



Brockham Parish Council

Environment Working Group (2021)

Protecting our environment today
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Environment Working Group - Permaculture Strategy

Internationally Recognised

Permaculture is an internationally recognised way of developing a strategic planning approach to our every challenging environmental issues. The 'holistic' flower puts approaches into the context of the community, bringing all elements of humans and nature together to create a sustainable culture.

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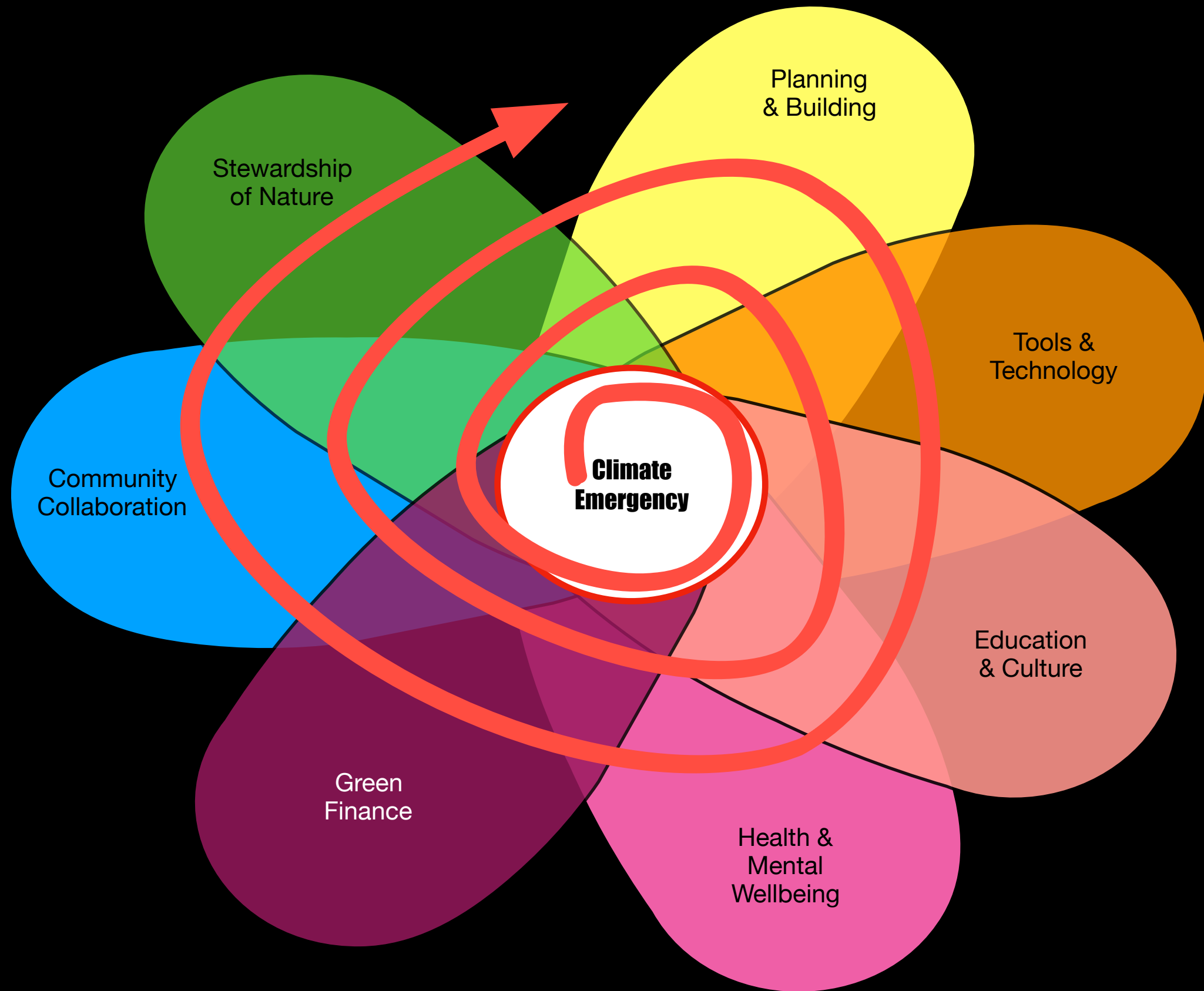
The evolutionary spiral path connects each section or domain, initially at a personal and local level, and then proceeds to the collective and global level. This concept will grow our community so we work together.

