

**Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board – 04 October 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.

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Eco Bicester demonstration building	Cherwell District Council / P3 Eco	October 2010	Construction Complete - Use until November 2012.	<p>Opening hours 12- 4pm Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday.</p> <p>Programme of activities now being delivered including school visits.</p> <p>Recent successful uses have been fortnightly Carbon Conversations training for local community group, exhibition space for Cherwell Local plan, Bicester master plan and Green Olympics display. It also played an important role during Bicester Town Council's activities day to engage with large numbers of families around green activities focusing on energy efficiency and recycling.</p>	Planning permission expires 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2012.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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/</p>	The joint work with the Sanctuary Group has been very positive, and their commitment to Eco Bicester has extended to retro fitting initiatives of

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				<p>organisation visits by the Sanctuary Group as part of the commitment to Eco Bicester.</p> <p>The remainder of the units were completed July 2012 and will be allocated to applicants with 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.</p> <p>The formal opening of the scheme takes place in October.</p>	existing housing stock in Bicester
Development of new sixth form centre for Cooper School	Oxfordshire County Council		Completed on schedule - July 2011	Phase 1 of the new build at The Cooper School was completed on time. Phase 2 of the carbon neutral Sixth Form Block handed over in July.	
Travel Behaviour Demonstration Project	Oxfordshire County Council	September 2012	On going through 2012/13	<p>A shared walking and cycling path has been installed on Banbury Road by the entrance to Bure Park shops.</p> <p>New bus stops installed on Boston Road, Shakespeare Drive and Middleton Stoney Road.</p> <p>Cycle for Bicester continues to get a very positive reaction from those taking part in the cycle loan and adult cycle training, with several participants purchasing their own bikes and enthused about cycling around the town. Many local people have also attended the 'bike fix' sessions, with Sheep Street being particularly</p>	

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				successful.  Bus shelters installed on Glory Farm.  Work continuing on walking and cycling provision on Banbury Road/Buckingham Road and Churchill Road as well as reviewing the bus stop locations.	
Eco Technology and Awareness Programmes	Oxford and Cherwell Valley College	May 2011	Ongoing	Practitioner Eco Energy Awareness Courses for the public and schools in: domestic solar hot water, rain water harvesting, heat pump ground and air source.	
Construction of new community hall facilities 'John Paul II Centre'	P3 Eco	May 2010	Completed Summer 2011	Completed and thought to be largest PassivHaus non residential building in the UK. Formal opening November 2011. The venue is now available for use and hire.	
Bicester insulation measures scheme	CDC through USEA	November 2010		1354 installations as part of the Bicester insulation scheme, equates to more than 10% of Bicester's homes. Amended scheme now offers cavity wall and loft insulation for free, scheme also now includes loft top ups. Southwold community centre insulated though Bicester scheme. Scheme closed to new referrals at the end of September.	
Reuse and Sustainable Living Centre	Resource Futures	March 2012	March 2013	Manager appointed to progress the development of the Centre. Business plan produced – see report	