

CLASP – Summary of Year 1 Activity (July 08 – July 09)

In its first year CLASP was established and delivered by 4NW on behalf of the NW Climate Change Partnership with funding from NWIEP (the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership) and the North West Development Agency.

An Advisory Group with representatives from NW local authorities, national and regional agencies (incl. GONW & EST) was established to oversee activities, chaired by Colin Hilton of the NWIEP board.

All CLASP services were free-to-access for all officers and members of all NW LAs and LSPs.

Outputs	<p>www.clasp-nw.info developed & launched, hosting technical information and best practice examples around NI 185, 186, 188</p> <p>7 events and 2 consultation workshops delivered, c.360 attendees, providing >1900 hrs of learning/networking</p> <p>Set of regionally focussed NI 186 resources developed</p> <p>Series of 23 LSP training sessions developed and commissioned. 11 delivered to end of July 09. Remained to follow in September 09.</p> <p>290 CLASP Members registered (3/4 from NW LAs and LSPs. 1/4 from regional or national agencies).</p> <p>9 newsletters of information and resources issued</p> <p>4 CLASP Advisory Group meetings held</p>																		
Budget	£106k in year 1 including 0.6 FTE coordination role																		
Outcomes	<p>Assessing the outcomes of CLASP that are attributable directly and solely to the programme is relatively difficult in the context of other national and sub-regional initiatives that support LAs and LSPs on climate change issues. However the Year 1 Evaluation and Future Scoping Survey established:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Question:</th> <th>Greatly</th> <th>A little</th> <th>Not at all</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Has your understanding of key issues relating to NI 185, NI 186 and NI 188 increased since September 2008?</td> <td style="text-align: center;">93.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>If yes, to what extent has CLASP contributed to this?</td> <td style="text-align: center;">46.7%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">46.7%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6.7%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Question:	Greatly	A little	Not at all	Total	Has your understanding of key issues relating to NI 185, NI 186 and NI 188 increased since September 2008?	93.5%	6.5%	0%	100%	If yes, to what extent has CLASP contributed to this?	46.7%	46.7%	6.7%	100%
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“CLASP keeps us moving forward. Without the external impetus that they provide, our progress would be slower.”

“CLASP is good for bringing people together from across the region to exchange experiences. This wouldn't have happened without the programme.”

All Quotes from CLASP Yr 1 Evaluation & Future Scoping Survey

CLASP – Key Activities Year 1

Members web-portal Development of a website facilitating exchange of information and views for North West local authority officers, LSP members and other regional agencies: www.clasp-nw.info.

CLASP Network >290 people from NW LAs, regional and national agencies received monthly newsletters, regular invitations to workshops and access to new tools, information and resources.

Newsletters Newsletters were issued monthly, shared developments in climate change policy and practice, and acted as a conduit for communications from GONW, IDeA and central government to NW LAs and LSPs.

“The CLASP newsletters have filled a real gap.”

“Covers everything I need to know and has given me advance knowledge e.g. on interpreting guidance”

Events & workshops CLASP provided 7 events and 2 workshops in its first year, with 360 people attending (approx. 1900 hours of learning/sharing). Events were delivered with: Defra, DECC, UKCIP, EST, Carbon Trust, GONW, NWDA, CHPA and other climate change & energy related agencies.

“Events are really well organised. Being local and free is really helpful. It means that we can attend regularly which we would not normally be able to do.”

NI 186 Fact-sheets Initial consultation in the region identified NI 186 (reduction in CO₂ from the LA area) as a priority for regional support. In response to this, and after further consultation with LAs and LSPs CLASP developed a set of regionally focussed NI 186 “fact-sheet” resource packs .

“Top quality materials”

“Responsive and helpful briefing notes which help LA and LSPs.”

Supporting Local Leadership – LSP Workshops

Delivery commenced of a series of 23 ½ day climate change training sessions (1 per LSP leading on an LAA). The sessions outline the local implications of NI 185, 186, 188 and identify ways in which LSP member bodies can develop joint working.

“Very useful in raising awareness of LSP members and elected members outside the obvious portfolio holders.”

Sharing Learning Nationally CLASP has been recognised nationally as demonstrating best practice and has presented the programme activity at: LGA annual conference, workshop for NW Fire & Rescue Service LAA leads, and the IDeA online Climate Change Conference.

Future Focus

Years 2 & 3 of CLASP will be hosted by Liverpool City Council, with funding from the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership. Over the next 2 years CLASP will continue to strengthen North West climate change leadership capacity, support LA officers and facilitate information exchange and learning. With increased resource there will be an emphasis on sub-regional working, and more differentiated support services.

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