Encouraging a Culture

By creating this momentum, or culture, we can encourage the community to apply these principles in our daily life. It's a transition to accepting ourselves as dependent consumers of energy and producers of waste, to becoming responsible users, and easing our footprint on the world.

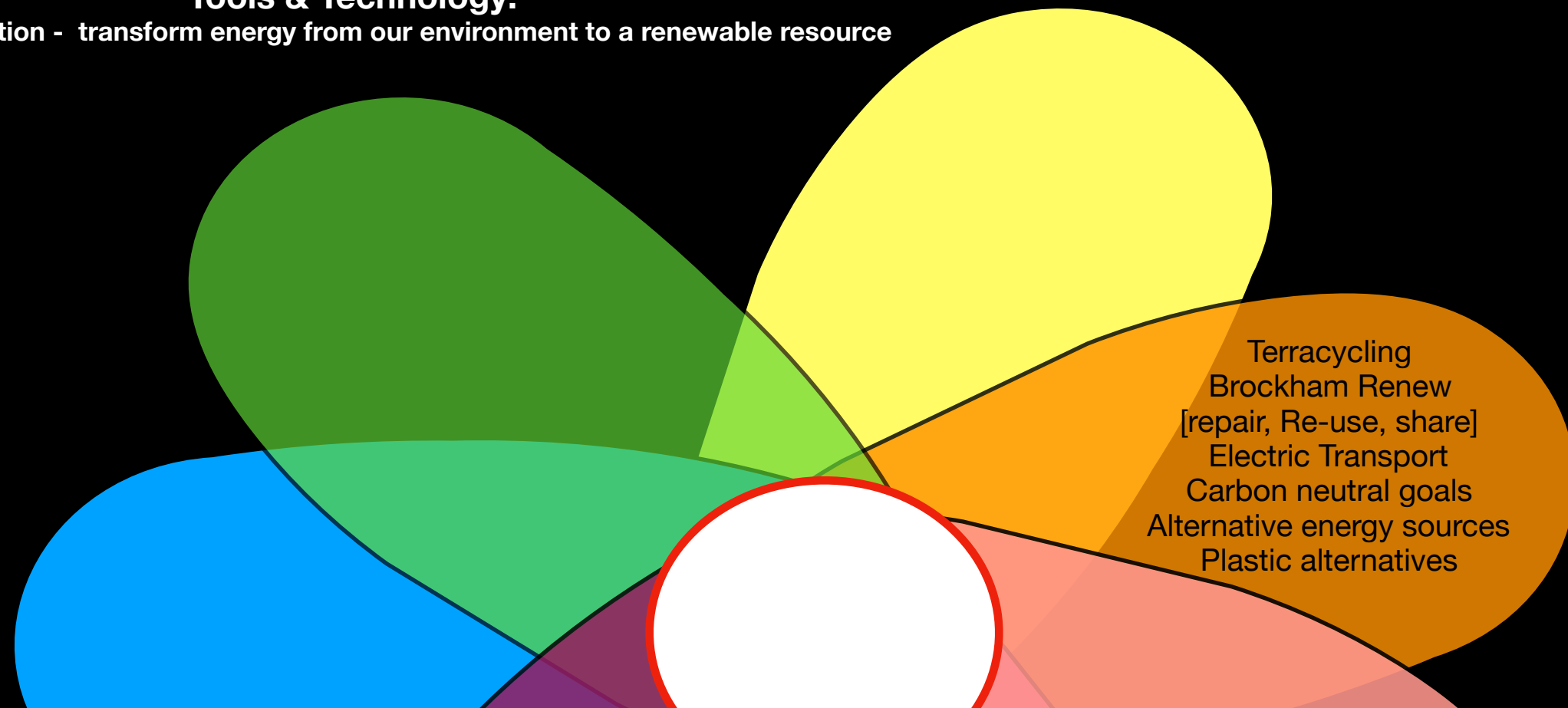
Brockham's Climate Emergency

The Parish Council climate emergency policy will emerge from the set of goals and projects the Environment Working Group and Community recommend, together with surrounding Villages and County, building skills and resilience at home and in our local communities that will help us prepare for an uncertain future with less available energy, wildlife under threat and ensuring a better legacy for our children.



