



**Re: FW: sustainability ideas**

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Hi Helen

Thanks for the email. I am sure there are many good ideas that would help make us more sustainable. I thought I would just update you and Val on the activities that are already going on in the Shropshire Hills that I am aware of as a starting point:

- Shropshire Hills Sustainable Business Scheme. 58 business members committed to a programme of activities under each of the themes; reduce our impact on the environment, enhance wildlife and landscape, involve local people and visitors, support the local economy, participate in a network of like minded businesses. The planned activities are written on a pledge which is displayed to the public. More details can be found on: <http://www.shropshirehills-buylocal.co.uk/sustainable.cfm>
- The Shropshire Hills Sustainable Development Fund annual funds a wide range of different sustainability projects. A summary of last years projects can be found on our website. <http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/partnership/documents/2008-9SDFprojectsummary.pdf>
- A Big Lottery bid has been submitted for a food officer and gardener under the project "Grow, cook and eat" submitted by Ludlow 21. This will help schools and local communities in Craven Arms and Ludlow grow their own food, learn how to cook it and use local produce etc.
- We are recruiting for a new Woodlands Officer and part of their job will be to help develop the wood fuel supply chain.
- A new community garden at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms has been very successful with all allotments let.
- A group in Bishop's Castle are looking to develop an anaerobic digester for electricity generation.
- The Wastless Society, Light Foot, Stretton Climate Care and low carbon community groups in Much Wenlock, Rea Valley and Cleobury Mortimer are all going strong and have plans for interesting sustainability projects. Many of these groups are getting together to submit a joint LEADER bid to develop their work.
- Craven Arms Community Food Initiative is looking to expand and work more closely with Church Stretton- they run the Farmers Market in CA and aim to make local food accessible for everyone.
- We have done some work on car free walks, see: <http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/publications/buswalks.htm> and run the Shropshire Hills Shuttles. We are looking to expand this to include Acton Scott and Much Wenlock next year (<http://www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk/>)
- A new group is looking at improving links between farmers in the Ape Dale with the town of Church Stretton, including food sales.
- I think a group in Bishop's Castle have also been looking at a Land Share option but not sure how this has progressed.
- There are people interested in a Community Agriculture scheme in Church Stretton and Craven Arms.
- There is a great deal of interest in Transition Towns, although I'm not sure how much progress has been made.

If there are any concrete ideas that could move us all forward I would be interested in discussing them.

Best wishes  
Clare

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Hi Clare,

I was sent this list of sustainability ideas by one of my contacts in Shrewsbury who is active in that area. However, looking at them there are several ideas that could translate/have relevance for the group that you are working with. I would also be interested in any other sustainability ideas that they could come up with.

Kind regards,

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there is now an environment and sustainability forum on the central area partnership. we're looking at ideas for sustainability in the old sabc

area. south and north must be doing the same.  
we didn't get far at our first meeting, but i've been brainstorming - by myself!- and have comeup with a quick list of some things i think are needed.i don't expect the council to do them - but if the ideas are out there, members get some idea about what could be done.  
any more gratefully accepted. i'm going to start a sustainability page on greenshropshire, or it could be a blog - what do you think?  
val

FOOD:appoint a county allotments / landshare officer: to determine need for allotments, find land, access funding.

encourage hemp growing - food, fibre, building material

identify best areas to plant nut trees - future food source

start 'shropshire diet' club, cf fife diet. only eat food grown in the county (except for coffee & chocolate!)

set up a system to link food producers with users, to make use of food rejected by supermarkets on cosmetic grounds.

HOUSING: identify sites for 'urban villages', food growing area,carbon neutral, local chp,local gas production from waste, local power generation, car share obligatory. see sherwood energy village

encourage demo sites for alt building materials - hempcrete, straw, cob. revive lime business!

WASTE: explore provision of mini bins for households producing v small amounts of waste. rebate.

look at recycling plastics other than bottles.

look at recycling wood, either as wood, or as biomass.

pilot studies for local power provsion - chp, micro hydro, biodigestion, solar on all new buildings.

reformulate planning rules ref solar panels.

OTHER: combined sustainability roadshow - waste reduction, cooking demos, gardening demos, energy reduction - use local organisations/people. music using alt energy!

develop network of 'shropshire slow lanes' using existing low use country roads/bridleways etc. connect to b&b, riding stables, cycle hire, beauty spots etc.

ask groups working on parish/neighbourhood plans to add how they are going to help meet the govts 40% reduction in co2 by 2020 in their area.

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