



## **Sustainable Shaftesbury - informal meeting summary**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 6pm

Meeting room, Town Hall / Mayor's Parlour

### **In Attendance**

Jenny Morisetti  
Richard Thomas  
John Nelson  
Jen Hirsch  
Bernard Ede  
Sam Joshi  
Brie Logan (STC)

Lucy Young  
Angela King  
Sue Clifford  
Chris Harwood  
Cllr Virginia Edwyn-Jones  
  
Billy Maddock (STC)

### **Apologies**

Cllr A Chase (STC)  
Christina Strickland

Nicola Hall – Open Fridge  
Lucy Barfoot

### **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

BL read out Ground Rules for the Working Groups and its meetings to make the meetings run smoothly.

It was agreed to change the Climate Action Plan to Sustainability Shaftesbury Action Plan.

A presentation showing what the Council is doing so far under the headings shared in Point 1.

Jenny Morisetti spoke about her farm and the different clothing/textile repurposing projects.

Jen spoke about the logo and icons – need to be identifiable and recognisable - people use logos and colours to recognise and remember items.

## 2. Progress update

How to bring all Climate Change initiatives/ aspects together under one 'Sustainable Shaftesbury' Plan – develop a sustainable and realistic plan for approval by STC in April 2023. Note if this date is not achievable then a progress update will be presented.

## 3. 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

**Action:** Angela will review the Dorset Council Biological Survey and Ecological Reports from 2009 and provide feedback on content relating to species noting this information will transfer into the Gold Hill wall Management Plan

## 4. Community activity / Comms – development of a database/ library of community organisations needed. Dorset CAN are in the process of collating this data across the county – avoid duplication and increase community communication and engagement

**Action:** Jenny M will share the information collated by Dorset CAN and her and Jen will link in with Planet Shaftesbury to establish the 'library'/ database. Feed this info in to the STC office and this can be collated by the office team.

**Action:** Sue, Angela and Chris will draft up a Calendar of activity linked to ecology – such as the seasons for swifts/ hedgehogs/ nesting/ bats/ insects etc...this will form the start of a series of community comms.

**Action:** Sue and Angela will check out the copyright for the 101 examples of how you can help nature.... Natures call for help... Longer term plan is how to convert 100 examples in to into Instagram posts

## 5. Other: Neighbourhood Plan considerations:

- a) Green corridors – encourage nature to thrive – ability to link so they have a better chance.
- b) Permeable surfaces – the need to think about water in so many ways.
- c) Include SUDS manual (adopted by UK Government) – conceptual framework for NP. Linear corridors related to drainage to form a conceptual basis for future development.
- d) Use a GIS system (QGIS) – to develop an open space framework within the town. Gardens form part of this hierarchical approach.

## 6. Development of the Sustainable Shaftesbury Plan

Each 'owner' will add information in using their knowledge of what activity is already in place. Think about the issue) and what 'good looks like' and the bit in between is the action required! For now we will work on the just the three headings:

1. Climate/ Carbon
2. Biodiversity
3. Health and wellbeing

Communication and Education – Engaging and Enabling our community	Jen and Chris
Nature	Sue and Angela
Changing the way we move around	John and Christina
Supporting Sustainable Food	Sam/ Jenny and Lucy
Reducing Consumption and waste	Lucy – Coconut & Cotton (Lucy to share)
Reducing Energy Demand and Producing Smarter Energy	Jenny
GIS mapping	John/ Bernard
Supporting Local Businesses	Lucy?

## 7. Other

CSE (Centre of sustainable energy) - <https://www.cse.org.uk/local-energy>

Blueprint for STC to have energy plan – for discussion at a future meeting.

An icon of a Swift to be the logo for Nature

Include GH logo (houses)

Aim: to complete the draft SS plan by 18<sup>th</sup> April

Youth council – will be meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January – this summary will feed into the meeting. Members of the Youth Council will be invited to the next Sustainable Shaftesbury meeting.

Freiburg is widely considered the single best city for sustainable urban development – for more info [https://wwf.panda.org/wwf\\_news/?204419/Freiburg-green-city](https://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?204419/Freiburg-green-city)

**Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6pm at the Town Hall**