

**Sustainable Shaftesbury – working Group meeting**  
**Informal meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6pm**

Attendees invited:

Lucy – Coconut and Cotton	Nicola Hall – Open Fridge
Lucy Young	Richard Thomas
John Nelson	Angela King
Christina Strickland	Sue Clifford
Jen Hirsch	Bernard Ede
Chris Harwood – Planet Shaftesbury	Helen English - SHG
Jenny Morrisetti	Alex Chase (Lead Councillor)
<i>Mike Cummings</i> (management plans) Opportunity to attend in the spring when draft management plans are under review	<i>Chris Berwick</i> (landscape contractor) Opportunity to attend in the spring when draft management plans are under review

**Agenda**

1. Recap on last meeting – actions and next steps

**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

JH and LB to link up to discuss icons for the Plan – progress update

2. **Progress update**

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. BL to provide a progress report.

3. **Vision**

How to bring all Climate Change initiatives/ aspects together under one ‘Sustainable Shaftesbury’ Plan – develop a sustainable and realistic plan for approval by STC.

4. **Management plans – progress update**

- a) Gold Hill Wall - Biological Survey and Ecological Reports are still current and accurate, only amendment would be the frequency of vegetation management
- b) Bury Litton
- c) St James Park – management of the slopes
- d) Queen Mothers Garden
- e) Brionne Gardens

5. **Ideas to investigate further:**
  - a) Use low water plants/planting as started by the Abbey
  - b) Wessex Water – check if they still give out Water butts – do they want to be involved – potential sponsor?
  - c) Website – include buttons for each heading for quick access
  - d) Hedging collective purchase scheme
6. **Video from TAG Energy** – show at the meeting
7. **Neighbourhood Plan review update**
8. **Community engagement** – from creating healthy homes.com – discuss next steps...



# ENERGY SAVING MEASURES



Every home's energy usage can be improved with a few simple tweaks:

<p><b>OUTDOORS</b></p> <p>Is the roof in good condition? Are your PV panels clean?</p> <p>Check for anything that might cause damp; cracks in pointing/render, damaged/blocked downpipes and that the soil level is below the damp proof course.</p> <p>Check for gaps and cracks around doors and windows - are all your doors solid enough and draught proofed?</p>	<p><b>INDOORS</b></p> <p><b>Heating controls</b> In order to reduce energy you need to monitor it - a smart meter can help. Turning down the thermostat by 1deg saves 10% on your heating bill.</p> <p><b>Draught proofing</b> Controlled ventilation helps reduce condensation and damp, use a smoke pencil draught detector or an incense stick to detect them and use draught excluders on doors where possible.</p> <p><b>Radiators</b> Bleed regularly and add reflectors to deflect heat from the walls. Keep furniture and curtains clear. Ensure efficient controls are fitted.</p> <p><b>Light bulbs</b> The equivalent output of two power stations has been saved by the switch to energy saving lightbulbs such as LEDs. Have you made the switch?</p> <p><i>See overleaf for more ideas...</i></p>
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## 9. Budget for 2023/ 2023 – draft budget to date

Neighbourhood Plan	£6,259	Policies to be updated to reflect legislative changes with NPPF and review of sustainability/ climate change related policies
Tree Plan	£3,000	Year 4 tree plan (included in a budget of £18,000 set for tree works)
Comprehensive Management Plans to include biodiversity for all open spaces	£18,000	Professional and Legal fees (Note – this is the total budget therefore a percentage will be applied for the development of the management plans.) Included in these plans will be the need to develop a 'Pollinator' action plan and 'Biodiversity' action plan.
Sub-contract labour	£25,000	Grounds related expertise to support the development of sustainable open spaces across some initial sites. (Note – this is the total budget therefore a percentage will be applied for the development of the four open spaces.)
Public Spaces/Environment/ Verges/Roadsides	£0	Welcome gateways to the town/roundabout management/ management of scheduled monuments
PR and comms officer	£9,691	This part-time role will help support the resident engagement in terms and raise the profile of (a) what is already in place that residents may want to support – to include activity with existing community groups/ organisations (b) new projects that people may want to get involved in.
Shaftesbury Wellness	£4,000	Reach out to more residents (1508 in 2022) in collaboration with NHS in terms of health and wellbeing.
Vehicle replacement( Grounds)	£17,879	Research being undertaken to find a sustainable 'green' solution for managing the replacement vehicle.
Lido Plant room	£27,790	Research being undertaken to find a sustainable 'green' solution for the Lido plant.
Lido capital Investment	£12,000	As above.