

Basingstoke Area Sustainability MEETING 13/2/20

Present:

Lucy Martins BDBC

Iain James - Bramley Parish Council and Basingstoke Energy Co-operative

Sarah Mitchell - Bramley Green Lard

Richard Carrow - Burghclere Parish Council

John Buckley - Whitchurch

Linda Wain - Oakley

Update from Lucy:

BDBC IT people have advised that a forum on Sharepoint would be the best option. Lucy is waiting to have this set up and will chase.

The Community Summit will now take place in July. April has been ruled out due to the purdah period before the elections on 7 May and there is a meeting of the Basingstoke and Deane Association of Town and Parish councils in June.

Green Week 2020 will take place at the end of September. Lucy will advise on the date once confirmed with the steering group. Communities are welcome to include any activities in the Green Week programme or if carrying out their own week, Lucy can arrange the graphics work and printing. Also printing for any flyer/posters/banners. Some funding is available for speakers, room hire etc. Contact Lucy to discuss.

It would be great to develop a directory of local 'green' businesses and Lucy can pull this together and get printed. Communities can start collating who they would include from their area and email to Lucy - you could have your own mini directory if you wish alongside entry in the Basingstoke wide version.

The council offers an energy efficiency loan scheme and grants for homeowners and landlords. <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/energy-efficiency-loans>

Lucy is working on accessing ECO funding for low income, fuel poor residents and will advise when this is available.

Greening Campaign - this is being relaunched and is a good way to get residents engaged, there is a small cost but this can be funded either by HCC or BDBC, a toolkit is provided along with some training. Lucy will advise when this is available to sign up to.

It was suggested that we establish a Calendar of Events throughout the year to appear on the BDBC website - Lucy will look into establishing this.

Tadley

Developing climate emergency actions with Town Council and residents.

https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk/Environment_27173.aspx

Some established EV charging points and also looking at funding from HCC for on street charging points for people with no driveways.

Also looking at:

- Air monitoring
- Tree planting
- Hedge planting and wildlife
- Cycling
- Recycling
- Litter picking
- Solar pv
- Community energy
- Battery storage

Burghclere

Just starting out looking at actions with interest in this shown by the Parish Council

Neighbourhood plan is at examination stage and they are looking to see how far they can go to include low carbon requirements.

Overton

There has been a huge amount of interest from the local community.

For their action plan they have split actions into sectors: Energy, environment, transport, recycling - with sub groups for specific projects and a comms group

Actions taking place being developed:

- Recycling schemes with Terracycle,
- Walk to school
- Repair café
- Plastic free community
- lift sharing

<http://overtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/climate-change/>

- Mentioned <https://olioex.com/about/>

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Whitchurch

- Neighbourhood plan revision just starting
- Town council has climate action plan

<http://whitchurch.org.uk/news/whitchurch-town-council-has-declared-a-climate-emergency/>

- Installed cycle racks

It was suggested that Kit Malthouse could be good MP to get on side for sustainable housing.

- Looking at traffic schemes, cycle routes, particularly to schools
- Working with Sustrans
- Have a Friday market at All Hallows Church
- Low Waste Whitchurch

Worried about the incinerator proposal at Barton Stacey

Would like EV charge points in Bell St car park which belongs to BDBC

Bramley

Just starting but Iain is on the Parish Council so will keep pushing.

- Looking at safe routes to schools
- Air monitoring
- Wellington Estates have agreed to planting a wild hay meadow on their land.
- Bramley Green Larder and refill station run by Sarah
<https://www.facebook.com/BramleyGreenLarder/>

Oakley

Actions started through the church(which has ECO church status) and now the Parish Council has got involved.

Carrying out:

- Health walks
- Cycling scheme
- Menshed
- Ran their own Green Week last year

Planning some veg planting for school children. Lucy advised re Incredible Edible a

<http://www.incredible-edible-north-hampshire.co.uk/>

Sarah mentioned Muddy Fingers <https://www.muddyfingersgardenclub.co.uk/about>

All agreed would like to meet again in 2 months (avoiding Easter hols)

Someone volunteer a venue?

The group gave their permission to share email addresses

It was suggested that everyone should come up with an action to report back on for the next meeting. Email to Lucy and she will collate

Lucy's actions:

- Get some stickers to stop car idling and send to Alison - anyone else want some?
- Speak with planning colleague re Neighbourhood Plans
- Visit Tadley to look at hall for the summit
- Organise date and venue for next meeting