

	<b>Basingstoke Area Sustainability Notes</b>	
	Microsoft Teams Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 3pm	
1	In attendance: Alison Zarecky, Nicki Lee, Vanessa Richards, Alan Cox, Keith Oborn, Richard Carrow John Buckley and Tony Flahive tried, but were unable to join due to technical issues. It was agreed that we would use Zoom instead of Teams for the next meeting.	
2	<b>Group title and terms of reference</b> The Group will be called: Basingstoke Area Sustainability We agreed that our objectives were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing resources and ideas for local action</li> <li>• Disseminating information on support available (e.g. availability of grants or advice, or local initiatives)</li> <li>• Initiating and/or promoting borough-wide initiatives and partnerships</li> <li>• Providing feedback to BDBC on issues within their control</li> </ul> Richard to share the existing ToR with Vanessa, who will try to update.	
3	<b>How can we increase the profile and effectiveness of the Group?</b> It was agreed that we would have a more structured program, with a speaker and topic advertised well in advance designed to encourage more people to attend because they can see why it would be useful to them. Topics may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where stuff can be sent for re-use</li> <li>• Planning rules and what can be done on different homes to improve energy efficiency and cut bills</li> <li>• Sources of funding</li> <li>• Surfers Against Sewage plastic reduction program</li> </ul> Vanessa and Alison to propose a draft program and circulate for comment  The minutes will be made available to all parish and town councils on the BADPAC website, and the agreed programme can be promoted via email to them also.  There was a lot of interest in “bite-size” energy advice to share with residents. Alison to consider.  Any communication to residents needed to be in a variety of formats to support those without access to the internet.	
4	<b>Grants Available</b> There are new grants coming soon: LAD3 – for houses with a poor energy rating (typically E or worse) and a household income of less than £30k. Up to £10k grant for energy efficiency available to either home owner or tenant (with the home owner’s permission). If the house is off the gas grid, then the grant is up to £25k. A Retrofit coordinator will advise on the best measures and identify Trustmark suppliers. The whole process is managed by Agility Eco on behalf of the consortium of councils.	

	<p>BDBC have a central mailing going to all houses identified as potential beneficiaries and will also have a promotion campaign. Alison to share information with parish councils for advertising locally.</p> <p>There is also currently a grant of £500 to landlords to make energy efficiency improvements to a tenanted property.</p> <p>There are grants available to support Green Week activities. Green Week is 24 September to 2 October. Alison has circulated the link.</p>	
5	<p><b>Energy Champions</b> Alison to circulate existing information on the job description for energy champions. If we have interest from a number of parishes, she will look at whether grant funding is available to train en masse.</p>	
6	<p><b>Update from each councillor on their initiatives:</b> <b>Alison;</b> Overton bag now in the local coop – there are loads of them and they are hoping that they have eliminated plastic bags from all highstreet shops now. Overton Cup – they have a bit of a problem with people stockpiling. However the use by the local pet shop to sell loose pet food, or duck food has proved surprisingly popular. <b>Nicki;</b> Kingsclere are holding a market every couple of months with stalls selling more eco-friendly (or at least less harmful) products. They have an information point, a website and are always trying to get speakers, if anyone can suggest anyone suitable. <b>Richard:</b> requested details of how to set up FLIR thermal imaging with an iPhone. Alison to provide Overton’s directions. <b>Keith:</b> Loddon Community Energy is now being formed, and thinks it has a first target project. Next meeting tomorrow. <b>Vanessa:</b> Silchester are running a clothes swap evening in May, and also doing a village collection of CDs/DVDs/cases to send for zero waste recycling. Vanessa now has 400 Brownie/Rainbow badges available for any groups that want to take up the Sustainable Brownie Badge.</p>	
8	<p>next meeting date Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June 3pm Alan to chair.</p>	