



SSCC informal meeting notes
Tuesday 29th November 2022, 6pm
Meeting room, Town Hall / Mayor's Parlour

In Attendance

Emma Smith
Richard Thomas
Christina Strickland
Angela King
Lucy Barfoot
Brie Logan (STC)

Jenny Morisetti
Lucy Young
John Nelson
Jen Hirsch
Cllr A Chase (STC)
Billy Maddock (STC)

BL spoke about the projects STC is currently working on, namely:

- 5-year tree plan working with Shaftesbury Tree Group
- Play offer throughout the town - in need of improvement - creating play experience – learning through nature
- Open Spaces Management Plan – pull together everything STC does – linking in with ecology and conservation (Bury Litton draft plan in progress)
- Replacement vehicle for grounds team
- Town Hall refurbishment
- Coppice Street car park
- Lido feasibility study
- Shaftesbury Wellness
- Christmas Lights - LED
- Allotments and donation boxes – Open Fridge
- Aim for Green Flag status for Shaftesbury Open Spaces
- Solar Panels on Lido and Town Hall roof – improved maintenance regime

The Strategic Plan was developed in 2017 and the Sustainable Communities Action Plan was adopted in 2019. Both plans need to be reviewed to reflect current priorities.

It was discussed that an overarching set of criteria will need to be developed for all Open Spaces so all other Management Plans can feed off it.

BL – Will work on Management Plans for the following four areas - Bury Litton, Queen Mother's Garden, Cemetery, Brionne Gardens. The development of plans will be managed in phases over a period of time.

All plans need to be achievable and realistic, short and simple to engage the public. Work is needed to promote the plans via effective PR and external comms. Raise the bar in how we communicate with the community.

Dorset Climate Action Network – over 200 organisations included, could possibly tap into those resources.

Truro and Helston are held up as experts in managing Climate Change/Sustainability – BL shared Helston's Plan Headings – a similar approach could be adopted by STC.

Shaftesbury School is involved - STC Youth Council is on board. Sustainable Shaftesbury / Environment including litter, Play Masterplan and Visitor Experience are identified as the projects the Youth Council want to get involved in.

Open Fridge – STC has set up collection boxes at allotments with surplus goods going to Open Fridge – needs to be advertised more.

It was agreed that better advertising of what is already happening in Shaftesbury and at the Town Council is needed. This includes not just having a one liner i.e 'Leave your car at home' – need further information and engagement on how to action these key messages.

Need to increase promotion of Plastic Free Shaftesbury - Possible video promotion.

Ideas to investigate further:

1. Use low water plants/planting as started by the Abbey
2. Wessex Water – check if they still give out Water butts – do they want to be involved – potential sponsor?
3. Website – include buttons for each heading for quick access

JH and LB to link up to discuss icons for the Plan.

1. Vision

Agreed headings/ themes:

1. Engaging and Enabling our community
2. Transforming our Nature – include Gardens/Hedges/Soil under this heading
3. Supporting Sustainable Food
4. Reducing Consumption and Waste – include water under this heading
5. Reducing Energy Demand and Producing Smarter Energy
6. Changing the way we move around
7. Supporting our local businesses

Plan to include:

1. This is what the council is doing
2. This is what businesses are doing
3. This is what you can do

Venn diagram to be overview of Plan – to include Nature, Climate and Wellbeing

BL/BM to send out draft paper for comments

2. Neighbourhood Plan review – will need to be reviewed in 2023 – Climate Plan to feed into NP

3. Working Group members and community stakeholders – all attendees agreed to be involved

4. Schedule of meetings

Agreed to meet monthly, every second Tuesday of every month at 6pm

Next Meeting 10th January 2023, 6pm, Mayor's Parlour

Meeting closed 7:35pm.

Post Meeting Note:

RT proposed the maxim 'Think Global, Act Local' as the mission statement for the working group at that meeting and hope this is helpful.

AK provided the following definitions:

During the 1970s **sustainability** became a way of thinking - Richard Sandbrook, first at FOE and then IIED with Barbara Ward, elaborated upon the need suggested by The Club of Rome - Donella Meadows et al in *The Limits to Growth* 1972 "...to establish a condition of ecological and economic stability that is sustainable far into the future"

The first widely influential definition of sustainability that I remember was established in *Our Common Future*, 1987 where "the United Nations Brundtland Commission defined sustainability as **"meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."**

and later "Sustainable living means understanding how our lifestyle choices impact the world around us and finding ways for everyone to live better and lighter." UNEP