

Brixton Parish Council's Environmental Policy Action Plan



Plans	Action	Lead	Timeframe	Review
1. Maintain a Brixton Parish Environment Working Group to implement the actions listed in the adopted Environmental Policy.	To review BPC's Environmental Policy and report if any changes are needed. To agree and review the terms of reference for the Brixton Parish Environment Working Group and annual action plan and progress	Liz Hitchins	Ongoing	Terms of Reference, Environmental Policy and Action Plan – reviewed and updated at BPC meeting 6 th November 2024
2. Ensuring that BPC is represented on Sustainable South Hams, Yealm Estuary to Moor, Environment Alliance (5 parishes) and Net Zero Vision	To identify nominated representatives	Liz Hitchins (Sustainable South Hams & Environment Alliance) Tony Carson (YEM) Alex Whish (YEM) Stuart Nix (Net Zero Vision)	Ongoing	
3. Ensuring that any community assets are considered for hosting basic recycling facilities.		Liz Hitchins	Ongoing	
4. Encourage and support the patrons of any community buildings to identify areas that energy can be saved or generated with renewables.	Liaise with St Mary's Church, St Mary's School and Sherford School.	Liz Hitchins to follow up with Head teachers		
5. Assess all planning applications against the criteria for renewable and affordable clean energy and for all new developments to have sustainable drainage plans. Consider the impact on air quality and emissions	BPC Planning Sub Committee River Yealm Water Quality Working Group	Ian Martin	Ongoing	

6. Reporting activities that are suspected to be causing environmental harm (air, water and noise pollution) to the relevant regulatory body.	Opportunity for Considerate Neighbourhood Schemes River Yealm Water Quality Group Poor air quality in Sherford (traffic)	All group members Traffic Management Group	Ongoing	
7. Contribute to the review of local environmental indicators, such as water quality and waste recycling.	River Yealm Water Quality Group YEM	Liz Hitchins Alex and Tony (YEM)	Ongoing	
8. Becoming a Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Community, by encouraging our plastic free allies (local businesses, Brixton St. Marys School and the community as a whole) to avoid using single use plastic and reduce their consumption of other plastics and ensuring it is disposed of responsibly	Art Projects at St. Marys School and Sherford School.	Liz Hitchins / Kirstie Aldridge	Delayed due to COVID 19	Sherford Vale Primary School have completed their 'Plankton' Project St Mary's will be receiving funds after October 2024 BPC meeting
9. Continuing to spread the sense of pride in our community by organising monthly village cleans and informal litter picking.	Monthly sweeps	Liz Hitchins	Ongoing	
10. Encouraging pollinating insects by designating set areas of wild flowers and consider verges suitable for reducing maintenance to increase these natural feeding areas. .	Flower bed at Chittleburn planted with pollinators, specimen wild flowers planted in suitable locations. Grass cutting contract agreed to ensure that the appearance of the village continues to improve and at the same time providing uncut areas for wildlife habitat e.g. along the fence between Combe Lane and Fordbrook Lane.	BPC	Ongoing Annual review	

	Promoting Brixton as a 'bee friendly' parish Bee Wild Group set up with own terms of reference to promote bee friendly environments on both public and private land	Bee Wild Group – Liz Hitchins and Heather Compton	Ongoing Review TOR for BWG	Ensure Bee Wild Group review Terms of Reference
11. Engaging with householders, businesses and the wider community e.g. school & churches, Brixton Composters, Brixton Feoffee Trust to improve the environment and biodiversity e.g. increasing rainwater storage facilities, providing suitable conditions for pollinating insects, or garden areas suitable for wildlife	Representation from the Church, Schools, Brixton Composters and Brixton Feoffee Trust needed.	Bee Wild Group River Yealm Water Quality Group Brixton Composters		Invite to be sent to the individual groups to be represented at these meetings Advertise on Facebook
12. Promoting tree planting wherever possible and take steps to protect existing trees, woodland and hedgerows.	12 trees have been planted in Brixton along and adjacent to A379 and Feoffee Park and St Marys School	Bee Wild Group & Alex Whish		
13. Contributing to the improvement of the mental and physical well being of parishioners	Maintenance and access of Public Rights of Way (PROWs) All met in the Brixton Parish Environment Working Group terms of reference. Improving walking and cycling routes	BPC P3 Group Brixton Parish Environmental Working Group		

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