

## **Appendix 2 – Survey of SPEP**

On 20 December 2018, 112 emails were sent out to the SPEP email distribution list, asking for Community Project Ideas that have the aim of reaching carbon zero with community engagement ideas being a priority.

Responses:

- Sustainable Cottenham
  - Eye-catching public recycling bins
  - Litter-pick equipment and better way of sorting litter for recycling.
  - Native tree and hedge planting on new estates
  - Encouraging more direct public transport between Cottenham and Cambridge
  - Making hard-to-find eco ad plastic free products more accessible locally.
- Transition Bassingbourn
  - Safe cycle route from Bassingbourn to Royston project which will reduce carbon, congestion and has health benefits.
- Transition Cambridge (Ideas that Transition Cambridge are doing in Cambridge)
  - Clean Wheels, the group researches and promotes the development of clean (electric and Hybrid) car clubs in Cambridge.
  - Energy Group, Meets regularly
  - Repair Cafes
  - Crop share, meet regularly at a local organic farm to help with farm tasks
  - Community Gardens, Romsey and Empty Common
  - Growing spaces, turning small community spaces into edible landscapes.
- Orwell
  - Energy Engagement Projects in schools.
- Cambridge Carbon Footprint
  - To further promote and support start up of Repair Cafes in South Cambridgeshire, including start up costs.
  - To start up 'Lending Libraries' (tools, toys etc.) within South Cambridgeshire.
  - To develop a website page on the SCDC website which centralises all green & environmental groups and promotes all projects that are being carried out in South Cambridgeshire.
- eCoton
  - Address the carbon footprint of business premises; require all commercial properties to register an EPC with the council as well as a 3, 5 & 10 year action plan for improvements to the building. These should be followed up at

- the appropriate date; with heavy penalties should improvements not have been made.
- Work with schools and businesses to educate on the effect of behavioural change. Get people used to setting the thermostat a little lower in winter and (for air-conditioned buildings) a little higher in summer. Council representatives should proactively approach schools & businesses rather than waiting for people to take them up on the offer of a consultation as most people are too busy to change routine of things.
  - Fully commit to sustainable transport. This means subsidising rural bus services and work with Cambridge City Council to discourage car use (Congestion charge?). Build new off-road busways as proposed by the City Deal/GCP will take buses off the roads.
  - Mandate that all new houses built in the region are built to the highest sustainability codes
  - There needs to be a scheme to incentivise people to improve the thermal efficiency of the existing housing stock - someone once told me that council tax charges would soon be set according to a building's EPC level. And if the council had the funds to offer grants for things like external wall insulation, that would help enormously.
  - Set up innovation hubs for green businesses - anything in the remit of reduce, reuse, recycle.
  - Write articles in the South Cambs magazine on businesses that have made significant reductions in their carbon footprint.
  - Reach out via schools and businesses to better community engagement with behavioural change
  - Barton Energy Group
    - There has always been one fairly simple way to increase the use of solar panels, without covering our precious agricultural spaces with areas of solar panels: that would be to offer incentives to encourage ALL warehouses and industrial buildings to have solar panels on their roofs. I am aware however, that unlike most domestic solar panel owners, some large solar panel users, e.g. some of the Colleges, have had to agree NOT to feed power back into the grid, as the infrastructure is unable to take it.
  - Individual Response
    - SCDC hasn't yet made the decision to divest from investment in fossil-fuel related industries. I think if it could do that its aspirations to become a local carbon-free zone would have more credibility.
  - Waiting from responses from:
    - 2G3S, they meet 29 January 2019.
    - Cambridge Carbon Footprint 29 January 2019