

Minutes of Meeting of Sustainable Villages Steering Committee
24th April 2013 at 3 Higher Town, Sampford Peverell at 7.15pm

Apologies: Richard, Peter Smith, Ann and Sally
Present: Gill B, Pete B, Gill G, Tess, Derek, and Christine

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Community Bee Keeping –The site has been levelled, the shed is clear but the area will need to be fenced around. One member has offered the posts and another has offered the fencing itself. Christine said they had started putting the hives together but needed help which she was organising. Tess is looking at insurance too. The membership fee has been agreed at £10.00 per person. Pete said he would create a separate account within the SV accounts but there may be a need to supplement or loan money to get started.

Community Orchard – Nothing more has been heard.

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

Website – Richard is still putting things on. It was asked that the address be put on the minutes.

Website: www.sampfordpeverellanddistrictsustainablevillages.btck.co.uk

Greenham Reach Project. The appeal went through and project is to go ahead. Zoe is coming down next week and one of us will try to meet up with her.

Market: This went reasonably well. The next one will be on 18th May.

Talks on Wind Turbines etc: Ann is working on this. She has lined up Andrew Lovering but no date has been set.

Green Deal: There will be a talk on 2nd May at 7.15 in Uffculme Square Corner with refreshments.

Skill Sharing Day – This will be on June 15th and will combine with the Market. It is about making the most of produce when in season. Christine will bring the bee boards and anything using Honey. Gill Gale will do cordials.

Plastics: Sally has been in touch with Peninsula and will progress it further. Will they supply Dumpy Bags?

Freecycle - because this is a trade name which we shouldn't be using it was agreed that we will rename it **Recycle4Free**.

Give or Take Richard feels that he now doesn't have time to take it forward as he would have wanted – so if we want to take it on a twice yearly or annual basis he would support us. It was decided to do it on a Friday & Saturday – someone will ask Neil about storage and speak to the Market Manager. It was decided that advertising was very important and we need to MDDC on board re plastic collection.

Facebook. It was agreed that Facebook is a vital advertising opportunity. Tess put Give or Take and Swishing on it. We need to put all events on FB.

Groups Idea's

There was one response to the email request for ideas.

Apple Pressing Peter and Tess would prefer to have a smaller event this year, encouraging other villages to organise their own pressing. **Peter** will call a meeting of the Apple Team to discuss ideas – possibly late June or July. Derek offered to host some pressing sessions at his outbuildings. We may try to focus on apple pressing workshop type events to teach people to use equipment.

AOB - None

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at 3 Higher Town at 7.15