

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Planning & Environment Committee**

**Sustainability Plan**

**1. Introduction:**

West Swindon Parish Council's Planning & Environment Committee has identified a need for a Sustainability Plan to guide the Parish Council across a range of policy and service decisions.

Bioregional have developed a framework for organisations and groups called One Planet Living. [www.bioregional.com/one-planet-living/](http://www.bioregional.com/one-planet-living/) It is based on ten guiding principles to sustainability

	<b>Health &amp; Happiness</b>	Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.
	<b>Equity &amp; Local Economy</b>	Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.
	<b>Culture &amp; Community</b>	Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living.
	<b>Land &amp; Nature</b>	Protecting and restoring land for the benefit of people and wildlife.
	<b>Sustainable Water</b>	Using water efficiently, protecting local water resources and reducing flooding and drought.
	<b>Local &amp; Sustainable Food</b>	Promoting sustainable humane farming and healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein.
	<b>Travel &amp; Transport</b>	Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.
	<b>Materials &amp; Products</b>	Using materials from sustainable sources and promoting products which help people reduce consumption.
	<b>Zero Waste</b>	Reducing consumption, re-using and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution.
	<b>Zero Carbon Energy</b>	Making buildings and manufacturing energy efficient and supplying all energy with renewables.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 To adopt the One Planet Living principles as a starting point for a Sustainability Plan for West Swindon.

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