Q&A report

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# Introduction

In this document, you will read the report about the Q&A that was done with one of the founders of the eco-village in Boekel. The project team will write about their own questions and answers but also about questions and answers from other groups.

# Summary of the Q&A

In this chapter, the project team will give a summary of the Q&A. When the project teams talk about ‘we’ they mean the eco-village in Boekel. The goal of this chapter is to have a brief summary of the project team can fall back on if they need information regarding the project.

The most important thing is to know and create the urgency of eco-village Boekel and the SDG’s but it is also important to give solutions so the people will know that there is really something to do about the problem. If people know the urgency and solutions they are more willing to pay money and invest in eco-village Boekel.

The best way to encourage people to follow the eco-village in Boekel is to make it fun, show people that being sustainable is not boring but fun. For example, we are going to make an encouraging documentary about our houses when it is 30+ degrees outside but because our houses are really good isolated it is very cool in our house. We will also do research about the health of the people and the influence of living in the eco-village.

The forecast we have for eco-village Boekel in five years is that we are extending in different cities and places in the Netherlands but not directly in Boekel because there is not enough space to create more villages directly to our current village.

We are also encountering some constraints. The biggest constraint we (probably) are encounter will be (and was) financing the whole project. Dutch banks are not easy in lending money to innovative projects because of the high risk for the bank. The hardest SDG to achieve will probably number 8, climate change. This is very difficult to achieve in the Netherlands because we are a small country with a lot of people and waste.

We are a very sustainable village, our walls can stand for over 100 years if we/you take good care of them. We have a garden where we can produce our own food. This garden is protected from extreme drought or wet because there are special trees that will absorb or give water to the garden. We are also prepared for other earth extremes such a earthquakes because

We are trying to communicate the findings of our researches (knowledge) and the impact we make in the Netherlands and in the world to the people. We are doing this by our own education centrum, open-source and documentaries.

We do not care if we are different from other projects regarding SGD’s as long as the solutions are contributing to the same problems. We are trying to take the different projects into our education centrum.