

Minutes of Meeting of Sustainable Villages Steering Committee
9th October 2012 at Culmcott, Uffculme, at 7.30pm

Apologies: Sally, Tess and Richard

Present: Gill B Pete Bowers, Tim, Jenny (Chair), Ann, Derek, Peter S, David and Gill G

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Open Space No news

Julie Goodhew – The talk went well and was really good. A lady (Hester) from Minehead was there with her ideas and knowledge through her work as an Energy Auditor. The talk was more on how to get people motivated to do things rather than the use of the camera.

On Your Bike: We had the 2nd workshop in Halberton which went well. Ben doesn't seem to have got many volunteers. Pete said he would speak to Ben.

Peter Smith's talk – About 20 people came to the talk which went well with some interesting questions being asked. Pete said he would welcome feedback from the event.

David said he knew someone (Simon Lord) who could give us a talk on Solar panels.

Hogco - The subcommittee had a meeting and it was decided to put it off until June next year with a first meeting in January. The W.I. has expressed an interest in taking part. **Pete** will buy the dehydrator.

Cold Harbour Mill Project – Jenny said she had spoken to Peter at the Mill and they still don't have planning permission. They have had 3 quotes but progress is slow.

Apple Fairs or Autumn Fair – Saturday is coming together and apple picking will commence this week. David said he had negotiated with Five Fords Farm to pick a dumpy bag of apples. Magelake Hall is booked and he will apply for a licence for cider.

Community Bee keeping – Christine is still trying to find right place. The Churchyard grounds man said he is allergic to bees which may upset things a bit. We have beehives, cleaned and ready and hopefully in the New Year it will all start.

Community Orchard - at Fenacre Bridge. Still waiting for planning permission

Transition site - Richard is meeting with Peter Stafford re web designing – otherwise no news

District Council –Gill G said that she hasn't had a reply from him yet. She had tried phoning the Mossmans but hasn't heard from them either.

Crisis in Civilisation Film and AGM – 8th November in Methodist Church Rooms, Sampford Peverell.

Gill said she had the film but couldn't find it. **Pete** will check that it isn't with other DVDs. Otherwise we could borrow the latest transition film from Exeter. Everyone to bring a "Bring and Share" and there will be apple juice and cider to drink.

Community Electricity –.Tim and Pete B went to a talk/discussion which was by invitation only. 20 people were there including some landowners. Some people were concerned about the effects of 4 x 50 metre wind turbines. The idea is to set up a community fund to get the planning permission and then get a loan from a green bank to pay for the turbines. The whole thing will be community owned.

Pete B said he had found something on the internet which had a balanced view which he sent to people with questions. There needs to be a discussion on how to progress it and there was talk about putting a balloon up to show the height of the turbines. The next stage is to look at how co-ops are run. Peter S said he had been on a trip to Fullerbrook which is the largest wind farm in Devon and he could organise a group to go there at some point. Gill G suggested a half day workshop or evening on community energy with maybe a couple of speakers. Peter S also suggested we ask someone who had been involved in community energy already to come and talk to us. Pete and Tim will speak again to Alan Greenslade.

David said he would ask Andrew Lovering re doing a talk on wind turbines in Uffculme in January.

Swishing – November 10th This will be at the Red Cross Centre in Tiverton. Clothes will arrive between 10 and 12 and the swap will be from one to three. There is a meeting on the 16th.

AOB Gill G asked what was happening with the Green Deal but there is no more information on it as yet.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th December at 3 Higher Town at 7.30