Tools & Technology:

Human innovation - transform energy from our environment to a renewable resource



Reduce Landfill and Waste - Recycling: Education and lobbying for better recycling. Terracycling scheme to include all Tadworth can take (excluding pet pouches), to provide our village and surrounding residents to recycle more. Lobby or find way of recycling tetrapaks.

Creative Reuse to fight fast fashion and a throw away society. Organise Clothes swap events, and setup and run a regular Repair Cafe in Brockham.

Electric Transport - Investigate and find funding for e-bike scheme for 3 B's. Create a community of e-car hook up charging points in the village or surrounding area.

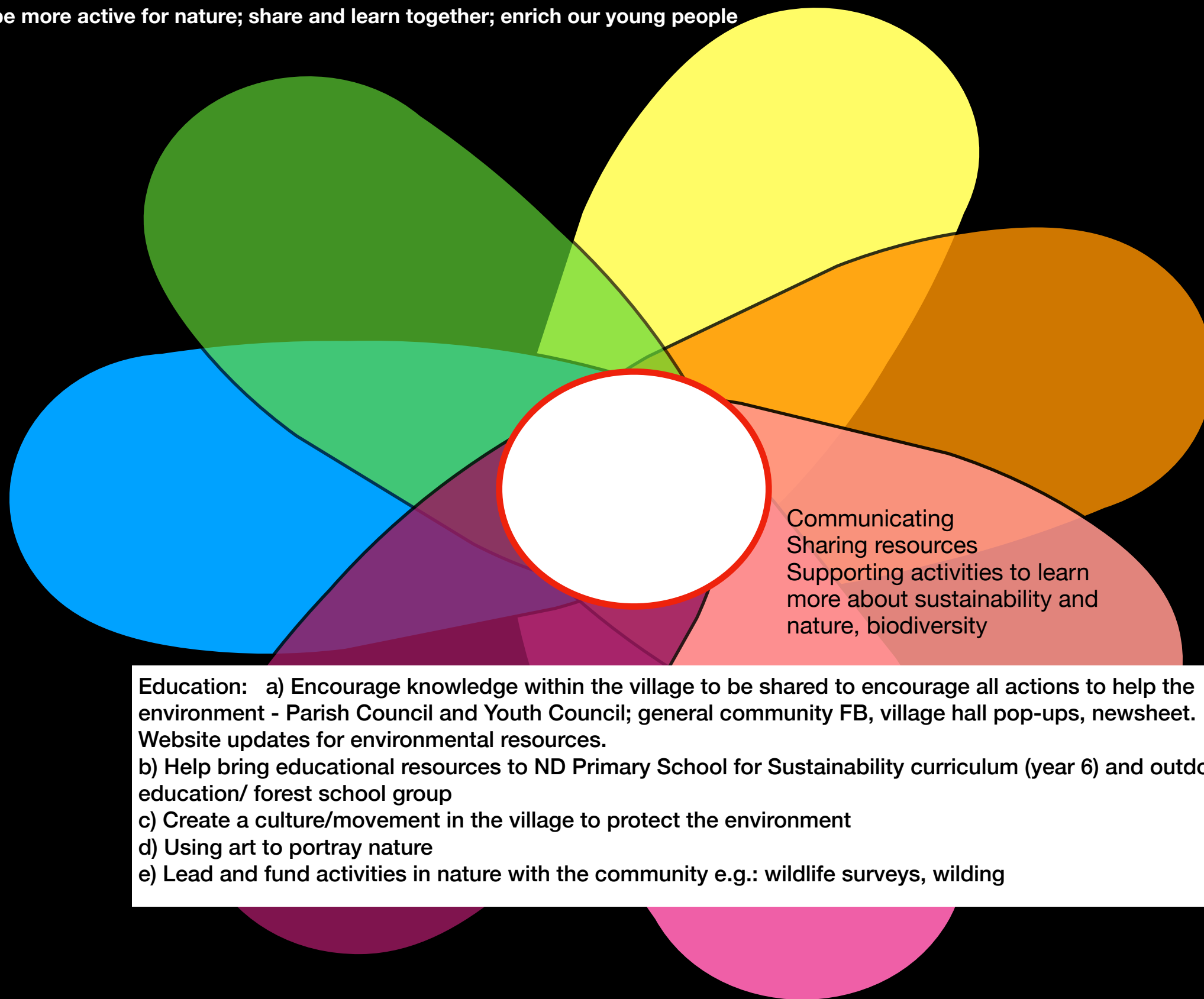
Carbon neutral goals - Establish carbon usage and efficiency on community buildings: Church Hall, Village Hall and Recreation Pavilion, propose changes and raise money to help the organisations improve.

