

Minutes of Meeting of Sustainable Villages Steering Committee
22nd May 2013 at 3 Higher Town, Sampford Peverell at 7.15pm

Apologies: Richard, Peter Smith, Christine and David.

Present: Gill B, Pete B, Gill G, Tess, Derek, Sally, Tim and James

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

James introduced himself as a prospective/applicant smallholder at Greenham Reach.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Community Bee Keeping – Bees are coming within two weeks. They are Buckfast Bees. Frames are ordered which will need putting together. Date for this is Tuesday 28th at 6.30 at the Apiary.

Community Orchard – Nothing more has been heard.

Community Electricity – No more news or word from Communities for Renewables.

Website – www.sampfordpeverellanddistrictsustainablevillages.btck.co.uk

Market: Not many buyers again. The next one will be on with the Skill share Day on June 15th. This one will be in the Village Hall.

Talks on Wind Turbines etc: Ann is still working on this. She has lined up Andrew Lovering but no date has been set. Ann is hoping to get some anti-wind people to come along for a discussion.

Green Deal: Not many people turned up for this talk which was good. He talked about what the Green Deal is and said he had had a survey done on his house and showed the report. It told him how to improve his energy efficiency. The Green Deal is geared towards the people who “wouldn’t bother to insulate” but doesn’t really target it. The cost of the work is added to the electricity bill to be repaid over a certain amount of time.

Skill Sharing Day – This will be on June 15th and will combine with the Market in Sampford Peverell Village Hall from 10 – 2. More stalls are booked in and the

W.I. is keen to help us. Recipes will be put on website and flyers are printed ready to go out.

Plastics: Sally said she had spoke to Karen at MDC and is trying to get MDC involved. Karen said she was worried about giving the public the idea that MDC are collecting all plastics. Sally is waiting to hear more from her. Peninsula will bring the dumpy bags. This event will happen alongside the Give or Take event, possibly in October half term or maybe spring.

Freecycle – Recycle4Free is a trade name to so until we come up with something better it will be called Free Items for Reuse.

Facebook. Tess and Sally will Facebook the Skill Share day on their FB.

Groups Idea's From the three issues received we decided we will look into the suggestion of TEDx.

Apple Pressing Pete is to arrange a meeting of the Apple Team for late June or July. Tess suggested that we start advertising soon that the equipment is available to be borrowed.

AOB –

Harriet Bevan (University Student) has asked to undertake a project to work at our Transition Scheme. Nobody had any objections.

Sampford Peverell Church has asked for any suggestions for its annual Village Celebrations. **Gill and Sally** agreed to think of a suitable reading on a theme of sustainability.

James spoke about the Greenham Reach and the Wellington Transition Group.

Gill asked about an event to explore “hedgerow food”. After a discussion it was agreed not to pay for an expert to show us but to ask Mark Boyle (tenant at Greenham Reach) if he could help us with this.

Derek noted that CO2 in the atmosphere has now exceeded 400ppm.

Date of next meeting - Monday 15th July 2013 at 3 Higher Town at 7.30.