

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 24th March 2015

at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus.

Present: Sally Chapman, Peter Bowers, Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Dennis-Purves, Gill Gale, Delia Kennedy, Pat Bell, James Dexter, Kitty Britton, Rosalie Chamberlin,

Apologies: Jeni Lupton

| Item | Comments | Action |
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| Matters Arising | All on agenda | |
| Give or Take, April 16, 17, 18 | Tiverton Pannier Market Manager has agreed that we can be under cover unless another stall holder is willing to pay for the position. It was agreed to change the poster to make it clearer. Will run from 10am to 3pm with set up at 9.30am. Manager has agreed to put tables up. Gill will be there each morning. Sally and Gill will put up posters in Tiverton and Pat in Uffculme. Richard circulated a rota of volunteers. Plastics acceptable by Peninsular will be collected on Thursday and picked up by Peninsular in the afternoon. Other plastic will be taken to Ashley tip by Neil. Delia will bring goods left from Uffculme Give or Take. We will resist any offers to give money for goods. If someone is suspected of trying to take everything of any financial worth to sell on it will be discretionary to tell them that individuals are only allowed a maximum of 5 items. Richard suggested people should be asked how they know about the event to inform future advertising. A couple of weeks ago nearly 350 people had seen the Give or Take posting on the Sustainable Villages Facebook page. | <p>Sally - Amend poster and distribute. School newsletters. Collect goods from Derek's.</p> <p>Peter - Check insurance re PAT testing.</p> <p>Tess and Richard – Newspaper, websites, Facebook, Crediton . Ask the drop-in centre to store overnight. Paper for A frames. Board for notices.</p> <p>Delia - Bring goods from Uffculme.</p> <p>Pat - A frames for posters.</p> <p>Gill – Set up. Cut out arrows.</p> <p>Neil - Take plastics to tip. PAT test in evenings.</p> <p>All. Put up posters.</p> |
| Repair Cafe | Third session went well. More volunteers but a few less repairs, maybe because it was cold and the door had to be closed. About half of the items brought were repairable. A stand will be put up in the library a week before the next. Sally will ask Felicity if she can put a notice on the Council's intranet for the Repair Cafe and Give or Take. | Sally contact Felicity re advertising on Council intranet. |
| Parliamentary hustings | On Tue 21st April 2015 7.30pm at the Throgmorton Hall in Dunkeswell organised by the Blackdown Hills Transition Group All the prospective candidates have been invited and will be asked to speak on questions prepared in advance. To reserve places email t.clewer@gmail.com or ring 1404 891154 and leave a message with your name, tel number and number of seats wanted Also email Tim to put forward a question. James Dexter from Greenham Reach told the meeting he was standing as the Green Party candidate for Canonsleigh District Council. | All make a reservation if you want to attend. |

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| Brendon Energy | <p>Peter – Sampford Peverell Methadist Chapel have decided not to go ahead due to concerns if they have to sell. No clear response yet from SP school. Peter will contact Tim for an Uffculme update. Richard - Westleigh Chapel are interested and currently in touch with BE. Burlescombe school had a meeting yesterday and the idea received a mixed reception with lots of questions. Richard is currently talking to BE to answer them. Trees around Holcombe Rogus Village Hall were due to be lopped but the owner's house it is currently for sale. Richard trying to contact owner in Australia via estate agent.</p> | |
| Greenham Reach | <p>James Dexter reported that the residents are happy to work with SV and will send a representative to each meeting. Each of the plots will choose a name. Ruth and Alex's is Steepholding, James' is Wild Geese Acres and Stuart and Helen (moving onto site next week) have not yet chosen a name. James now has a full-time helper called Soraya who has bought a hive of bees with her. "Thousands of new workers"! They will soon be selling produce at Exmouth Market but are interested in nearer markets. There are difficulties with Wellington, Tiverton and Wiveliscombe. Cullompton and Honiton suggested. They will shortly have an expert coming for 2 days to demonstrate Hempcrete as a building material if anyone would like to be there. On 29th April they will start trying to raise £4,500 through crowd funding that will be matched by Funding Enlightened Agriculture. This would be used to improve infrastructure for visitors. Lush are also interested in using them as a supplier and may also fund projects. The residents would like the SV members to visit and it was suggested that we could have our next meeting there.</p> | <p>All – Site needs tarpaulins to cover compost if anyone has any.</p> <p>All – Let James know if you want to join Hempcrete demo</p> <p>James – Confirm next meeting can be at Greenham Reach</p> |
| Junction 27 development | <p>All were encouraged to submit their views to MDDC. Consultation now extended to 27th April. Additional public exhibitions are being held on 11th April at The Walronds, Cullompton 9.30am–12.30pm and on 14th April from 4pm–7pm at Tiverton Town Hall.</p> | <p>All – consider responding to consultation before 27th April.</p> |
| Bridgezone Cafe | <p>The former scout hut by the car park in Sampford Peverell is for sale and a group of local people are interested in buying it with grant funding and sponsorship for community use. This could be as a cafe, place to sell local produce, craft outlet repair cafe etc. On market for £100,000. The group asked that SV consider writing a letter of support.</p> | <p>Sally – Write letter of support?</p> |

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| Uffculme Green Team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uffculme Show will be on 4th May. Likely that the gazebo, shared by SV and the Green Team, will be next to that of ShelterBox. Suggestions for the stall included “guess how many cans” and making things out of rubbish. Help was offered by Gill Gale and Pat. Those interested will have a separate meeting to discuss. - The team had a very successful visit to Viridor. - Delia mentioned Book-Cycle as an organisation worth supporting. - They may have a one-off trial of Give or Take in the village. - The library has a box to collect cartridges for recycling and the team are considering similar to recycle and also to raise funds for the team. Delia will research how the and mobiles are recycled. | <p>Peter - Investigate insurance issues related to Give or Take.</p> <p>All – Contact Delia with offers of help for Uffculme Show.</p> |
| Pop-up shop | Sally mentioned the shop by the cinema in Tiverton can be booked for one or two weeks as a pop-up shop and asked for suggestions as to how we might use it. Suggestions included Green Open Homes information, eg insulation demonstrations and Give or Take. | All – suggestions welcome on how to make use of a pop-up shop |
| Devon Convergence | Pat went to this forum for new local economies and found it was attended by many Transitioners. There were talks from the New Economics Foundation and Schumacher College and many creative conversations. A summary has been sent to all participants. | |
| Beekeeping | Will soon open hives for spring inspection but it looks like all colonies have survived the winter. Bought some new equipment. | |
| Website | Let Richard know of anything that needs to be put on website. | All |
| AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter will let us know if there is another meeting in Sampford Peverell for the self-employed. - James given contacts at Compost Magic - Derek Thomas usually has manure to spare | |
| Next meeting | Saturday, 25 th April 2015, 2pm at Greenham Reach, Holcombe Rogus, TA21 0JY. | . |