

GREM Member Meeting – 7th October 2015

Room 1 at RISC – 7:30 pm

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, and apologies;
2. Minutes of last member meeting held on 23rd May 2015
<http://www.grem.org.uk/resources/150523GREMMembersMinutes.pdf>
 - Agree correct
 - Actions and matters arising not covered elsewhere in agenda
3. Updates from GREM Officers and Committee:
 - Chair - PC
 - Treasurer – AC
 - Secretary – JB
4. Updates from GREM representatives on other bodies:
 - Cycling Forum – PC/TR
 - Reading Climate Change Partnership – JB
 - Social Value in Public Commissioning Project - TM
5. Possible GREM response to Council budget proposals to abolish the post of Sustainability Manager and reduce support to partners – consultation open to 16th October.
 - The proposals are under “Planning Development and Regulatory Services” – from Page 102 in http://beta.reading.gov.uk/media/3641/Full-Set-of-Budget-Proposals/pdf/Full_set_of_Proposals.pdf
 - They say: “Loss of sustainability management role will directly impact on partnership working where RBC have provided local leadership and been a champion in relation to climate change. Primary focus will be on our ability to maximise energy efficiency in relation to our buildings and land. Changes will reduce day to day support to customers, partners and staff.”
6. Climate Change – local initiatives in response to Paris Conference of Parties (COP21) in December 2015.
7. Members’ Forum – Networking Opportunity
 - PC to talk about a visit to Centre for Alternative Technology,
 - JB to talk about campaign against M4 widening

- JB to mention RESCUE clean-up initiative running from 8th to 10th October.
 - Any other topics most welcome - please let us know beforehand or at the meeting
8. GREN's future activities – what else should we be doing? - how can GREN help you or your organisation?
 9. A.O.B.
 10. Date and location of next meeting - AGM.

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