

**HOW CAN WE IMPROVE
SUSTAINABILITY IN CALNE?**

WHAT CAN WE DO?



February 2024

OUR CURRENT PLAN



deliver
community energy

aspiring to deliver lower carbon and cost alternatives for residential and commercial energy needs



influence
sustainable transport

helping enable greener transport and promote alternatives to lower our local environmental impact



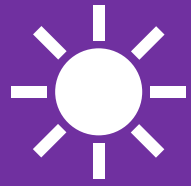
enhance our
local ecology

creating opportunities to enhance our natural habitats, increase biodiversity and sequestration of CO₂ emissions

... to build a happier, healthier, resilient community
leveraging these pillars and supporting initiatives to help our communities thrive ...

by working collaboratively and in partnership

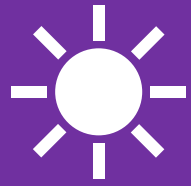
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DELIVERING COMMUNITY ENERGY

Support the formation of an anticipated community energy BenCom (community benefits society) via local engagement and the identification of suitable projects (including schools, public, and commercial buildings).

- Zero North Wiltshire has been formed. As this is now a separate concern, it has ceased to be a priority for action. However, it is important as a way of reducing carbon emissions in the area, so has shifted to a priority for promotion and identifying opportunities.



DELIVERING COMMUNITY ENERGY

Community energy BenCom

✓ Start:

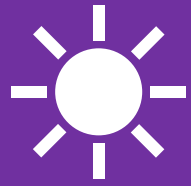
- Promoting share investments for Zero North Wiltshire when ready
- Liaising with sites that may be interested in community energy agreements, e.g. schools.

✗ Stop:

- Focusing specifically on the BenCom, and widen this aspect to cover both residential and commercial options

▶▶ Continue:

- Promoting the solar buying scheme as part of this goal



DELIVERING COMMUNITY ENERGY

Raise residential awareness of options for alternative energy and energy efficiency, including solar buying schemes, home insulation etc.

- Solar Buying scheme in collaboration with Zero Chippenham has generated a number of leads and several installations. This has additionally helped raise funds for the group
- Thermal Imaging Camera loan scheme has been running for about 10 months, although it started just before the warmer weather, so has only been running in earnest for about three months. In that time, we've made about 50 loans!



DELIVERING COMMUNITY ENERGY

Alternative energy and energy efficiency

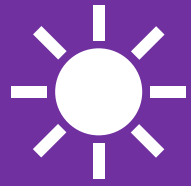
✓ Start:

- Engage with retrofit advice project, ideally with a trained adviser. We have a volunteer on their waiting list.

✗ Stop:

▶▶ Continue:

- Solar panel buying scheme (within the other strand)
- Thermal imaging camera loan scheme



DELIVERING COMMUNITY ENERGY

What else can we do?

✓ Start:

- Refocus this pillar into **Renewable energy** (including Zero North Wilts and solar buying scheme) and **Energy efficiency** (including thermal imaging cameras and retrofit scheme)

✗ Stop:

▶▶ Continue:



INFLUENCING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Help promote and enable lower carbon transport alternatives, including raising awareness of air quality issues, benefits of electric vehicles, availability of EV charging sites, and cycling infrastructure.

- Air quality – still contributing to global project with community particulate monitors.
- Feedback workshop on Wiltshire Local Plan which included content on air quality and active transport



INFLUENCING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Lower carbon options

✓ Start:

- Collate Air Quality Monitor particulate data for our area
- Add information to our website on EV charging points.
- Providing information on safe use of household wood burners

✗ Stop:

▶▶ Continue:

- Installing Air Quality particulate monitors when possible
- Pursuing NOx monitors for the town centre



INFLUENCING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Increase awareness of walking, cycling and other sustainable transport alternatives, including publicising local walks and cycle routes and planning/advocating for safer/more accessible options.

- Arranging walks in the area to show people what is available
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) meeting and feedback guide on web
- Added benches to cycling track following feedback in survey



INFLUENCING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Active transport influencing and promoting

✓ Start:

- Promote cycling routes on the website (from LCWIP and neighbourhood plan)
- Campaign on clearing pavements to keep existing routes safe
- Add information about public transport to the website

✗ Stop:

▶▶ Continue:

- Influencing policy when opportunities present themselves
- Working on cycling information boards with designated funds



ENHANCING OUR LOCAL ECOLOGY

Create a flagship initiative 'Greenspace Calne' that identifies suitable green spaces across Calne and surrounding areas that can be used for increasing biodiversity, community allotments, tree planting, and ecological improvement.

- Identified sites have included Hillcroft and the recreation ground where several wildflower and bulb areas have been planted
- Site at Lickhill Road was not achievable due to permissions – there was a lack of engagement from Wiltshire Council



ENHANCING OUR LOCAL ECOLOGY

Greenspace Calne

- ✓ Start:
 - Develop branding for enhanced sites – logo, signposting in planted areas, webpage highlighting areas
 - Look into additional sites, perhaps in relation to Wiltshire Council land devolution
- ✗ Stop:
 - Pursuing Lickhill Road in favour of smaller sites
- ▶▶ Continue:
 - Building up planting at the Rec



ENHANCING OUR LOCAL ECOLOGY

- The group will coordinate access to funding, approvals, and community resources to create a patchwork of green in our local areas.
 - Promoted Calne Community Nature Reserve at all outreach events, with new signups every time
 - Stokes Croft tree planting project ongoing – progress has been slow due to funding challenges, but funding has now been secured and planting is expected shortly
 - Informative talk on how to successfully grow wildflowers



ENHANCING OUR LOCAL ECOLOGY

Patchwork of Green

- ✓ Start:
 - Raising awareness of connections between nature areas, e.g. for hedgehogs.
- ✗ Stop:
- ▶▶ Continue:
 - Promoting Calne Community Nature Reserve



ENHANCING OUR LOCAL ECOLOGY

What else can we do?

✓ Start:

- Engage with Tree Warden volunteers, particularly around monitoring trees planted on newer estates

✗ Stop:

▶▶ Continue:



SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

What else can we do?

✓ Start:

- Providing information on local ways to make better use of resources
- Investigating feasibility of projects related to reducing waste, recycling, refurbishment and resource sharing. Ideas include:
 - The Great Collaboration
 - Recycling Hub (for items not collected kerbside or at Lower Compton)

Ideas for projects need to focus on actions and positive messages. Aim to have specific plans in the update at the AGM.

OUR UPDATED PLAN?



champion greener energy usage

promote lower carbon and cost alternatives for community energy needs and promote efficient energy usage



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support sustainable choices

provide access to and information about services and options for making sustainable choices and using resources prudently

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