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Sustainable Newbury – A New Name

Newbury Town Council has supported a Local Agenda 21 Working Group for the last two years in carrying the torch to help ensure that Newbury is as pleasant a place to live for future generations as it is for its current residents.

The group, made up of local residents of all ages and a couple of Councillors has recently changed its name to the more understandable “Sustainable Newbury”.

It has already achieved a fair bit in raising awareness within schools and ensuring that the Town Council itself takes its responsibilities seriously. It is ensuring that all of Newbury’s Over 80s Christmas Parcels this year include a low energy light bulb (courtesy of Tesco). It has a list of around 60 ideas to take forward but is concentrating on just a few at a time.

The main two projects at present are a consultation into potential wind turbines within Newbury and encouraging more education within schools on the skill of growing your own produce.

Ideas are easy. It is the implementation of actions within Newbury that will make a difference and will take time. The group are therefore looking for further volunteers of all ages to join the group and assist in that action. There is no special expertise needed, just commitment and enthusiasm.

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Cllr Martha Vickers said “Now is a really exciting time to get involved. The need to take action is getting clearer all the time. With the support of the Town Council and working in partnership with other interested bodies we can make a real difference.”

More details of what the group has done and aims to do can be found on Newbury Town Council’s website at www.newbury.gov.uk/LA21homepage.htm. Or contact Cllr Martha Vickers (Chair of Sustainable Newbury) on 01635 230046.

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For more details, see www.newbury.gov.uk/LA21homepage.htm