

## Climate Change Citizens' Jury – Oversight Panel

### Meeting #3

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 12-2pm, via Zoom

### Agenda

1. Introductions & notes of last meeting
2. Recruitment update
3. Commentators for initial sessions
4. Observers slots
5. Communications including website
6. Thinking ahead to after the jury – learning from previous processes
7. Next steps and timings for Oversight Panel activity/meetings
8. Any Other Business

### Attendees

#### Panel Members:

Number	Organisation/Group	Name
1	Southwark Council	Councillor Helen Dennis
2	Southwark Council	Chris Page
3	Southwark Council	Councillor Adele Morris
4	Citizens Advice	Chris Green
5	Extinction Rebellion Southwark	Eloise Waldon-Day
6	Southwark Law Centre	Harpreet Aujla
7	Southwark Group of Tenants Associations (SGTO)	Jack Lewis (Chair)
8	Lendlease	Miles Lewis
9	Southbank University	Prof Obas Ebohon

Also attending, but not part of the panel:

Jenny Willis, Shared Future (Presenter)

Pete Bryant, Shared Future (Presenter)

Jayne McFayden, Shared Future (Presenter)

Maria Lucien, Shared Future (Observer)

Tom Sharland, Southwark Council (Note taker)

Apologies:

Karrim Jalali, Fossil Free Southwark

Sonia Phippard, Lay Chair of Camberwell Deanery

Jack Skillen, Team London Bridge

Dr Aaron Gillich, Southbank University

Chris Mikata-Pralat, Community Southwark

Rachel Butler, Veolia

Rachel Segbenu, Southwark Youth Advisor

Helen Hayes, MP

## 1. Introductions & notes of last meeting

Welcome from Jack Lewis, chair of the meeting. Review of actions from previous meeting.

Request for bios from the group for those that have not responded. These will be uploaded to the project website.

The potential venue for the in-person meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> December is The Ministry, located between Elephant & Castle and Borough. Good feedback on the location from members of the group, although worth being clear that it isn't the Ministry of Sound.

Question from the group on the sustainability attributes of the venue. Locations for holding this meeting should ideally be exemplar.

**Action: Shared Future to follow up re sustainability of The Ministry, and also to check accessibility of the building.**

Regarding the second in person meeting in January, offer from Lendlease of The Pavilion or The Trunk, both in Elephant Park. The Pavilion is unlikely to be fully open, however, ML checking if there is availability in The Trunk. TBC.

Shared Future to keep group updated on locations via email, no objections to proposed locations.

**Action: circulate timeline for the Jury. Shared Future.**

## 2. Recruitment update

179 people applied to be part of jury, with 25 selected. Shared Future have had communication with 23 of the 25 selected and sent emails to the 2 people who have not yet confirmed attendance.

Oversight Panel has been sent a breakdown of the demographics for the jury. Met all targets, with a slight exception on the "Attitude to Climate Change" question, where the balance is not exact. Slight under-representation of 'not very concerned' addressed by small over recruitment of 'Not at all concerned/other/don't know';

Very positive response from phone conversations so far with those selected.

Very low drop-out rate for those that attend the initial meeting. Emails will go out to reserve list, and unsuccessful applicants, once the 25 members have been confirmed.

So far 2 people do not have devices. Suggestion that people could use libraries. Oversight Panel advised that Shared Future likes to ensure jury members have devices to use in their own homes to ensure convenience.

**Action: Shared Future / Southwark Council to confirm laptop provision.**

Question from the group: can the reserve list monitor sessions, so they are well prepared if they have to step in? Shared Future response - the video links of the presentations will be made available.

Noted by the panel that there was a recent map produced that highlights location of computers/wifi access around the borough. However, it was also noted that the John Harvard library and some TRA halls are still closed (Covid related) and the other libraries would likely be closed for the evening sessions.

Question as to whether any interpreters have been requested? Response from Shared Future: not so far, but ensuring we ask as we speak to each individual.

### 3. Commentators for initial sessions

Update from Shared Future:

With regards to the second session – Joanna Haigh will be able to present on introductory What is Climate Change, did the same at the national climate assembly.

Caoimhe Basketter (young climate activist) has confirmed attendance to present on the impacts of climate change. Second academic still required to help with this session. Matt Babic from Anthesis has confirmed regarding the session on where Southwark's emissions are coming from.

A number of speakers have declined due to post COP work or personal reasons (e.g. family commitments).

A comment from the group was made about ensuring the speakers highlight the need for a just transition.

Session 1 – Evening slot, introduction to why the council have committed to the process, alongside introduction from selected Oversight Panel members.

Introductory activities to introduce the process to the group.

Session 2 – Evening, online slot as described above.

Session 3 – Chance to digest the information given so far, jury members input from own lives and different perspectives, and facilitate a discussion on the areas of focus in Jan/Feb.

