

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 13th January 2015

at 3 Lower Town, Halberton. EX16 7AU.

Present: Sally Chapman, Peter Bowers, Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Dennis-Purves, Gill Gale, Jeni Lupton, Ann Hill, Tim Pointing, Teresa Pointing, Rosalie Chamberlin, Ruth O'Brien, Delia Kennedy, Pat Bell,

Apologies: Kitty Britton, Helen Kearney, Stuart Kearney

Item	Comments	Action
Matters Arising	All on agenda	
Brendon Energy	Peter - Sampford Peverell primary school and Methodist Chapel may be interested. Would help school with pool heating. Chapel will discuss at meeting in Feb. Richard – talks with Holcombe Rogus village hall and Westleigh URC are ongoing. Sally – St James Church to discuss at March meeting. Tim – going through Uffculme list. Magelake concerned about insurance. Peter reported that the BE second share issue was fully subscribed so they are making further installations.	All update Peter with progress. Peter will ask BE about insurance and update Gareth on local interest.
Plastic Recycling	Despite previous assurances of support, Felicity at Mid Devon recycling has told Sally the disappointing news that this is no longer possible following appointment of new boss, Stuart. Main concern was possibility of people dumping plastic before collection. They are piloting doorstep collection of plastic and cardboard for one month in 2 areas of Tiverton before its wider introduction in the autumn. We will suggest they promote their new collection at a Give and Take event in the spring. Sally has been trying to speak to Stuart.	Sally discuss plastic collection with Stuart at Mid Devon council.
Greenham Reach	Ruth (Plot C) has rewritten their business plan and put in 2 funding bids for site infrastructure – currently shortlisted for one. Helen and Stuart now have 2 caravans on site and will be moving in imminently. Plots B and C will soon start selling at Exmouth Farmers Market – no spaces in more local markets due to the wide range of produce they can offer competing with existing stallholders. James on Plot B has recruited a long term volunteer who will also introduce beekeeping to the site. Ruth and Alex also have a volunteer and are looking for others. Ruth is hoping to develop Community Supported Agriculture. Tim suggested the project look at the website for The Food Assembly (https://thefoodassembly.com/en) - a pre-order food shopping system, where a leader organises venues and signs up local producers and growers to the scheme. Consumers select and pay for the produce online and are told when they can come and collect their goods and meet the food producers. Another interesting website mentioned was the Stroudco Food Hub http://www.stroudco.org.uk/	All let Ruth know of any potential long term volunteers.

Repair Cafe	Very successful launch last Saturday opened by the Mayor. It was featured on local radio and television. Neil thanked everyone who made it possible and those who attended to support. 22 items were brought for repair, 14 were successfully repaired, 2 partially repaired and 6 were unable to be repaired. Although the service is free £20 was given in donations and this will help towards the expensive insurance that was needed. The cafe will be held on the second Saturday of every month. Richard will publicise on our Facebook page and also that of Tiverton and Proud. Peter will let our email list know.	Richard put on our Facebook page and notify Tiverton and Proud. Peter send to our email list.
Junction 27 Development	The Cabinet did not agree to include this in the Local Plan but Westwood will still probably put in a planning application. The next step is a consultation between 9 th Feb and 15 th Mar. Individuals could email stating whether they support the Local Plan, especially the fact that this development is not included, suggest regeneration of the town centre, more affordable housing etc. Teresa mentioned a recent change to planning rules means that affordable housing no longer has to be part of the mix on small-scale developments and as most rural housing is on small sites of fewer than 10 homes, without compulsion, few low-cost homes will be built.	Tim forward link to consultation to SV steering group members
Uffculme	Uffculme Green Team will be showing the Jeremy Irons film "Trashed" after the SV AGM on 10 th Feb. Tim will discuss with Delia how to edit the film down to about an hour. People will be asked to come at 6.45pm for AGM at 7pm and film at 7.30pm followed by questions, then refreshments. Tim will introduce the film, explain local context and SV involvement and chair the question session. Gill will provide an information display. Sally will provide copies of Chairman's report including activities during the year. Jeni will help to produce a checklist of useful tips. Delia mentioned the helpful website http://www.therubbishdiet.org.uk . She also reported that the Compost Magic AGM was well attended and new committee members were recruited. Jeni pointed out that Delia has been given a Recycle Devon Thank You Award for her work in protecting Devon's environment. It was agreed she was an inspiration and congratulated for living for 2 years without sending anything to landfill. She was encouraged to share any tips on how to do this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tim and Delia edit film. - Gill provide information display. - Sally copy Chairman's report for handout. - Jeni compile list of saving waste tips. - Peter notify email list, provide projector, laptop and gaffer tape - Delia consider speaking about her experience of reducing waste
Beekeeping	All honey now sold and raised £536. The bees have recently been treated for varroa and are now closed up for the winter.	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rosalie agreed to be proposed as Secretary at AGM -Tess mentioned the item in Transition Crediton's newsletter suggesting not using electrical appliances between the peak hours of 3pm and 8pm. This would reduce demand to the extent that less power stations would be needed. Tess will distribute an edited version of the article. -Teresa will decide on date soon for a tree planting day. -Peter. Sampford Peverell Village Hall asked if SV would like to have a representative on the committee. 	<p>Tess produce edited version of Crediton article</p> <p>Teresa notify all when date agreed for tree planting</p>

	<p>He will decline on our behalf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jeni mentioned there is now a disposable cup made of seaweed that can actually benefit the environment. She will forward details to Richard to put on Facebook page. - Richard. Put Give and Take and plastic recycling on Agenda for next meeting - Delia. Uffculme Give and Take is quite slow but is a good opportunity to make contacts. Next on 24th Jan. - Neil. Neighbourhood Plans are currently being written by Parish Councils and are an opportunity for villages and towns to state what they want to be developed. Some doubted whether they are worth the effort involved. - Gill. She and Pat have recently completed an online Future Learn course on climate change and renewable energy and would highly recommend it. - Sally. Doing a talk to Rotary Club in May and would like to do a Transition course on doing presentations. It was agreed SV would pay for this. 	<p>Peter decline SP hall offer</p> <p>Jeni send cup details to Richard</p> <p>Give and Take on Agenda for next meeting</p>
Next meeting	Wednesday, 18 th Feb 2015, 7.30pm at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus, TA21 0NG.	