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	Eco Bicester Demonstration Projects - aim to increase the number of demonstration projects across the town								
1.1	JP2 centre - largest UK PassivHaus civic building	Increase visibility of Eco Bicester in the town & promote sustainable construction	May 2010 to Summer 2011 (building phase)	None	6000 visitors p.a.	P3Eco	Project delivered - Update: Oxford Brookes University to carry out audit of JPII and understand underperformance of building. Funding then required to fix any issues		
1.2	The Garth / Bicester Town Council	Increase visibility of Eco Bicester in the town & promote sustainable construction	Completed in Spring 2014	Technology Strategy Board Funding		BioRegional in partnership with Bicester Town Council	Project delivered - Oxford Brookes University to carry out performance audit.		
1.3	Bicester Green - Centre for Sustainability, Skills and Second Hand Stuff	Increase reuse, volunteer opportunities and sustainable skills in Bicester	Opened in June 2013	Officer time - ongoing external funding needed to cover annual expenses of 40K	15 regular volunteers, 30	Bicester Green Centre Manager & Bicester Green Board of Directors, Sustainability Officer is Chair of board of directors	European Social Funding received, £13 K for volunteer training, Wrap funding application on Reuse Bicester Moves will be submitted Sept 1st		
1.4	Community Hall & Church Energy Assessment	Increase the energy efficiency of community halls and churches in Bicester	Initial meeting and presentation of funding opportunity June 2014	Officer time		Sustainability Officer in partnership with Oxford Brookes University, Environmental Information Exchange	Free energy audits offered with option to assist in applying for funding to retrofit after the audit.		
			Eco Bicester Susta	inability Outreach Campaig	ns & Events				
2.1	Big Lunch	Promote Eco Bicester to engage with residents	01-Jun-14	Officer time		Grassroots Bicester, National Energy Foundation, BioRegional, Eco Bicester team	Delivered - Update children colouring competition as activity, winners have been selected - press release with photo		
2.2	Bicester Bike Day	Promote sustainable travel within the town	End of August 2014	Officer time		A2 Dominion in partnership with BioRegional	Upcoming		
2.3	Oxfordshire Goes Wild		12-Sep-14	Officer time		Eco Bicester team	Upcoming		
	Eco Bicester Energy Projects - aim to raise awareness for energy efficiency, renewable energy, reducing carbon emissions								
3.1	Energy Monitor & Thermal Imaging Loan Scheme	Loan scheme for residents and community groups	Autumn 2013	Officer time for promotion	10 bookings - mostly in autumn and winter	Bicester Green	Ongoing		
3.2	Boiler Scheme	Improve the energy efficiency of Bicester homes through a boiler replacement programme - £300 off a replacement boiler	April 2014	Funded by Eco Bicester team	120 residents have registered to have their boiler replaced	National Energy Foundation, Sustainability Officer	Ongoing		
3.3	Heat Network	Technical & commercial feasibility study to connect EfW Ardley to NW Bicester development and further into the town	January 2014 - Sept 2015	Funded by Department of Energy and Climate Change, Cherwell District Council, Oxfordshire County Council		Sustainability Officer in partnership with BioRegional	Ongoing - governance structure set up, project delivery group and board set up, procurement exercise done, 6 tenders returned, currently evaluation, appointment of consultant August 2014		

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3.4	Community Solar scheme	Installation of solar panels on roofs through a community share scheme	Ongoing work since Autumn 2013			Low Carbon Hub, Sustainability Officer	Current grid capacity issues lead to reduced installation with Brita (reduction from 250KW to 50KW) - briefing paper written, issue raised with Bicester Director, Economic Development, LEP's, meeting with SSE have taken place - funding received to do pre-feasibility study on grid limitations and possible solutions	
3.5	Leisure Centre Biomass Boiler	Installation of 500KW biomass boiler at Bicester Sports Centre		Funded by Cherwell capital bid	Bicester Leisure Centre has 300,000 visitors p.a.	Cherwell Leisure Services, Parkwood, Bioregional and Sustainability Officer	Biomass boiler is currently in the commissioning phase, display will be installed in entrance area of the leisure centre demonstrating carbon and energy savings	
3.6	Rural Communities Fund / Parish Council Liaison meeting	Increase the uptake of renewable energy projects in rural areas surrounding Bicester	Funding is available	Rural Communities Fund, WRAP		Sustainability Officer, BioRegional, Environmental Services, WRAP	Parish Liaison meeting and meeting with local farmer	
3.7	Eco Bicester Living Lab	The home of innovation and learning within Eco Bicester. The living lab provides academic rigour to projects within Eco Bicester and provides a focus for future research and funding	Ongoing work	Officer time - promotion		Partnership between OBU and BioRegional - CDC and A2D are key stakeholders	Living lab has been created, and launched with a live website and press release	
3.8	Energy Performance Map of Bicester	the map of energy performance will identify low performing housing areas in the town and will help us develop a targeted approach	Aug-14	Donated 5 days of consultancy support & purchase of data set (£2100)		National Energy Foundation, Housing Department, Sustainability Officer	Data study is funded as part of the NEF award which offered 5 days of consultancy.	