Question from the group - Will there be somebody contextualising climate change within the local area? Response – yes, Southwark specific impacts, and also the emissions generated directly within the borough. (Session 2)

Question from the group - How do we ensure the jury is effectively answering the question ('effective and fair'). Response – constant reference to the question throughout the process. The jury will have this in mind and be able to ask questions based on this through the process. If required, the jury has the opportunity to put draft questions to the commentators, to further help understand potential effectiveness.

Questions from the group - Are we doing our own evaluation process? Response - Are we evaluating the process or the output from the jury? If the question is about the process, yes absolutely. Shared Future carry out a survey of jury members at the half way point in the process.

Agreement from the group that any evaluation should NOT be judging the jury's work and recommendations, but rather the process itself and the response to the recommendations.

**Action: Council to consider evaluation of the process and confirm what will be put in place.**

**Action: Welcome any thoughts in the next week on evaluation methods.**

#### 4. Observers slots

Updated from Shared Future - Online meetings can take 3/4 people per session. At in person session, we try to limit to 1/2 so as not to overwhelm the jury.

Useful for oversight panel members to attend, but also for people who are in a position of influence to deliver on the recommendations.

Agreement from the group that this could be of interest for external contacts.

Suggestion that a Google Doc is set up to cover both observers slots, from oversight panel members and external contacts.

**Action – Shared Future to set up a Google Doc to help plan who would like to attend each session. To be discussed at next panel meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Question from group - Can we have access to the meeting times, in calendars, so we know what is happening?

**Action – Shared Future to share, without Zoom link, in order to manage numbers.**

Question from the group - What will be the process with recording?

Response - The commentator input is recorded, the presentation will be made available online. We do not record the Q&A sessions, these are noted by hand. There is an option to record the launch session when that is planned.

Question from the group - Availability of some oversight panel members means they can't attend and would like to suggest alternatives. Response – yes, but need to be conscious on not overloading sessions as noted above.

It must be noted that Observers are there to listen only, not permitted to contribute during the meeting.

## 5. Communications including website

Shared Future update about learning from other sessions across the UK:

- Comms can be often thought about at the last minute, must be fully resourced (20% of the budget for the national assembly was spent on Comms)
- Who do we need to target and at what stage? Before, during the process and once the recommendations are published
- Good website presence is also important, must include the process that has been followed for selecting the jury.
- Commitments: these can be published on the website to demonstrate support.
- Oversight Panel: role should be explained on the website.
- Final report: this should also be added to the website, how do we summarise and ensure the information is accessible.
- Interviews/Quotes: videos from jury members at the end of the process, has worked well in other locations.
- Example from France: faces of the members should be shared, to help build a shared understanding that the wider public can relate to.

Welcome thoughts from Oversight Panel members on what they would like to see.

The Council are pulling together a long list of Comms opportunities, which will be added to following this meeting. It should be noted that we must work the best we can with the website we have now. Plans for a microsite in the future to better engage on the climate agenda, but this will not be ready in time.

Question from the group - Facebook live – could this be an option in lieu of a microsite? Response - This can be considered as a supplement rather than being used as an alternative.

**Action: Council to Share Comms plan ahead of next meeting, to be on the agenda for the next meeting.**

## 6. Thinking ahead to after the jury – learning from previous processes

Update from Shared Future – All experience shows that the council will have a very engaged group of residents who we want to support. Some examples include;

Lancaster – jury members have become involved on committees and other local groups.

Oversight panel discussed what opportunities can be offered to jury members following the process. Southwark Planning Network, SGTO and many other local groups could benefit. Putting together a shared list of options would be welcome.

From the first jury session, it should be clear what options there are for engagement following completion of the recommendations.

Comments raised about ensuring support for those members to free up time following the publication of the recommendation, to support the ongoing process.

Another example is an informal scrutiny role – called back to check on progress. Further example from France, on forming an NGO that has been set up by the group to track progress.

**Action: Council will be formulating ideas and suggestions from the group welcome.**

#### 7. Next steps and timings for Oversight Panel activity/meetings

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12-2pm.

Possible Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, if required.

After the process has finished a final meeting is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Some degree of responsivity will be needed, possible interim meetings.

Interest was expressed in meeting in person, particularly from those members of the panel who want to remain involved after the process.

**Action: Shared Future to explore with the group by email regarding meeting in person.**

What can we do to encourage panel members of the group to attend? Share meeting notes and key action points earlier.

With regards to the jury, online can make sessions more accessible. No feedback from the group that in person will be a particular problem. The two in person sessions are scheduled at the most valuable points in the process, where there is real benefit to meeting in person.

#### 8. Any Other Business

Positive feedback on the Climate Emergency logo. Council considering how best to use this going forward.