Renewable Technologies & alternative energy sources - community energy projects, group discount for green energy, solar panels, ground source heat pumps, energy storage. Share information/ interest groups.

Become a Plastic Free Community - SAS register. Create a practical list to avoid plastic purchases. Env group to test out companies where possible and get feedback from residents. Accessible via website.

Education and Culture:

Relearn how to be more active for nature; share and learn together; enrich our young people



Education: a) Encourage knowledge within the village to be shared to encourage all actions to help the environment - Parish Council and Youth Council; general community FB, village hall pop-ups, newsheet. Website updates for environmental resources.
b) Help bring educational resources to ND Primary School for Sustainability curriculum (year 6) and outdoor education/ forest school group
c) Create a culture/movement in the village to protect the environment
d) Using art to portray nature
e) Lead and fund activities in nature with the community e.g.: wildlife surveys, wilding

Health & Mental Wellbeing:

Taking responsibility for our well-being; utilising ways to improve health with nature



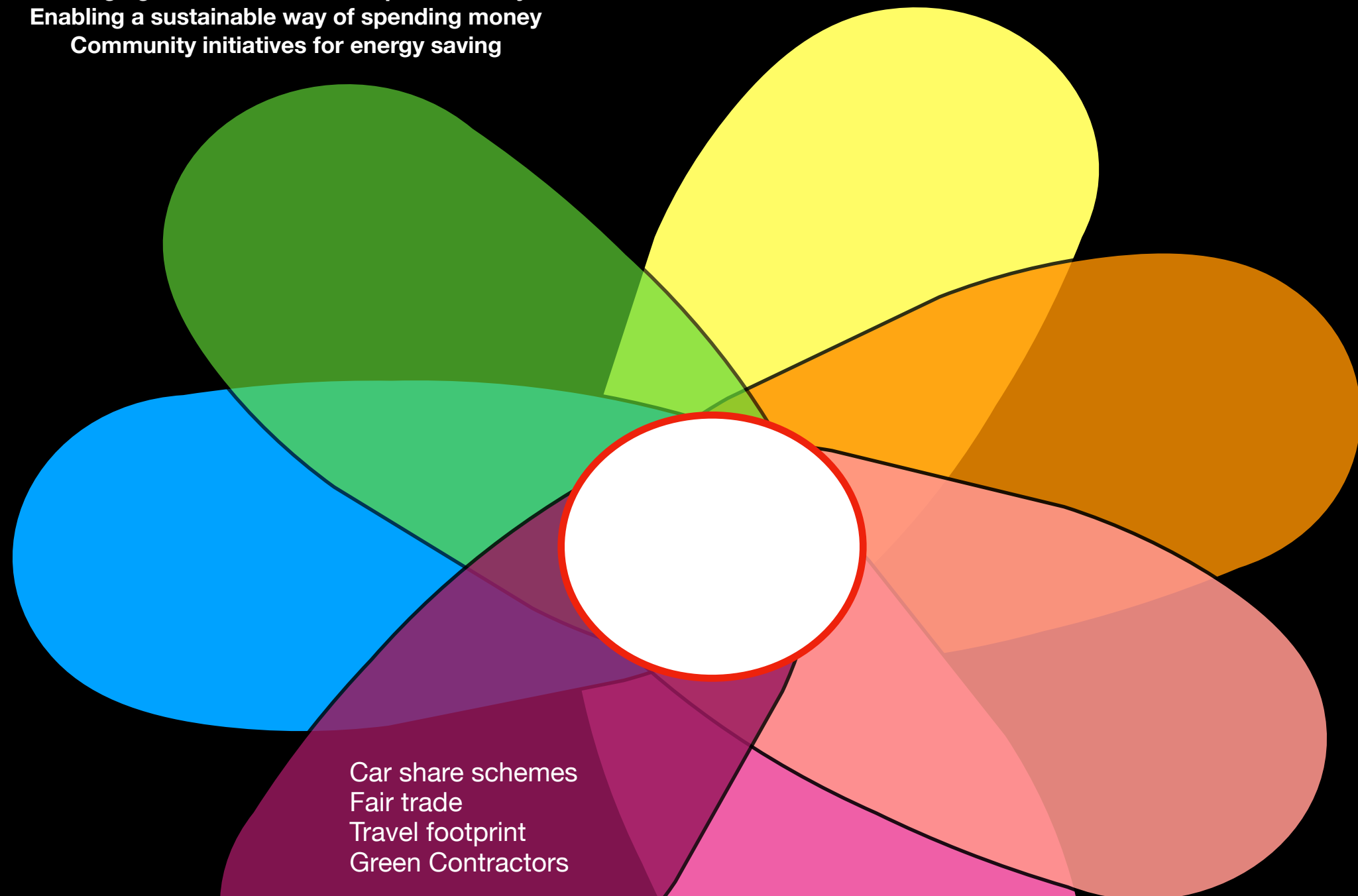
cycle schemes
wildflower gardening
land restoration for biodiversity

