

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 JP11
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 15 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	Funding application for WRAP Waste Prevention Fund "Bicester Moves" will be submitted - end of year.
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 article published in Cherwell LINK - Catholic & Methodist Church have signed up for audits
Eco Bicester Sustainability Outreach Campaigns & Events							
2.1	Big Lunch	2.4	01-Jun-14	Officer time	4000 visitors at the Big Lunch, 450 visitors at the stand	Grassroots Bicester, National Energy Foundation, BioRegional, Eco Bicester team	Delivered
2.2	Bicester Bike Day	Promote sustainable travel within the town	End of August 2014	Officer time	300 attended	A2 Dominion in partnership with BioRegional	Delivered
2.3	Oxfordshire Goes Wild	Promote sustainability across Bicester	13-Sep-14	Officer time	300 attended	Eco Bicester team	Delivered
2.4	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	Partnership with secondary school, Bicester Green, Bicester Vision set up. Products to highlight circular economy will be presented.
2.5	Bicester Christmas Lights	Promote sustainability across Bicester	04-Dec-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	140 residents have registered to have their boiler replaced	National Energy Foundation, Sustainability Officer	Ongoing - article in Autumn as well as Winter edition of Cherwell LINK and Bicester Garth Gazette
3.3	Heat Network	Technical & commercial feasibility study to connect EIW 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	Consultants Ramboll appointed, inception meeting with Project Delivery Group held, briefing session on heat network planned prior to the Jan SDB meeting.
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	Working group set up - feasibility study will be delivered by Low Carbon Hub - expected results in Jan 2015
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	Boiler has been switched on and running - few minor tweaks to be ironed out - Commissioning phase ongoing. RHJ (Renewable Heat Incentive) application handed into Department of Energy and Climate Change.

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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 - currently exploring future seed funding
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 still pending - Department of Energy & Climate Change
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 - on average 5 bikes loaned out per month
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 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	Eco Bicester Newsletter	Promotion of all Eco Bicester activities	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.
5.6	Planning Award, shortlisted for planning for housing growth	Promotion of NW Bicester as an exemplar development	Winners Announced 18th November 2014			Eco Bicester Team with A2Dominion	Application submitted.
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

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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