



Sustainable Shaftesbury - informal meeting summary

Tuesday 11th April 2023, 6pm
Meeting room, Council Chamber

In Attendance

Jen Hirsch
Christina Strickland
Chris Hardwood
Sam Joshi
Cllr A Chase (STC) – arrived at 6.35pm
Brie Logan (STC)

Richard Thomas
John Nelson
Jenny Morisetti
Lucy Young
Rachel Bodle
Billy Maddock (STC)

Apologies

Bernard Ede
Lucy Barfoot
Sue Clifford

Nicola Hall – Open Fridge
Angela King
Erin (Youth Council)

1. Vision for Shaftesbury

Rachel spoke about the proposed vision – a community vision bringing the community together - wide ranging, far reaching, comprehensive.

Conversation with the community – how to capture?

People's Plan for Nature – inspiring. She spoke about the review of the Neighbourhood Plan, valuable and pragmatic.

Work on community vision for Shaftesbury - would be ready for when NP needs to be reviewed again

Need to form Steering Group to gain community support, need audit trail so trust can be built. Work would need to be done by a community group, bought into by STC. It has been achieved by other communities – i.e. Frome.

Consensus was positive, very good idea and something to investigate.

Action: RB to develop a proposal and to share with STC, SYC and Sustainable Shaftesbury.

2. Review Biodiversity checklist and Environmental policy

BL spoke about the development of the policy and checklist.

LY – recommended to add the word 'influence' to first sentence.

A discussion was held about the policy and checklist. It was clarified that these will feature in the management plans for STC open spaces.

Developments will be measured/bench marked as the management plans will be developed.

CH – expecting to see Climate change checklist.

Action: It was agreed for each pillar in the Sustainable Shaftesbury Plan to have their own checklist and measure.

Action: Environmental policy and Biodiversity checklist to be sent to the group with the meeting notes, for review by the group by Monday 17th April, 12noon.

3. Sustainable Shaftesbury plan current and next steps

JH spoke about proposing to pull a lot of the content out of the plan and placing it further down, indicating whether they are being thought about, are in development or being actioned.

She explained of making it easier to read, with boxes at the bottom and only tick boxes in the actual spreadsheet.

Projects could be categorised at

Council only

Council in collaboration with Businesses / groups only

Suggested to include projects that are for a later date to be included in another box.

JM still working on the Energy piece as well as the master statement.

Action: It was agreed that target dates should be included in the Plan to make it more meaningful.

JH confirmed that she is seeing her role as pulling other people's ideas and suggestions together, so the plan has consistency.

Every pillar will have an introduction.

Action: JH and JM to send the energy part to STC for distribution to the group.

A discussion was held about the inclusion of the Health & Wellbeing category and the relevance of it within the plan.

Cllr Chase left the meeting at 7.52pm.

Action: JH to send template and V5 of the plan to everyone and will meet with the group individually to shape the plan/wording.
LY agreed to look at the food section, JH and JN at the Transport section, JM at the energy section.

4. Pillar master statements

Discussion incorporated in the above discussion, item 3.

5. DC Planning for climate change

The Listed Buildings - What You Can Do For Climate Change report was presented to and adopted by DC Cabinet on 28th March. This document will sit alongside the current adopted Local Plans whilst the Unitary Local Plan is being worked on.

6. Neighbourhood Plan review of policies

BL gave an update on the next steps – update the plan to include the need to adapt over the next 10/20 years. Some policies are still relevant, some require updating via a robust process.

7. Any other business

BL shared 'Let's go Wild' poster from Angela and Sue.

Action: BL to send out to the group.

Meeting closed 8.04pm

Next meeting Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 6pm at the Town Hall