Encourage use of outdoor spaces and improve those spaces for health and wellbeing:

- a) Purchase cycle racks for the village and school use to encourage cycling versus car/bus.
- b) Apply for grants and work with 3 B PC's to create a safe cycle route from Dorking to Reigate
- c) Develop a wilding scheme in the village - empower wildlife champions, PC gets formal permission to stop grass cutting and funding cuts when needed. Fund wilding schemes where appropriate.
- d) Safeguard open green spaces in Brockham and encourage outdoor fitness
- e) Collaborate with wildlife companies to increase buffer zones for North Downs.

Green Finance

Managing Procurement in a responsible way
Enabling a sustainable way of spending money
Community initiatives for energy saving

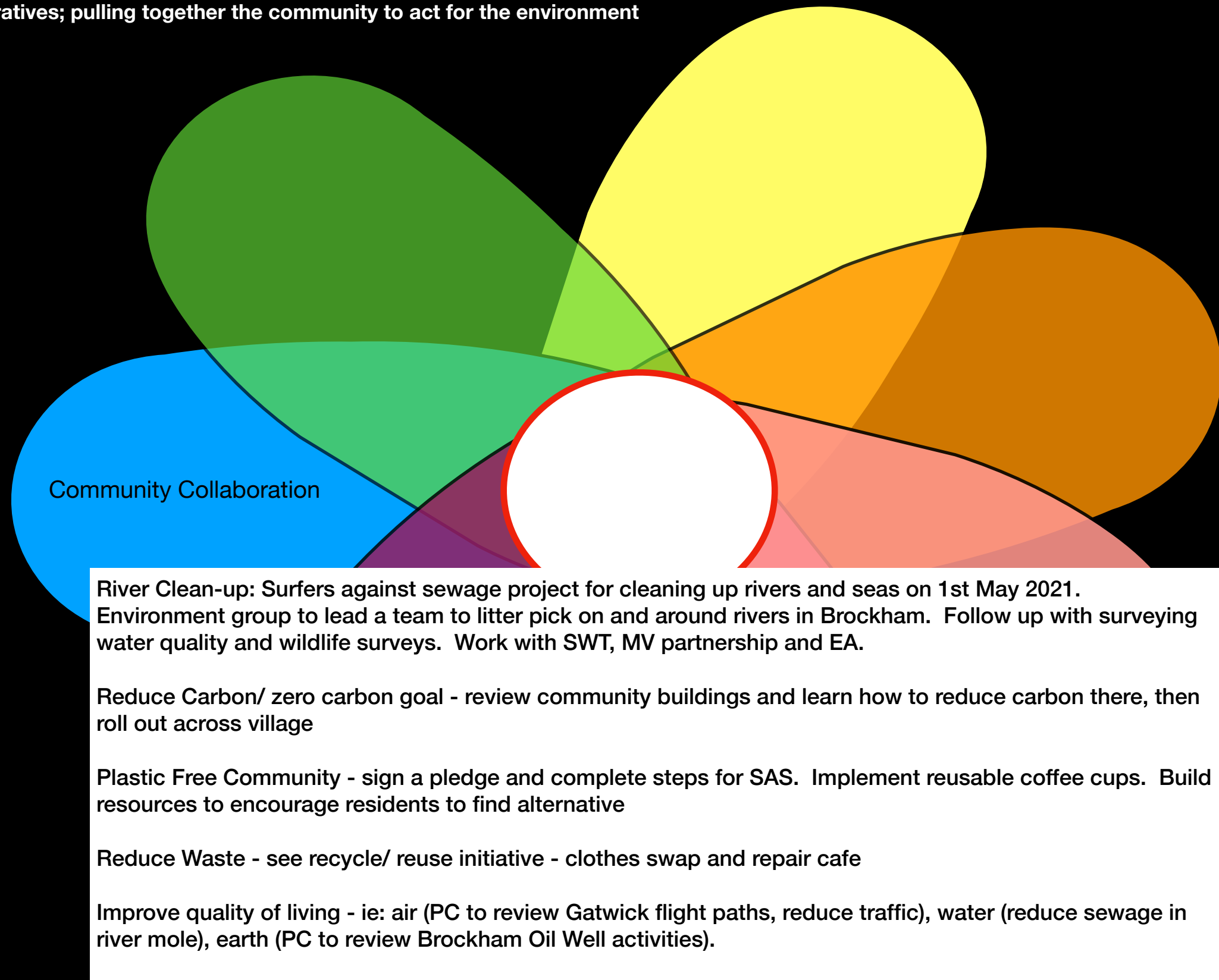


Car share schemes
Fair trade
Travel footprint
Green Contractors

PC to review contractors for green policy, neutral carbon etc
Ethical investment
Support community shops
Reduce food waste
Group deals from vendors e.g.: energy supply
Community energy projects - recruit mentor for next steps

