

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 18^h February 2015

at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus.

Present: Sally Chapman, Peter Bowers, Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Dennis-Purves, Gill Gale, Jeni Lupton, Tim Pointing, Rosalie Chamberlin,

Apologies: Kitty Britton, Teresa Pointing, Pat Bell

Item	Comments	Action
Matters Arising	All on agenda	
AGM	Feedback was very positive with large numbers at both AGM and the following film and discussion. 4 new people expressed interest in beekeeping and there were 3 new volunteers for the Repair Cafe. Some new names were also added to our contact list.	
Steering Committee membership	It was agreed that membership needs to be clarified. Members currently on the Committee are Ann Hill, Delia Kennedy, Peter Bowers, Rosalie Chamberlin, Gill Gale, Richard and Tess Wiltshire, Tim Malyon, Teresa and Tim Pointing, Pat Bell, Kitty Britton, Jeni Lupton and Neil Dennis-Purves. Sally will check whether others who haven't attended recently want to be on the Committee. Also whether Greenham Reach residents all want to be members or to send a representative. When clarified she will then send a definitive list with names of members and their villages to the contact list. If anyone wants to become a member or discuss any ideas they should approach a Steering Committee member via the Sustainable Villages email address and may be invited to attend a meeting.	Sally to compile definitive membership list then distribute.
Plastic Recycling	Sally has thanked Felicity for her input at the AGM and expressed our appreciation for the new kerbside recycling being put in place. Tim mentioned that at Uffculme Peninsula are reviewing what is collected because of the drop in oil price. After 1 st March the types of plastics collected is likely to reduce. However in future they will collect polystyrene.	Sally will contact Peninsula to see if we should collect plastics at the next Give and Take.
Give and Take	The mayoress, Sue Griggs, has offered the use of a shop in Tiverton for the next Give and Take. Main advantage would be not having to pack stuff up at end of each day. However the market has higher footfall, is more distinct from charity shops and is easier to drop off stuff by car. Richard and Tess will ask the Market Manager – Chris Firth - for same location as previously for either 16, 17 and 18 April or 14, 15 and 16 May. Advertising will be very important. We may be able to use stuff left after Uffculme's Give and Take event and given them things remaining at the end of event.	Richard and Tess let all know when date agreed and request people to save things for stall

Repair Cafe	The second session was just as successful as the first and had a lovely atmosphere. 2 new volunteers have been recruited but more always welcome. The Cafe has it's own popular Facebook page. Tess volunteered to act as a reserve for textile repairs. Committee agreed to Richard's suggestion that we add a question to the form used to ask people how they knew of the service. Update will be put on SV website.	Gill add question to form and send photos and update to Richard for SV website.
Parliamentary hustings	Tim Clewer from Blackdown Hills Transition Group has been in touch asking for our support with their parliamentary hustings on Tue 21st April 2015 7.30pm at the Throgmorton Hall in Dunkeswell. Tim Pointing has agreed to respond to him. Sally and Gill may go and Pat Bell is willing to go and ask questions on behalf of the group.	Tim to respond to email. Peter to send details to contact list.
Brendon Energy	BE have been to look at our suggested sites. Westleigh Chapel seems a bit small. Burlescombe school promising but Grade 2 listed so not suitable. Sampford Peverell Methodist Chapel has shrinking congregation - if they needed to sell they are concerned about possible difficulty of selling with solar panels on roof. Holcombe Rogus village hall has tall trees but Richard pointed out there is a plan to remove them – to be discussed at next church meeting. Uffculme - Tim has now identified right person at the school but no response yet. Same with Village Hall. Sally - Ash Thomas has asbestos roof so not suitable.	
Greenham Reach	Excellent monitoring report now available on the Ecological Land Co-operative website	
Junction 27	Local Plan consultation runs to 30 th March. MDDC voted not to include allocating land at J27 for development and this is what we are responding to and may want to express support for. Developers may try to get back into plan retrospectively. To facilitate the Consultation public exhibitions have been arranged as follows:- Tiverton Town Hall - 17th February 4:00pm to 7:00pm 28th February 9.30am to 12:30pm. Cullompton, The Walronds - 3rd March 4:00-pm to 7:00pm; 5th March 4:00pm to 7:00pm; 14th March 9:30am to 12:30pm.	Individuals respond to consultation before 30 th March
Uffculme Green Team	Uffculme market is held on every 4 th Saturday of the month. Country Fair will be held on 4 th May. The Green Team will be promoting their local activities, the Rubbish Diet, litter picking, Zero Waste Day etc. and would be happy to share the stall with SV. It was agreed that this year's SV Apple Day will be held at Magelake. Peter confirmed SV insurance would cover it. He suggested Saturday 24 th October or a week either side would be ideal. He will supply the Green Team with contacts for music etc.	Green Team to agree date for Apple Day. Jeni send article for Parish Mags to Peter and Richard and Green Team update to Richard for website as jpeg or word file

	<p>Jeni will write report on AGM and film including “top tips “ for parish magazines and send it to Peter for Sampford Peverell and Richard for Holcombe Rogus magazines.</p> <p>The Green Team and Compost Magic have devised a leaflet with Uffculme Primary School Playgroup to encourage reusable bottles for drinks. All parents will be given the leaflets.</p>	
Beekeeping	<p>Recent accounts show a very healthy balance of £731. We received substantial grants that helped with start up costs and all last year's honey has been sold. A bee group meeting has been arranged to discuss this season's activities and Paul Samuels has expressed interest in being hands on with the bees.</p>	
Uffculme School	<p>Graeme Morris, a cleaner at Uffculme Secondary School, emailed asking for support in reducing the amount of rubbish being sent to landfill from the school. Richard has responded and mentioned that kerbside collection is improving from June and suggesting schools may possibly be included. Sally will forward the email to Felicity to also respond to him. He has also been in touch with Compost Magic and seems very dedicated. Richard will contact him again to ask what we can do help and Jeni will ask Compost Magic what has transpired from the contact.</p>	<p>Sally forward email to Felicity.</p> <p>Richard to contact Graeme again.</p> <p>Jeni to report back from Compost Magic</p>
AOB	<p>Sally – Robin at Reapers has cardboard from 200 new chairs to dispose of. Tim will contact him and hopes to use it as mulch. Richard – asked that the website be a standing item on the Agenda and for all to send information to him for the website. Tim – he and Teresa are hosting a tree planting day and wassail on 14th March. He also mentioned a trip to Broadpath is being organised in March. Tess - Be good to address wastage of supermarket food going out of date – FareShare was mentioned and CHAT collect donations or tins and dry goods from supermarkets. They are hoping to start to provide lunch in the holidays for children who receive free school meals.</p>	<p>Tim contact Reapers. Also let us know date of visit to Broadpath</p> <p>Sally add website to Agenda.</p>
Next meeting	<p>Tuesday, 24th March 2015, 7.30pm at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus, TA21 0NG.</p>	.