



Sustainable Shaftesbury - informal meeting summary

Tuesday 14th February 2023, 6pm

Meeting room, Council Chamber

In Attendance

Jenny Morisetti

Richard Thomas

John Nelson

Chris Harwood

CLlr A Chase (STC) – arrived at 6.18pm

Erin – Youth Council

Billy Maddock (STC)

Jen Hirsch

Angela King

Sue Clifford

Bernard Ede – arrived at 6.57pm

Lucy Barfoot – joined online

Brie Logan (STC)

Apologies

Nicola Hall – Open Fridge

Lucy Young

Christina Strickland

Sam Joshi

1. Recap on last meeting – actions and next steps

BL explained Draft Sustainable Shaftesbury Plan, talking about the different sections and what is currently being done/can be done.

It was clarified that the Plan is still only a draft plan and there will be many revisions before the draft plan is complete.

1.1. Sue spoke about the [Shaftesbury Action Plan for Nature](#) and the recommendations to the Town Council. Connectivity is the key – Protecting – Improving - Increasing

John asked about STC cut and collecting mowing this summer, so not to lose another season. This will be looked into and is likely at this stage to need a phased approach. The Grosvenor Bank is currently managed by cut and collect which is done by hand.

John advised that DC are already using cut and collect. Community Farms are happy to accept cuttings.

Sue continued to speak about recommendations re Communication, Mapping and Practical Projects (STC to work with existing groups).

The aim is to encourage residents to learn how to deal with their gardens, leaflet 'Let's Go Wild' to encourage biodiversity in their own gardens. Sue to draft poster and present to STC for consideration. Possible grant funding may be needed for printing.

Communication - STC to assist with communication to Shaftesbury residents, online and via paper copies. Possibility to have a separate section on the STC website to advertise Sustainable Shaftesbury.

Chris mentioned the lack of insects. Could there be an engagement where residents monitor insects? Similar to RSPB monitoring birds.

1.2. John spoke about [Changing the Way we Move Around](#)

How could we make the town safer for pedestrians and cyclists – width of pavements is a problem. Could cycle route outside Lidl be linked to Barton Hill? Christy's Lane – very busy and not good for cyclists.

EVCP – DC strategy 2021-2023 – charging hubs – need to be mindful of not concreting over grassland. BL informed the group that Phase 2 in Coppice Street car park proposal includes charging hub for long stay users.

Volunteer Car sharing / Carlink to be looked into in the future.

1.3. Lucy – Reducing Plastic

Can advise businesses on plastic use / recycling bins around the town.

Questions from the group to be submitted to Billy to collate – to be forwarded to Lucy.

Suggested to look and engage with Wimborne War on Waste.

1.4. Jenny spoke about Energy reduction and leaflet she produced. Possible combine with 'Let's Go Wild' leaflet?

Awareness to residents -

- Healthy Homes issues
- Wellbeing aspect – create a healthy home
- [Green Register](#) for builders and architects
- [Lendology](#) – PV Solar Panels
- [Solar Streets](#) (other programmes are available) – representative in each street to see where solar panels could be placed in each street – reduction in cost if scaffolding shared
- Super Homes – Retrofit improved buildings
- Community Engaged Landscapes
- Free retrofit seminars

Encourage industrial areas to have PV Panels

DCA Energy Group - Community Solar energy event – 28th February 7pm, Zoom meeting

1.5. Jenny spoke about Food Sustainability

Sam has been in contact with [Sustain](#)

Possibility to get in touch with local schools, initiate sustainable eating.

1.6. Richard spoke about the DC Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Strategy, 2023-25. He highlighted that it was an important document that had significance for the work we were doing but that it appeared to be rowing back on the urgent nature of that work by dropping the word 'emergency' in the title of its original 2021 strategy document and that we shouldn't let it. He also highlighted that on the plus side two of the strategy's top 20 priorities for the next two years were to produce a new Dorset Local Plan and Local Transport Plan as well as to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Dorset.

2. Management Plans and Neighbourhood Plan updates

Brie spoke about the emerging Management Plans for various STC sites and how it links with the Sustainable Shaftesbury Plan. She also spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan and gave an update on the latest developments.

Any ideas for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan to be sent to the Town Council by end of February for consideration and possible inclusion in the new Plan.

Meeting closed 8:06pm.