

**Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board – 10 April 2014**  
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**Summary:** The demonstration projects originally identified are generally coming to an end. However work continues to identify and deliver projects within the town to support the development of a low carbon place that is a great place to live work and spend leisure time.

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Eco Bicester demonstration building	Cherwell District Council / P3 Eco	October 2010	Construction Complete April 2011  Open May 2011 to May 2013  Deconstruction started June 2013- due to finish end Oct 2013	Varied programme of engagement activities delivered during the two years it was open. Engaged with local residents and variety of groups including, local community groups, Bicester Town Council, Bicester Youth Council, schools etc.  Building now deconstructed and will be relocated to Warwickshire by SPAKS-SLC to also work as a demonstration building. SPARKS – SLC working with Coventry University to learn from deconstruction about Passivhaus design and construction.	
Community Garden	Bicester Town Council		Construction complete	21 July 2011 formal opening of garden.	Continued use
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 was the redevelopment of a brownfield site in Chapel Street. It has provided affordable homes for 23 households and achieved a mix of Levels 4 and 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes.  The units were let under 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	Continued use

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				<p>Green Charter for tenants.</p> <p>The formal opening of the scheme took place in October 2013.</p> <p>TSB funding was received to enable monitoring of the energy performance of the buildings so lessons can be learnt for future development of high code level schemes.</p> <p>Post-occupancy monitoring study has now ended and findings are being disseminated. Presentation for SDB members could be arranged if there is interest.</p>	
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	<p>Cycle for Bicester has closed down. Feedback forms have been sent to those who took part some months ago and positive feedback has been received from people saying they are still enjoying cycling and are glad they took part.</p> <p>A2Dominion held a second Bicester Bike day to promote cycling on the 31 August 2013 with over 300 attendees.</p> <p><b>Bicester Green are providing cycle loan scheme in 2014.</b></p> <p><b>Work is taking place regarding further capital works to improve town routes.</b></p>	

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				<b>A sustainable travel strategy has been commissioned for the town.</b>	
Eco Technology and Awareness Programmes	Oxford and Cherwell Valley College	May 2011		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	On going	<p>Scheme now closed  Households installed 1427  Measures installed 1769  Equates to more than 10% of Bicester's homes being insulated in 18 months.</p> <p>Southwold community centre insulated though Bicester scheme.</p> <p>In total, £590,000 was invested directly into Bicester's housing stock attracting £2.20 of investment for every £1 spent on this project</p> <p>Following the completion of previous schemes work is underway to launch a further energy efficiency scheme and consider other options around energy. See separate Board paper.</p>	
Reuse and Sustainable Living Centre ( <b>Bicester Green</b> )	Resource Futures	March 2012	March 2013	<p>Manager appointed to progress the development of the Centre. Business plan produced.</p> <p>Premises at Station Approach have now been secured and centre opened in officially in June</p>	

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				<p>2013 in partnership with Sobell House Charity. Centre now delivers some activities initially delivered through demonstration building.</p> <p>Recent successes –            Successful series of autumn events called Green Tuesdays to engage local people.</p> <p>March 2013            Secured a further £10,000 for specific activities to support cycling in Bicester</p> <p>February 2013            The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership awarded the centre £20,000 from its New Initiatives Fund to support the capital expenditure requirements.            Oxfordshire County Council offered a further £12,000 to help with the revenue costs of the first few months of operation.            Sanctuary Housing has awarded £8,000 to establish the collection of re-usable items from void (empty) properties.</p> <p>January 14            An update report</p> <p><b>A leaflet promoting the reuse centre has been produced and circulated.</b></p> <p><b>Bicester Green has received £5,000 from the Big Society Fund, £9,000 from OCC to deliver the cycle scheme. Funding applications have been made to ESF for</b></p>	

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				<b>£15,000 for volunteer training sessions. Fund raising continues to reach a target of £40k.</b>	
Bicester Green Deal Pilot	Funded by DECC delivered by CDC working with Bio Regional	January 2013	End of June 2013	<p>DECC funding received to deliver 100 green deal assessments to Bicester households and 5 residential and 2 commercial retrofits that reflect the works that can be delivered through the governments green deal scheme.</p> <p>5 further retrofits to be delivered using eco town grant. Retrofits will demonstrate the approaches that can be taken to improve properties using a green deal approach for different property types in the town.</p> <p>100 green deal assessments have now been completed and drop in sessions held to help people understand the reports they have received.</p> <p>14 retrofits were completed.</p> <p>Open House event held 2<sup>nd</sup> June to promote energy efficiency measures in the town attracted 78 visitors. Future open house events planned for winter 13/14 in association with Low Carbon Hub.</p>	
Bicester Heat Network Feasibility	Project Board. Funded by DECC, CDC and OCC	January 2014	September 2016	<b>DECC funding received to carry out feasibility on using waste heat from Ardley. Project governance agreed and terms of reference with first project team to be held in April 2014.</b>	
Bicester Boiler Scheme	CDC	April 2014	Subject to review	<b>Scheme following on from the insulation scheme to retro fit homes (insulation measures are now to be supported through ECO funding). Scheme supports the replacement of old boilers through a discount mechanism.</b>	

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				Contract for the delivery of the scheme agreed and scheme launch planned.	
Community PV Scheme	Low Carbon Hub	October 2013		Premises identified for first installation and partnership to be formed to promote the scheme.	