



Sustainable Shaftesbury - informal meeting summary

Tuesday 14th November, 6pm

Town Hall meeting room

In Attendance

John Nelson
Richard Thomas
Bernard Ede
Jenny Morisetti
Cllr John Lewer
Cllr Andy Hollingshead
Cllr Proctor

Angela King
Sue Clifford
Brie Logan (STC)
Graham Palmer (STC)

Apologies

Lucy Young

Objective: Review the Sustainable Shaftesbury Policy and Action Plan as per STC FC resolution F33a

JL provided an update following the meeting held on 6th November with Cllrs Lewer and Hollingshead. At this meeting the plan was reviewed and wording amended to reflect more alignment with DC. It was felt the balance between aspirational versus reality was needed and consideration was applied to the choice of words so the content was not ambiguous.

Throughout the process, amendments to the plan were tracked to make it easier for the SSWG to understand the changes. JL and AH amended the wording in hard copy and the subtle changes were given to GP for him to update document. An additional column has been inserted to the green and amber icons to show who - DC/ STC/ is responsible for the actions. The red icon (light bulb) shows those actions that are ideas; those where the subject matter is complicated and highly technical in areas. The science is moving quickly so the plan is flexible and adaptable to meet the changing needs locally, nationally and globally

JL explained that the Climate Change section – needs to tie in with national target and where possible better it.

Action Plan – will take longer as it has more detail. Starting to approach things and we are not in a position to do anything about it. Clock starts ticking – no way office staff have time to get the initiatives up and running in the next 6 months. The WG were encouraged to bring prepared document(s) on any one of the projects – STC can look at it. The window opens now but it has to be a phased approach.

Clarity was provided in terms of no owners or timescales in red icon column – JL explained we will be with you but you bring the projects to us. Just being realistic – we need to look at what STC can do and what people in the town would want us to do.

Questions and a debate about the dates. Date was changed to 2050 to harmonise with Dorset – don't have to wait until 2049!

Summary masterplan needs to be replicated at the start of the action plan. It's all needs to be connected and STC needs to align with DC.

RT – provided clarity on date as **2031** is Neighbourhood Plan.

AH – asked for clarity on policy point re domestic pets in open spaces. AK responded so explain pets are given flea meds that can negatively impact pollinators. (unnecessarily administered by vets)

Main Policy document

AH explained that all duplicates removed and the focus was on what is within the STC delivery.

People need to take on responsibility – recognition some great things happening - collectively we can deliver but we need people with us.

Changes discussed: 2050 v 2031 (neighbourhood plan)

Make STC zero carbon by 2031 (in areas within its control is more realistic)

Insert NP > 2031 – action plan is intended to start now and will be working in conjunction with local and national targets – 2040 and 2050. Ready reckoner needed to explain principal policy and the dates – UN policies etc.... distinction between net zero and 2030 (nature positive etc...) - **RT** to send through dates

Reference to page 7 and STC annual precept and reference to budget implies STC led.

PP referred to page 4 and the ten areas relating to cement and plastics. IPCC position - recognition these cannot all be addressed locally.

JL – reworded the red text. No intention to take out actions.

Action Plan

Change the word industry to science / situation/ policies - reword and switch over the explanation underneath the keys.

Send out biodiversity checklist and Tree Plan for AH, PP and JL to review.

A2 appendix draft

A3 – RT challenges what STC are green/ Amber and why WG are red - GP reiterated that no icons have changed.

A4 – Complicated project that need working up –

A5 – buses and impact on pollution and size not appropriate for the High Street (whoever takes the project on needs to work up the feasible options – hydrogen, electric etc...

A6 – No changes

A7 – No changes

A8 – Add in roadside verges

A9 - Delete rain butts as duplicated elsewhere

A10 – GIS set-up (land mapping exercise) – link to NP?

A11 – Plant based diets - > support local food producers etc...wording amended to reflect local situation

A12 – Housing and Commercail developemnt – red ideas are not deliverable (within its remit) –

RT and BE met yesterday to discuss. Levelling up act came in to force this moth (reforms across the planning system – green agenda) – need to be campaigned for/ pushed for. 12 living systems framework can be deleted.

RT – statement (send through) – planning act amendment - insert text

Advocate building demolition materials – already in place? - retention and refurbishment of existng buildings together with the recycling etc....

A13 - add in other conservation methods

Fossil fuels – delete

A14 – No changes

A14 – STC procurement (link to schools) – delete > redundant as STC doesn't procure catering items

Paperless > reducing paper usage

A15 – Chamber of commerce – sustainable facilities - delete

A16 – Permeable hard surfacing – understanding/ encourage local on-site drainage

A17 – need clarification from Jenny

Air Quality

Weather box outside the TH – measure the air quality.

Data collection. Collaborate with a university??? Unique environment – **ask Jennie to clarify...**

Support groups – more clarity needed? – measuring carbon emissions.

Engines running...

Pesticide policy – couple of edits – reinsert that no glyphosate will be used until the Policy/ Action plan is adopted.

Note; verbal reassurance was given that STC and staff do not use Glyphosate.

Meeting ended at 8:08pm