



Banwell Parish Council Sustainability Working Group 2nd February 2023 Notes

Councillors Present: Mike Bailey, Paul Harding

Officers Present: Daisy Finniear (note taker)

Members of the Public: 1 (non-voting member)

1. Apologies

Cllr Wright, Cllr Thompson.

2. To review the status of tasks assigned at the previous working group meeting.

Wash & Squash

Daisy and Cynthia updated the group on the “Wash & Squash” campaign. The campaign will launch in the March edition of the parish magazine and E-Newsletter. Social media graphics and information will support the articles.

Cllr P Harding recommended including the use of can crushers in the campaign materials and include links to where parishioners can purchase these to fully crush tins.

ACTION: to include can crushers in the Wash & Squash campaign on social media.

Eco Banking

Cllr Harding reported back on eco bank options and will continue to investigate options as interest rates rise.

ACTION: Cllr Harding to continue to research eco banking options and recommend banks to council.

EV Charging Points

Cllr M Bailey reported findings on EV charging points. Six companies were investigated, two of which were found to have potential: Equilibrium energy and EV Box. Equilibrium energy provide PR sensor chargers with logins and app access. EV box has a rapid charge system. Further investigations would be required, including the need for planning permission, electricity source, maintenance, funding, and site survey. It was added the bypass team are planning to install two EV points in West Street Car Park, therefore installing additional via the parish council was not considered a priority.

ACTION: to wait for the bypass team to share detailed proposals for EV charging points in West Street and to pass details on to Cllr Bailey for comment.

Bypass Biodiversity Net Gain

The Comms Officer reported that the bypass team agreed to include a section on biodiversity net gain when they update the bypass website. The site will include information on how the team plan to quantify the 40% net gain and include measurables.

3. To assign new actions to group members from the Sustainability Action Plan.

ACTION: Cynthia to continue to investigate identifying and promoting walking routes around the village.

ACTION: Cllr M Bailey to investigate which local shops and supermarkets provide soft plastic recycling. To report back to Comms Officer, who will share the locations on social media.

ACTION: Cllr P Harding to review the Rural Funding Digest monthly and report any potential environmental funding grants to Clerk and Comms Officer.

4. Date of next meeting

18th May 19:30.