



Community Engagement Report – Calne Community Area

Calne Action Plan

Environment – Area Board Priority sub-group.

1. Purpose of the Report

- a) To note the discussions laid out in the meeting notes.
- b) To consider including actions as laid out in appendix 1 to the Calne Community Area action plan.

a) Meeting notes 22nd February 2022:

Attendees: Ian Thorn, Robert MacNaughton, Sue Deedigan, Rob Mercer, Celia Stevens, Jane Vaughan.

1. The group discussed findings from Calne Eco Fest (November 21) and matters arising from Air Quality Group, Friends of the Marden Valley and Sustainable Calne conversations. These highlighted the following issues/potential actions (actions are rated low, medium or high based upon the perceived ease of achievement):

1.1. Transport

Issue – Sustainability of the Sustrans Cycle Route

- 1.1.1. Develop the route as a serious cycling alternative to the A4 (including addressing longevity of leases) - **JV/IT identify relevant Wiltshire Council officers to invite to future Environment/Area Board. ACTION**

Issue - Encourage and promote active travel:

- 1.1.2. Signage and promotion of a joined-up safer cycling/walking ... link with s106 group. – **JV to ask TT to invite JV&CS to attend future meeting. ACTION**

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- 1.1.3. Provide an E-Bike charging point in the town centre – JV to work with RM and Calne TC to develop a project to provide an initial point. **ACTION**

1.2. Green Spaces

Issue – Encourage community tree planting / re-wilding schemes:

- 1.2.1. Audit of tree planting / re-wilding locations – CS/SD/JV discuss potential campaign to link with Parishes to identify 75 sites across the community area for the Queen's jubilee. **ACTION**
- 1.2.2. CS provided details about a project that is being worked up between Sustainable Calne and the Calne Clean up Crew that would look towards rewilding areas of the town. CS to provide details at the next Area Board meeting (08/03/2022) **ACTION**

1.3. Engaging the Local Community

- 1.3.1. An event to engage with young people from the Community Area. - CS/SD/JV discuss potential event to hold in the autumn. **ACTION**
- 1.3.2. Friends of the Marden Valley – River Marden Festival. – RM to keep the group informed about plans for the next festival.

2. Update Calne Area Board Action Plan – Environment Priority

- 2.1. The group discussed adding the issues and actions (discussed in 1 above) to the action plan as shown below. (Proposed action plan appendix1)

3. Recommendations to the Area Board

- 3.1. To note the discussions outlined in these notes.
- 3.2. To consider including actions as laid out in appendix 1 to the Calne Community Area action plan.

4. Other issues discussed:

- 4.1. Do we need a terms-of-reference going forward? – JV reported that a template was being produced that all Area Board action groups would be asked to consider using in the next administrative year. It was agreed to wait to see this rather than producing an interim T-o-R.

Next meeting: To be arranged

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APPENDIX 1 – proposed update to the Calne Community Area Action Plan – Environment Priority (March 2022):

Priority	Action	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements planned	Funding required	Additional Comments	Status
The Environment	<p>Issue - Encourage and promote active travel:</p> <p>ACTION: Signage and promotion of a joined-up safer cycling/walking ... link with s106 group. – Ask s106 Chair to invite JV&CS to attend future meeting.</p>	Action rated medium in achievability.	JV and CS	22/02 2022		Liaison with Section 106 working group.			
	<p>ACTION: Provide an E-Bike charging point in the town centre – develop an Area Board/Town Council project to provide an initial point.</p>	Action rated high in achievability.	JV, RM and Calne Town Council.	22/02 2022			Area Board Funding application submitted for joint project. 08/03/22		Potential Area Board Funded Project
	<p>Issue – Sustainability of the Sustrans Cycle Route</p> <p>ACTION: Develop the route as a serious cycling alternative to the A4 (including addressing longevity of leases): Invite relevant Wiltshire Council officers to attend future Environment/Area Board.</p>	Action rated medium in achievability.	Cllr Ian Thorn/AB Environment theme group	22/02 2022					

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	<p>Issue – Encourage community tree planting / re-wilding schemes:</p> <p>ACTION - Audit of tree planting / re-wilding locations –discuss potential campaign to link with Parishes to identify 75 sites across the community area for the Queen’s jubilee.</p>	Action rated medium in achievability.	CS/SD/JV	20/02 2022					
	<p>Issue - Engaging the Local Community</p> <p>ACTION: An Area Board event to engage with young people from the Community Area. - discuss potential event to hold in the autumn.</p>	Action rated high in achievability.	CS/SD/JV	20/02 2022	Autumn 2022				
	<p>The following actions have been completed on the Calne Community Area action plan:</p>								
	<p>Hold a Calne ECO Fair in October to promote COP26, celebrate ideas about living sustainably and to encourage conversations about issues raised by the community groups.</p>		<p>Cllr Ian Thorn Sue Deedigan (Calne Without PC & Wiltshire Climate Alliance) and Robert Macnaughton (Friends of</p>		06/11 2021	Calne ECO Fest	Yes	Area Board funded project	Complete- Area Board funded event/project

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		Marden Valley).							
	Air Quality Management Group – Progress action plan.		Cllr Ian Thorn & Air Quality Management Group .					Group reformed and reporting independently to the Area Board.	Complete
	Explore ways to promote and develop the Marden Valley sustainably, offering healthy, active opportunities for the community to engage in an exploration of the biodiversity of this locally important natural habitat.	Marden Valley Nature study	Cllr Ian Thorn & Robert MacNaughton (Friends of the Marden Valley).				AB grant £1K allocated on 07/09/2021		Area Board funded project
		New Forest on Stanley Lane					AB grant £5K allocated on 07/09/2021		Area Board funded project
Hazeland Community Tree Planting						AB grant £5K allocated on 07/12/2021		Area Board funded project	

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