

## Brixton Parish Council's Environmental Policy Action Plan



Plans	Action	Lead	Timeframe
1.To setup a Brixton Parish Environment Working Group to implement the action 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 Environment Group.	Liz Hitchins BPC Heather Compton	By October 2021
2.Ensuring that BPC is represented on Sustainable South Hams , Yealm Climate change Action net work , Yealm Moor to See , Yealm Climate Emergency and Environment Alliance, etc	To identify nominated representatives	Liz Hitchins Shirley Deeney	Ongoing
3. Ensuring that any community assets are considered for hosting basic recycling facilities.			
4. Ensuring that an annual energy survey is carried out in any community buildings to identify any areas where energy can be saved.	Liaison with St Mary's Church, St Mary's School and Sherford School.		
5. Assess all planning applications against the criteria for renewable and affordable clean energy and for all new developments to have sustainable drainage plans.	BPC Planning Sub Committee	Ian Martin	On going
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	Liz Hitchins	Ongoing
7. Reviewing local environmental indicators, such as water quality and waste recycling.	River Yealm Water Quality Group with own terms of reference Waste recycling?	Liz Hitchins	Ongoing

<p>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.</p>	<p>Art Projects at St. Marys School and Sherford School.</p>	<p>Joe Parish Liz Hitchins</p>	<p>Delayed due to COVID 19 Starts September 2021</p>
<p>9. Continuing to spread the sense of pride in our community by organising monthly village cleans.</p>	<p>Monthly sweeps restarted July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 subject to COVID -19 regulations</p>	<p>Liz Hitchins</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>10. Encouraging pollinating insects by designating set areas of wild flowers and consider verges suitable for reducing maintenance to increase these natural feeding areas.</p>	<p>Flower bed at Chittleburn planted with pollinators, specimen wild flowers planted in suitable locations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 and to use the grant of £400.00 from YEC (2019)</p>	<p>Jenni Robertson</p> <p>BPC</p> <p>Bee Wild Group – Shirley Deeney, Heather Compton, Jenni Robertson, Brenda Huxtable</p>	<p>On going</p> <p>Annual review</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>11. Engaging with householders and the community e.g. school &amp; churches, Brixton Composters, Brixton Feoffee Trust to improve the environment e.g. increasing rainwater storage facilities, providing suitable conditions for pollinating insects, or garden areas suitable for wildlife.</p>	<p>Representation from the Church, Schools, Brixton Composters and Brixton Feoffee Trust needed.</p>	<p>Bee Wild Group River Yealm Water Quality Group Brixton Composters</p>	

12. Promoting tree planting wherever possible and take steps to protect existing trees, woodland and hedgerows.	Identifying sites on public land for tree planting (11 in Brixton along and adjacent to A379)	Bee Wild Group & Alex Whish	
13. Encourage decreasing polluting transport and movement around the parish.			
14. 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.	BPC P3 Group  Brixton Parish Environmental Working Group	

Adopted by Brixton Parish Council – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021