

## Basingstoke Area Sustainability (BAS) meeting 6/9/23 minutes

### Present:

Wilder Bramley: Hayley Maynard and Matt Levee

Sustainable Silchester: Vanessa Richards

Sustainable Overton: Karin Wightman

Tadley Environmental Group: Tony Flahive

Ashmansworth parish council: Alan Cox

Greener Basingstoke/Chineham: Jean Wilde

Greener Basingstoke/Brookvale: Malcolm Macinnes

Loddon Community Energy/Greener Homes Bramley/Bramley parish council: Keith Oborn (a brief appearance due to teams issues)

BDBC: Alison Zarecky, Antonia Berridge (Green Team leader), Imelda Medina (Green Team sustainability advisor)

- A warm welcome to Wilder Bramley and Karin Wightman from Sustainable Overton who have now joined the group.
- Matt and Hayley from Wilder Bramley gave a presentation on what they have achieved so far, and their plans for the future. They kindly offered that they maybe be able to do some training – **@Alison** to explore options with Matt and Hayley.
- Vanessa kindly shared her garden consultation and was happy for this to be shared with the group
- Antonia, Green Team Leader introduced herself and the green team plans to date, and how they are planning to engage with communities. There is already a meeting/trip to Ashmansworth planned, and Antonia is happy to engage with other groups - please email her on [greenteam@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:greenteam@basingstoke.gov.uk)
- Current events can be found here <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-team>
- Alan expressed concern over a parishioner who had had an extremely high heat pump quote. This is the link for MCS accredited local installers: <https://mcs-certified.com/find-an-installer/>
- Vanessa provided a useful link to some HP information <https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/heat-pumps-shown-to-be-three-times-more-efficient-than-gas-boilers/>
- **@Alison** to explore if the climate team could provide some signposting to information on heat pumps on our website, as there seems to be a lot of confusion and misinformation.
- Hayley asked about measuring the carbon footprint of an area. The impact tool can provide this for both consumption and territorial footprints by parish: <https://impact-tool.org.uk/>
- Malcolm flagged up a potential issue with having to replace the inverters on his solar PV in order to install a storage battery.
- Alison presented the Local Energy Demonstrator project, designed to give energy efficiency and retrofit advice to hard to reach groups and hard to treat houses. A preview of the energy saving platform. **@alison** to share the link to the platform when it's ready.

Keith has sent an update on **Bramley Greener Homes**

<https://loddoncommunityenergy.org.uk/bramley-greener-homes/>

Four volunteers trained on domestic surveys, and four doing the thermal imaging camera training on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We also have another three or four volunteers waiting for training.

The National Grid funding is tied to "Bramley", but this is not defined. We're using the Ward boundary as a limit, which means we can include Sherfield, Silchester etc.

We've tried various publicity methods: there is a flyer going in the Bramley mag next month, and we might do one in the Sherfield one. A drop-in volunteer recruitment event the other day produced no usable takers. Posters and the like also don't work, but we are doing some paid Facebook inserts which may generate a bit of interest. We have just had the first two requests for surveys.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**, and there will be a short presentation and a Q and A session with Roderick McDonald, our Principal Conservation Officer. Please can you forward me your questions beforehand and what you would like covered, so we can ensure everything is addressed?

The groups meets every 2 months. Notes of previous meetings and TORs can be found here: <https://www.bdaptc.org.uk/community/bdaptc-18542/climate-change/>