			Eco	Bicester Travel Projects				
4.1	Bicester Bike Scheme	Promote sustainable transport in the town	Start of bike loan scheme May 2014	Officer time - promotion		Bicester Green	Ongoing	
4.2	Banbury & Buckingham Rd. Cycle Improvements	Two areas of capital works installation of additional cycle parking and cycle improvements for the southern end of Banbury & Buckingham Roads				Oxfordshire County Council	Ongoing	
			Eco Bic	ester Communications &PR				
5.1	Communications Strategy	Comprehensive Communications strategy for Bicester Directorate including webpage	Ongoing work	Officers time		Cherwell Communications team & Sustainability Officer	Ongoing	
5.2	Eco Bicester promotion/advertising	To raise awareness of all of the Eco Bicester projects once completed - this could be through Signage/Plaques etc.		Officer time and money for signage/plaques		Sustainability Officer	Ongoing	
5.3	Eco Bicester Twitter	Regular twitter updates to advertise Eco Bicester projects	Ongoing work	Officer time - promotion		Eco Bicester team	Ongoing	
5.4	Eco Bicester Newsletter		Bi-monthly	Officer time		Eco Bicester team	Ongoing	
5.5	Nef / ACE Awards international stage	Promotion of Eco Bicester as Energy Smart town on international level	November 2014 in Holland	50% of travel costs to event		Sustainability Officer	Application submitted.	
				Completed Projects				

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6.1		Raising awareness of energy efficiency and helping reduce energy costs	November 2010 to Autumn 2013	Funded by Eco Bicester team	1500 homes received cavity and / or loft insulation	Eco Bicester team	Delivered
6.2	Glee in Highfield	Carbon mapping of Highfield, energy saving workshops for residents		Funded by Department of Energy and Climate Change		Eco Bicester team in partnership with BioRegional	Delivered
6.3		100 fully funded Green Deal assessments, 14 retrofitted residential homes and 2 businesses, Open homes weekend	Spring and summer 2013	Funded by Department of Energy and Climate Change	78 visitors to Bicester Green Open Homes 2 June 2013	Eco Bicester team in partnership with BioRegional	Delivered
6.4	Pioneer Square Anniversary	Promote Eco Bicester to engage with residents	12/13 Jul 2014	Officer time	60 visitors	National Energy Foundation, BioRegional, Eco Bicester team	Delivered
6.5		Consultation of the public on NW Bicester Masterplan	10/11 July 2014	Officer time	very low attendance	Eco Bicester team	Delivered
6.6	6th form extension Bream	Increase visibility of Eco Bicester in the town & promote sustainable construction	Completed July 2011	N/A		Oxfordshire County Council	Delivered
6.7	Bryan House / Chapel Street - houses and flats built to Code level 4 and 5	Increase visibility of Eco Bicester in the town & promote sustainable construction	Completed by July 2012	N/A		Sanctuary Group	Delivered
6.8		construction	Commenced Oct 2010, completed Apr 2011, opened May 2011 to May 2013	Officer time	1500 visitors p.a.	Eco Bicester team	Delivered
6.9	Community Garden		Completed 2011 - formal opening of the garden in July 2011	N/A		Bicester Town Council	Delivered