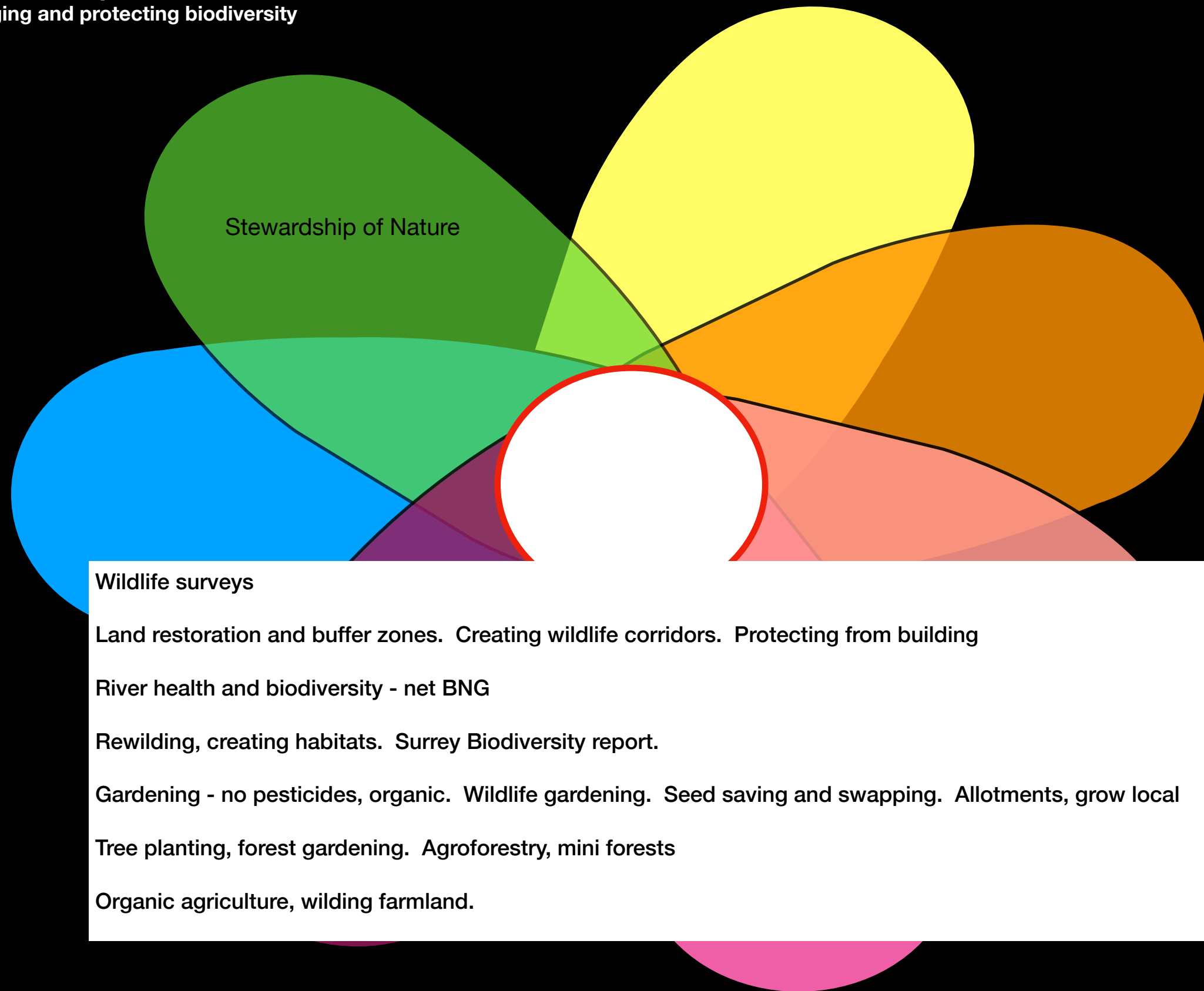
Community Collaboration:

