Ambition Lawrence Weston
The story so far
Lawrence Weston

- Post war council estate, North West Bristol
- Resident population 7,100
- Area of high deprivation particularly in relation to income, health and child poverty
- 55% of housing stock currently social housing predominantly local authority housing
- Loss of facilities and services + poor transport
- Many derelict sites including former college
- Feelings of Isolation
Where it started

Starting point

• Growing concerns that services and provisions were leaving the area.
• Loss of the Local College
• Poor Public Transport
• Local Clinic, Youth Centre, Employment Support Project, and other services and building’s under threat
• “Forgotten Estate”
First Steps

• Public Health and LA commission report covering local needs
• Network of Third Sector and Voluntary orgs created
• Community research consultant employed
• Community research starts
• Residents trained in consultation work
• Community plan writing starts
• Ambition Lawrence Weston forms
• Community Plan launched
Community Plan 2013

8 themes:

1. Housing
2. Crime and Community Safety
3. Traffic and Transport
4. Jobs, Skills, Business & Financial Inclusion
5. Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
6. Planning and Public Realm
7. Young People, Children, Families & Education
8. Community Facilities, Activities, Art, Leisure & Sport
ALW Sub Groups

- Planning Group
- Energy Group
- Community Led Housing Group
- Community Hub Group
- ALW Network Group
- Big Local Steering Group
- Parks group
- Arts Group
Planning

- Community Development Plan
- Big Local Plan
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Design Statement
- Economic Plan
Community Engaged and Empowered (in most things)
Engaging our Community in Energy

WHY?

- Poverty
- Fuel Poverty
- Food Poverty
- Cold and Damp Homes
- Unaffordable Homes
- Poor Air Pollution
- Natural Resources
- Passive Consumers
Community Awareness Activities

- Solar Panel Workshops
- Cheese Project
- Energy Audits
- Visits-Outings
- Guest Speakers
- General Information Giving
Direct Delivery

- Energy Switching Service
- Energy Advice
- Catch Up Café’s
- Piggy-Back Events
- Fun Activities
- Planning Forum
- Energy Internships
- ACE CiC
- Food and Energy Bank
- Funded Local Organisations
Influencing and Facilitating

- Planning Forum
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- LW Design Statement
- BCC Passive house
- Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- Heat Networks
- CSE Funded Pathfinding
- Planning approval support
- LA Local Plan
What's Next for Lawrence Weston

• Community Owned 4.2mw Wind Turbine
• Retrofitting scheme
• 36 Community Owned Energy Efficient Affordable Homes
• £3.4m Community Hub
• Sector Based Energy Skills Academy
Thank You

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