Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board – 12 April 2012 Demonstration Projects

Summary: Demonstration projects are all progressing very well. The setting up of the proposed reuse centre has been added to enable the Board to track progress in establishing the centre.

Project	Project Lead	Commence	Expected finish date	Update	Issues
Eco Bicester demonstration building	P3 Eco/ Cherwell District Council	October 2010	Construction Complete - Use until	Building complete and has achieved PassivHaus standards.	
			December 2012	Formal opening with guest of honour Tony Baldry MP, 25 May 2011.	
				New opening hours 12- 4pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday.	
				Programme of activities now being delivered including school visits.	
Community Garden	Bicester Town Council		Construction complete	21 July 2011 formal opening of garden.	
Bryan House Provision of 23 affordable homes in Chapel Street that will set a new benchmark for sustainable homes in Bicester	Sanctuary Group	18 March 2011	Completion July 2012	Bryan House is the redevelopment of a brownfield site in Chapel Street. It will provide affordable homes for 23 households and will achieve a mix of Levels 4 and 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. The first block of two units (Thyme Court) is complete. The first floor unit has been let to a local housing applicant, Mr Brassington, who is very pleased with his new home. He is monitoring energy use to provide lessons for future projects and local residents. The ground floor unit is being utilised for customer/ organisation visits by the Sanctuary Group as part of the commitment to Eco Bicester. The remainder of the units will be ready by July	The joint work with the Sanctuary Group has been very positive, and their commitment to Eco Bicester has extended to retro fitting initiatives of existing housing stock in Bicester
				2012 and will be allocated to applicants with	

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				reference to a Local Lettings Plan that sets out	
				criteria for occupancy within an eco setting.	
				There is an increased emphasis on the links	
				between access to affordable homes and	
				employment with a target of 70% of lettings	
				being made to applicants who are either	
				working, in training or able to demonstrate a	
				positive contribution to the community. The	
				Lettings Plan also includes a Green Charter for	
				tenants.	
Development of new	Oxfordshire		Completed on	Phase 1 of the new build at The Cooper School	
sixth form centre for	County Council		schedule - July	was completed on time. Phase 2 of the carbon	
Cooper School			2011	neutral Sixth Form Block handed over in July.	
Travel Behaviour	Oxfordshire	September	On going through	A shared walking and cycling path has been	
Demonstration Project	County Council	2012	2012/13	installed on Banbury Road by the entrance to	
•	,			Bure Park shops.	
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				Initial proposals for the southern end of	
				Banbury and Buckingham Road are being	
				progressed.	
				New bus stops installed on Boston Road,	
				Shakespeare Drive and Middleton Stoney	
				Road.	
				Cycle for Bicester launched at Eco Bicester	
				Day – cycle loan, adult cycle training, bike fix	
				sessions, map.	
Eco Technology and	Oxford and	May 2011	Ongoing	Practitioner Eco Energy Awareness Courses	
Awareness	Cherwell Valley			for the public and schools in: domestic solar hot	
Programmes	College			water, rain water harvesting, heat pump ground	
				and air source.	
Construction of new	P3 Eco	May 2010	Completed	Completed and thought to be largest	
community hall			Summer 2011	PassivHaus non residential building in the UK.	
facilities				Formal opening November 2011. The venue is	

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'John Paul II Centre'				now available for use and hire.	
Bicester insulation measures scheme	CDC through USEA	November 2010		1294 installations as part of the Bicester Deal Insulation scheme and ongoing referrals. Continuing to be promoted through Google ads, Facebook ads, twitter and canvassing push in February. Community halls have now also been offered subsidised insulation measures.	
Reuse and Sustainable Living Centre	Resource Futures	March 2012	March 2013	Job advertised and interviews held to appoint person to progress the setting up of the centre.	