



Sustainable Shaftesbury - informal meeting summary

Tuesday 11th July 2023, 6pm

Town Hall meeting room

In Attendance

Richard Thomas

Bernard Ede

Sue Clifford

Mike Cummings

Billy Maddock (STC)

Brie Logan (STC)

John Nelson

Jen Hirsch

Angela King

Apologies

Lucy Young

Jenny Morisetti

Chris Harwood (no longer a member)

Cllr John Lewer

Christina Strickland

An update on progress with Sustainable Shaftesbury Policy and Action Plan -
Presented by Angela King (AK), John Nelson (JN) and Richard Thomas (RT)

Summary of progress overview:

Masterplan for the future of Shaftesbury under development presented by RT. The plan will incorporate the Environmental policy. Penultimate meeting in August with policy sign off in September > STC.

Appendices: intention that the biodiversity checklist is a standalone document but incorporated to the masterplan. As is the Allotments Policy. Loop Frome is all about the circular economy. Let's Go Wild is all relevant for inclusion.

Flyers may need to be included as a separate publications section – online? Further discussions needed.

Reference to the Vision - very important statement. Reference was made to Vision4Shaftesbury.

Sustainable Shaftesbury (meat of the document) - The plan itself:

Three pillars – Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Environmental Resilience – link to the DC pillars.

Circular economy needs more explanation. Further discussions needed?

Action: Look at producing a similar Shaftesbury version of the Frome Circular economy publication (BL)

Action: Promotion – change to community engagement. (RT)

Page 7 – review and policies including promotion – could be move to the end? Further discussions needed.

Each pillar was reviewed and rationale about why information has been included was provided.

Status indicator needed which measures progress with each of the actions. Further discussions needed. Intention is to report progress to STC using the indicators.

Reference was made to the Abbey Garden as the exemplar of what we should be delivering. Tell the town the importance of the values.

Glyphosate debate and update:

STC to set the standard with DC. STC to LEAD the process. Toolbox talk using visual aid before any works take place.

Action: Christina to support with linking photos to the species guide. Christina to collate the images of invasive species. Photo needs to accompany the invasive species in the biodiversity checklist.

Insert tool box talk guide into the management plan – step by step guide. STC and SS to lead the process.

Refer to the balance of managing the invasive species (countryside act) v protecting scheduled monuments.

Policy: Herbicides, inc Glysophate, are not to be used on STC controlled land unless used in exceptional circumstances. Specific spot treatment of specific invasive species that need to be controlled in Shaftesbury will be managed carefully using specific permission upon each instance of use. The method statement for the use of named herbicides will be supplied in a specification document and this must be followed by all contractors. Method Statement for the use of herbicides will include a pre-start toolbox talk by a representative of STC and an identification guide for the specific species to be targeted in addition to methods to prevent drift to non-target species.

Circumstances where use of herbicides will be permitted will include:

1. Material damage to the structural integrity of buildings and hard landscaping
Or
2. the control of invasive species on all STC owned and managed open spaces

Plantlife – guide for managing verges to be included/ referenced in the plan.

Action: Bernard to tighten up on the bullet points in development section.

John provided an overview of Active Travel (by 2030) – significant information of which much is mandatory. Highlight/ label those mandatory commitments. This should be presented in a summary format with more information behind the short statement. Potentially an Annex?

Policy is deliverable on time first and then the background actions are separated and these form the SS ACTION PLAN.

POLICY is the intention of what needs to be delivered. The SS ACTION PLAN details the actions required to deliver the policies.

Management Plans for Open Spaces to be included in the Policy. RT to update.

Meeting closed 20:05pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 8th August 2023 at 6pm at the Town Hall