New Economics Foundation)
- Kirsten Leggatt (2050 Climate Group) (dial-in)
- Luke Murphy (IPPR)
- Prof Michael Grubb (UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources)
- Patrick Begg (National Trust)
- Doug Parr (Greenpeace)
- Rebecca Williams (RenewableUK)
- Tanisha Beebee (CBI)
- Tim Page (TUC)

Apologies for Absence:

- Matthew Lesh (Adam Smith Institute)
- Nick Molho (Aldersgate Group)
- Chris Stark, Committee on Climate Change

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Terms of reference
3. Briefing on Climate Assembly UK
4. Feedback on speakers and direction of outputs
5. Next steps and close

Minutes

Introduction:

Discussed the importance of this project for parliament and climate policy.

2050 is the target as this is the current government target

Discussed the role of the Advisory Panel - for balance, accuracy and comprehension

Terms of Reference

Chris Shaw talked through the terms of reference and ways of working.

Highlighted that the panel is advisory – as panel members may have contradictory views, not all comments can be taken on board

Background

Discussion of the origins of the assembly. Initial committee interest following the Citizens' Assembly on Social Care

Six Select Committees involved.

Briefing on Climate Assembly UK

- 3-4 key features: Representative sample, learning/deliberation/decision, balanced evidence, independently facilitated
- Participant recruitment
- Key roles: Expert Leads, Involve, Advisory Panel, Academic Panel, Parliament, Sortition Foundation, mySociety
- Assembly structure
- Becky Willis - talk through weekend one
- Jim Watson - talk through transport theme

Discussion and feedback

Discussion of the plans for weekend one and transport topic. Does where we're headed in terms of output areas look right? Do the panels look balanced? Are we looking at the right things, is anything omitted? Would the suggested speakers be good speakers?

Going forward

Next steps are to get comments on the designs to the Expert Leads.

Transport: Comments by midday Monday

Weekend One: midday Tuesday

In the home (heat and energy use): midday on Wednesday

What we buy / Food, farming and land use: end of the day on Wednesday