

EcoBicester Sustainability Project Plan 2014/15

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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	Provide a community meeting venue. Increase visibility of Eco Bicester in the town & promote sustainable construction	May 2010 to Summer 2011 (building phase)	None	6000 visitors p.a.	P3Eco & Church	Project delivered - Update: Oxford Brookes University carrying out post occupancy audit of JP2
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 - on time and under budget - Halfway through monitoring work - 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	Bicester Green has currently 25 regular volunteers, 30 visitors per week - dropping in or taking part in training courses like Green Tuesdays, Drill Baby Drill	Bicester Green Centre Manager & Bicester Green Board of Directors, Sustainability Officer is Chair of board of directors	WRAP funding application submitted "Bicester Moves - Received OCVA award - funding received from Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Fund.
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	Energy audit for Catholic Church and Methodist Church delivered and audit reports produced.
1.5	EcoBicester Playground	Provision of new natural playground in Garth Park as replacement of the existing dated playground	Summer 2015	WREN Funding Application	Used by children 5years and older	Bicester Town Council in partnership with Sustainability Officer and BioRegional	Funding application submitted - quotes for natural playgrounds received - decision expected April 2015
1.6	EcoBicester Café	Provision of EcoBicester Café in Garth Park	Summer 2015		Users of Garth Park and visitors to Bicester	Bicester Town Council in partnership with Sustainability Officer and BioRegional	Expressions of interest evaluated, planned presentation of shortlisted expressions.
Eco Bicester Sustainability Outreach Campaigns & Events							
2.1	Big Lunch	Engage with Bicester residents promoting EcoBicester projects	07-Jun-15	Officer time		Grassroots Bicester, National Energy Foundation, BioRegional, Eco Bicester team	Bike day 19 July
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	250 residents have registered to have their boiler replaced	National Energy Foundation, Sustainability Officer	Boiler scheme registration deadline was 15 January, so far 95 of residents have replaced their boiler and received cash back. 119 applications have lapsed and 35 applications are still active.
3.3	Heat Network	Technical & commercial feasibility study to connect Energy Recovery Plant 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	Members briefing session delivered in January, interim report drafted by consultants and presented to project group, next members briefing planned for early summer, stakeholder engagement planned for June / July
3.4	Community Solar scheme	Installation of solar panels on roofs through a community share scheme	Ongoing work since Autumn 2013	Officer time		Low Carbon Hub, Sustainability Officer	Bicester grid constraint study will be delivered at the end of March - members briefing planned
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	Ongoing
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	Ongoing
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 - currently exploring future seed funding. PhD student to be appointed.
3.8	Green Deal Communities	Solid wall insulation funding for approximately 150 homes in Bicester	Autumn 2015	Officer time	150 households	Sustainability Officer, National Energy Foundation	Funding received as part of a multi Local Authority bid in 2014
3.9	Bicester Live	Bicester Live is an integrated information platform to allow users model the behaviour of a town with a special focus on waste / recycling, local economy, community, transport and energy / water.	Mar-15	Officer time		Sustainability Officer, BioRegional, Ridgian, Microsoft in partnership with LSP	Funding application to Innovate UK submitted
3.1	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	Mar-15	Donated 5 days of consultancy support & purchase of data set (£2100)		National Energy Foundation, Housing Department, Sustainability Officer	Report due end of March
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	Funding for Bicester Bike scheme runs out in March - discussion with Oxfordshire County Council regarding funding of the scheme in 2015

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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
4.3.	Go Ultra Low Vehicle City Scheme	Funding to establish low emission / electric vehicle scheme across Bicester	Summer 2015	Officer time		EcoBicester team in partnership with stakeholders	Expression of interest submitted but not successful. Further options being explored.
4.4	Bicester Sustainable Transport Project	Bicester Sustainable Transport Project will deliver improved walking and cycling provision on key routes to increase connectivity, reduces congestion and improves productivity, health and the environment.	Summer 2015	Officer time		EcoBicester team	Funding expression of interest application submitted to Oxlep
4.5	Bicester Wayfinding project	Deliver a wayfinding / signage project across the town to increase walking and cycling	Summer 2015	Officer time		Sustainability project officer in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council and stakeholders	Ongoing - first meeting with stakeholders took place in February - brief to be drafted by end of March
Eco Bicester Communications &PR							
5.1	Communications Strategy	Comprehensive Communications strategy for Bicester Directorate including webpage	Ongoing work	Officers time		Cherwell Communications team & Sustainability Officer	Ongoing - All about Bicester website planned
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.	EcoBicester Game	Game to engage the public at events with EcoBicester projects	Summer 2015	Officer time		Sustainability Officer in partnership with Bioregional and OYAP	Ongoing
5.5	Eco Bicester Newsletter	Promotion of all Eco Bicester activities	Bi-monthly	Officer time		Eco Bicester team	Ongoing
5.6	MJ Awards	Promotion of Eco Bicester as Energy Smart town	June 2015	Officer time		Sustainability Officer	Application submitted
5.7	Green Apple Award	Promotion of EcoBicester as Energy Smart town	April 30, 2015	Officer time		Sustainability Officer in partnership with Bioregional and A2 Dominion	Application submitted
5.8	Placemaking Awards	Promotion of NW Bicester	March 2015	Officer time		A2D, Eco Bicester Team	Shortlisted for Placemaking Team of the Year
Completed Projects							
6.1	Insulation Scheme	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	Green deal communities	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	NW Bicester SPD Consultation	Consultation of the public on NW Bicester Masterplan	10/11 July 2014	Officer time	very low attendance	Eco Bicester team	Delivered
6.6	Sixth Form Cooper School - 6th form extension Bream standard very good	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	Eco Bicester Demonstration House - built to PassivHaus standard	Increase visibility of Eco Bicester in the town & promote sustainable 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	Increase green space and community space in Bicester	Completed 2011 - formal opening of the garden in July 2011	N/A		Bicester Town Council	Delivered
	Awards						
7.1	Nef / ACE Awards international stage	Promotion of Eco Bicester as Energy Smart town on international level		50% of travel costs to event		Sustainability Officer	Winner
7.2	Planning Award, shortlisted for planning for housing growth	Promotion of NW Bicester as an exemplar development				Eco Bicester Team with A2Dominion	Runner up

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7.3	Ashden Awards	Promotion of NW Bicester as an exemplar development	Winner announced in Summer 2014			EcoBicester and Bioregional	Shortlisted
	Events						
8.1	Bicester Bike Day	Promote sustainable travel within the town	End of August 2014	Officer time	300 attended	A2 Dominion in partnership with BioRegional	Delivered
8.2	Oxfordshire Goes Wild	Promote sustainability across Bicester	13-Sep-14	Officer time	300 attended	Eco Bicester team	Delivered
8.3	Disruptive Innovation Festival	Promote circular economy	20-Oct until 14-Nov-14	Officer time		Sustainability Officer, Bicester Green, Cooper School, Bicester Community College, Banbury & Bicester College	Delivered
8.4	Bicester Christmas Lights	Promote sustainability across Bicester	04-Dec-14	Officer time		Eco Bicester team	Delivered