Building cooperatives; pulling together the community to act for the environment



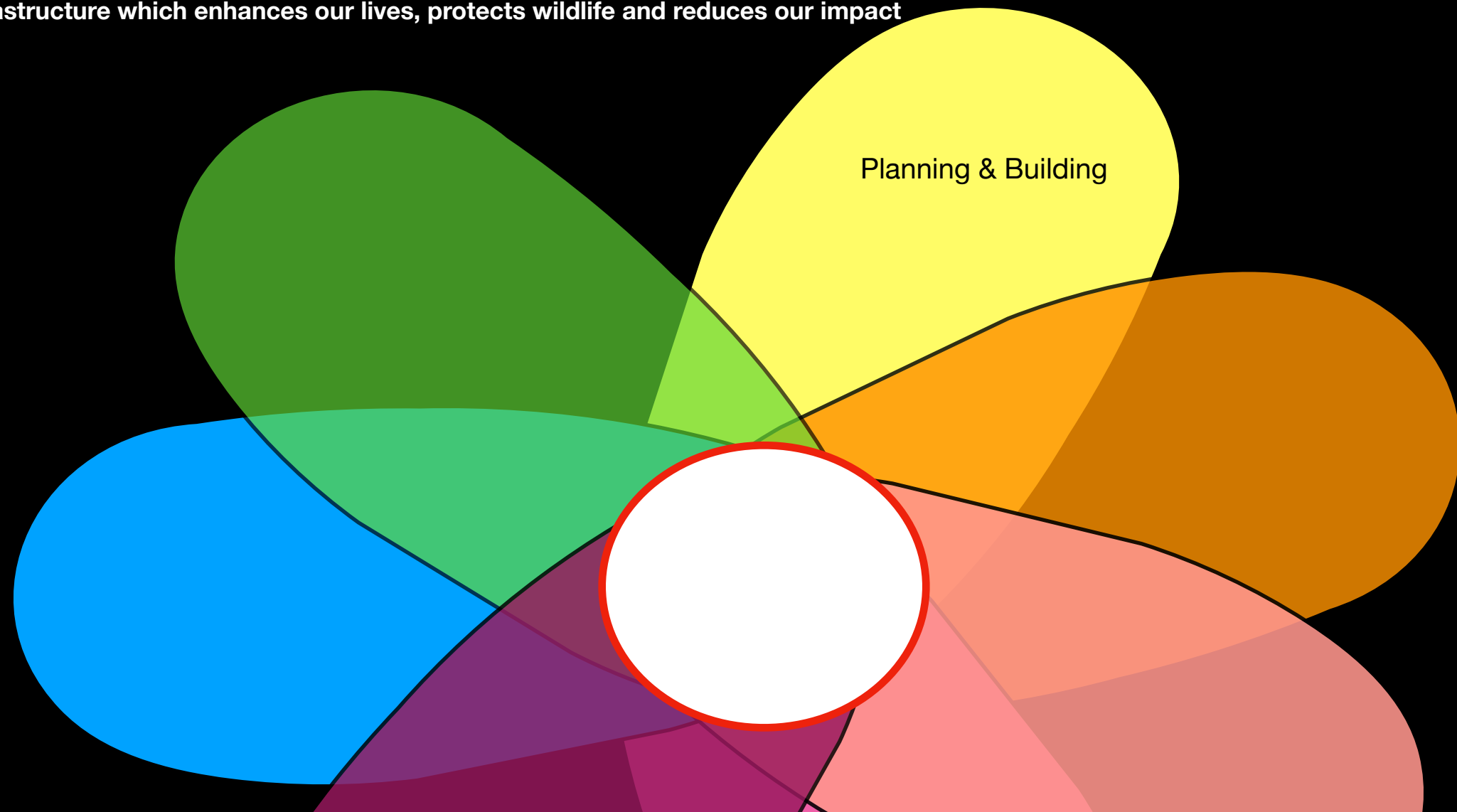
Stewardship of Nature:

Encouraging and protecting biodiversity



Planning & Building:

Encouraging infrastructure which enhances our lives, protects wildlife and reduces our impact



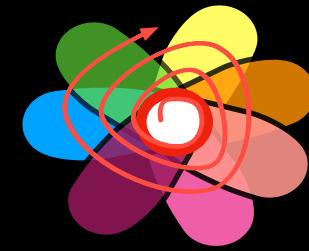
Planning and Village Plan: Encourage planning working group to build into their model to consider environmental factors including wildlife surveys and Biodiversity Net Gain assessment for any extension or new build application.

Swift Bricks: Encourage developers or house owners extending to consider the use of Swift Bricks.

Old tree protection: Lobby government to stop allowing tree felling in older and mature trees (replacing them with twigs takes 50 years for the same carbon sequestration).



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The flower logo will be displayed alongside the Brockham Parish Council logo when advertising Environmental initiatives.

This strategy and permaculture approach encompasses the Environmental Working Groups Key Agenda:

1. Protecting biodiversity and enhancing water quality - We have just 10 years to save our ocean and rivers
2. Play our part to reduce the decline in Surrey's biodiversity and identify land restoration projects
3. Encourage the use of sustainable energy in our community. Promote a community energy source
4. Reuse, Reduce, Repair projects to reduce waste ending up in landfill or harmful to the environment.
5. Educate, motivate and support community initiatives to protect our planet
6. Active Travel - support the Parish Council Strategy to improve infrastructure for outdoor travel
7. Parish Council Declaration of Climate Emergency - enables the councillors to consider the environment in every decision they make.