

## **SUSTAINABLE VILLAGES**

### **Committee meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>, Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus**

Present: Richard Wiltshire (chair), Tess Wiltshire, Ann Hill (sec), Chris Hill, Gill Gale, Derek Thomas, Peter Bowers, Kitty Britton, Pat Bell

Apologies: Rosalie Chamberlin, Jeni Lupton, Helen Kearney, Ray Rice, Sally Chapman

There were no matters arising.

**Repair Café update.** Attendance was disappointingly low in September and October. Crediton sent a representative and they want to set a cafe up in Crediton. Exmouth wishes to do the same, and Neil has given them information. Gordon Woodcock wishes to get involved and Richard has given him details. More leafleting is being done to alert Tiverton to the presence of the café. Chris will contact Gazette to see if they would consider a monthly page devoted to Green issues generally, as we now have the Tiverton U3A Environmental group, Sustainable Crediton, Sustainable Villages, Uffculme Green Group all needing publicity for their events.

**Beekeeping.** It is a quiet time of year. 1 hive still needs varroa treatment. Teresa Butchers has now started a bee keeping course and may join the team. Still honey for sale at £5 a 1 pound jar.

**Website and advertising.** We need to put Give and Take on social media. Schools have been informed, and Gazette and parish mags. There will be an email going round with a poster attachment for us to print and display in our localities. Tess and Richard to check whether our insurance covers us while in temporary shop.

**Apple Day.** Ann asked for feedback on the day for Jeni. Also some analysis of why more people from Sampford Peverell did not come. Peter said some had mentioned disappointment that no hog roast or cider tent was planned, but he was not sure any more would have come if there had been. There is some nostalgia for the apple day as a community event for SP without travelling outside the village. Some said apples ripened early this year so none left for juicing. People wondered whether there were so many apple juicing events this year that no need for ours to be any bigger. Needs advertising in Hemyock and Culmstock? Should we avoid doing it on same day as Uffculme Farmers' Market? Avoid Saturday that Karen group have their coffee morning? Avoid clashing with Killerton apple

day, or have it earlier than them? Request for some gaps in the musical activity so people could chat more, though music was great. Fruit machine was especially great! Could we organise an entertainment by primary age children so their parents would want to come? Derek wanted to emphasise that we need the day not just to juice spare apples but to bring in more people to our organisation. The venue was very suitable and very well organised. Ann will take some leftover supplies to CHAT~ and will try and sell some apple juice and soup and cheese etc at the Saturday litter pick in Uffculme. After that the finance situation should be clearer.

**Give and Take.** 10 – 14 November in Tiverton. Setting up on 9<sup>th</sup>. Helper rota was circulated, needing 2 people on at a time. Tess to make some advice notes for helpers on how to handle some awkward situations that occur. Agreed that there should be a donation box, kept under the counter, in aid of Refugee Support Devon. Electrical items will be accepted and taken for PAT testing before being available to the public. Cannot accept very large items or clothes.

**Political events.** Discussion on Climate Change March in London . Pat recommended a film on NHS privatisation that is due to be shown in Exeter.

**Uffculme update.** There will be a morning litter pick followed by a litter ‘happening’ in the square on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>. Compost Magic are starting to collect soft plastic. You need to register with them and get a number for the site.

**AGM** We will aim to show the Melanie Klein film ‘This changes everything’ in February in SP or Uffculme. Chris offered help from Uffculme Green Team as provided for previous AGM where we showed ‘Trashed’. Pat and Gill to enquire about acquiring the film.

**Visioning Day** Gill Gale feels we need to step back and try to look at our long term aims, maybe by planning a Visioning Day. Gill, Neil and Pat to form sub committee. Maybe include Shelley Robinson.

**AOB** Chris reported on Tiverton U3A and their new Environmental interest group. They have shown the film ‘Trashed’, attended a talk on fracking and are planning 2 visits to Exeter Enviro Hub. On November 10<sup>th</sup> at Heathcoat Community Centre there will be a meeting about the fracking visit and a talk on global energy supply. Ray Rice can be contacted if visitors wish to know whether they may attend.

Peter 1. has renewed our 5 event annual insurance

2. has received an email from Gary Miller who is interested in the building of passiv houses in local villages. He will be invited to attend a meeting to tell us more

3. has dealt with Jodie Giles from Regen SW who says there is money available for startup for community energy projects. We cannot use this in the time frame available.

4. has been approached by Mark Brown (01884-799348) of Selgar Mill ([mark@gm.dpc.org](mailto:mark@gm.dpc.org)) who is hoping to raise money by crowd funding for a biomass boiler for a music project he is developing. Ann to find out more. We felt the interest rate proposed of 1.8% is unlikely to attract a lot of interest.

**Next meeting** will be at Kytton Cottage at 7.30 on Wednesday, December 2nd. Gill to chair.