

Meeting Minutes

Environment Local Democracy Group

Thursday, 13 November 2025

2-14 Fisher St Petersham

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm and concluded at 8:30pm

Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors
Lorin Lambert	Jon Stiebel	
Jo Blackman	Sonya Williams	
Daniel Lunney		
Andy Leach		
Kathryn Michie		
John Patava		
Robert Helstroom		
Ian Downes		
Francis Breen		

Chairperson :

Lorin Lambert chaired the meeting

Acknowledgement of Country

Chair gave acknowledgement of country

Apologies and membership changes:

Apologies: Patrick Medley

Disclosures of conflicts of interest Nil

Previous meeting minutes

Convenor provided an update on actions from September 2025 meeting

Discussion Items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)
Inner West Sustainability Hub	October ELDG site visit report back	Convenor to share new reuse and repair map Convenor to provide feedback from ELDG to relevant Sustainability Hub staff for consideration
Native Bees	Suggestions by Daniel Lunney for Council to research the establishment of a stingless native bee trial	Daniel Lunney to provide details / contacts from Sydney University, Ku-ring-gai Council and Tim Herd. Convenor to share updated background information on current Council & community programs to support native bees.
Climate Change policy challenge workshop	The ELDG commenced addressing Climate Policy Challenge work. <i>The Inner West community is characterised by diverse incomes, cultural backgrounds, and dwelling types, including apartments, houses, townhouses, and boarding houses. How can we ensure that everyone in our community lives well sustainably, and nature thrives in a changing climate?</i> Workshop held to commence this work. Discussions focused on: What does “living well sustainably” mean to you personally?	Two groups addressed these challenges and reported back summaries. Workshop outcomes will be summarised and shared with the Environment Local Democracy Group and staff working on Council’s Climate Strategy. Convenor to provide community carbon emissions inventory and net zero pathways information to the ELDG. Next ELDG meeting to continue on Policy Challenge

Who do we need to consider and what barriers might different groups face in living sustainably?

What actions do you think the council, community groups, or individuals could take to help everyone live well sustainably?

Next meeting: 2026 dates TBC

