

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee 9th September 2014 at Higher Town, SP

Present: Sally Chapman, Peter Bowers (Chair), Ann Hill (Minutes), Delia Kennedy, Gill Gale, Jeni Lupton, Tim Malyon

Apologies: Pat Bell, Tess Wiltshire, Richard Wiltshire

Matters arising: Last minutes were used as an agenda for this meeting. Pro forma not yet available for this minute taker to use
ACTION Pro forma to be circulated? Help in using it given?

Brendon energy: Details of 13 buildings were sent by PB to Gareth Hoskins for him to check their suitability using Google Earth. He will get back to us.

Age of Stupid: Publicity is going well. Sustainable Crediton have helped publicise, including using Twitter. SC is trying to make the film available to lecturers for use with students during day on Oct 1st. DK would like to show it in Uffculme.

ACTION Posters (which have been emailed to us all) should be printed out and put up nearer the date. TW should be contacted to find out whether film can be shown more widely.

Open Homes Event: GG has about 10 possible venues. Thinks it will work best if groups are formed to attend these venues by appointment over the 2 days with at least one of us in each group. GG and SC also offered their own homes to show people more ordinary examples of green problem solving. We will not involve Greenham Reach on this occasion. ACTION Peter to check on our insurance cover. GG to send publicity to Halberton newsletter before 15/9. Other village mags need copy to be submitted by mid October for November. The publicity will refer readers to our website for detailed information and how to book. AH to contact 2 Uffculme potential hosts. Hosts to be asked to provide some details of costs, installers names etc if they can. Other information leaflets about green technologies also need resourcing. GG to meet with AH and Rosalie in October.

Plastic recycling: Our aim is to offer a monthly event in Tiverton market. Peninsula Plastic will collect if there is sufficient of the more valuable plastic to make it worth their while. GG had a vision of a monthly recycling day in Tiverton, combining plastic recycling, Give and Take, and the Repair Café. The latter is going to be in the Youth Drop in centre

in the market place on a Saturday. JL and DK offered help when volunteers are needed. (See offers made last meeting too)
ACTION SC to find out whether Peninsula would collect on a Saturday and to discuss further with Karen of MDDC.

Apple Fair: GG has invited Judith who will come and provide a stand with hot dogs and vegan and vegetarian food. PB is finding out about musicians, games for children, cider (and honey) for sale. Says the pressing and bottling is not a problem. Will coordinate a meeting soon and will try and find someone to shadow him this year so he can drop out next year. He and Gill will be away from 24 Sept to 2 Oct. AH was asked to form a team to provide tea, coffee, soup and rolls, cake, biscuits, and maybe baked potatoes

ACTION PB to coordinate planning meeting for 7th Oct and to notify parish magazines. AH to meet with Gil Bowers (re her previous experience of refreshments) after Oct 2nd. (AH is away 13-29 Sept, 2-12 Oct and 19-22 Oct) JL and DK offered to help AH on the day and JL would cook some soup. More volunteers contact AH please.

Greenham Reach: They are having a work day on 18/19 October.
ACTION GG to ask if they could cope with a visit.

Beekeeping: Lots of honey extracted on 8/8. Some will be on sale at the Apple Fair.

Repair Café: The idea for this came from Dawn Hampshire who knew of the success of these cafes in other countries and other parts of UK. GG is on start up committee of 8. They will operate from the Youth drop in centre in market place. They are currently fundraising and need an umbrella organisation to belong to so they do not have to start a new one for grant applications etc. We agreed their ethos fitted with our own and invited to Dawn to come on the committee if she wished. We could not however offer them the protection of our insurance cover as it applies to one-off events (like the Apple Fair) and not to ongoing risks such as helping members of the public to mend electrical items.

ACTION GG to find out from another UK Repair Café what insurance they need and to invite Dawn to come to our meetings if she wishes.

Junction 27 developments: This is still a possibility apparently. We will need to be vigilant in October when plans may have firmed up and we will be offered a period of consultation.

Wind Farm: AH will hand back this item to the committee to take further as she gave notice that she will resign from committee after the Apple Fair.

Accounts: PB still needing an auditor.
ACTION Members to help Peter find one

AOB

1. 'Tinkers Bubble' open day on Sat 13th (Sustainable group living near Yeovil)
2. GG alerted us to Climate march in London on 21/9 starting 12.30 from Temple Church on the embankment. Also to a big Climate Action Day at end of Climate Week in March 2015.

ACTION To bring forward for further discussion whether we plan an event for this day

3. DK updated us on events in Uffculme. She has met with Neil Rushton and 6 others at Magelake to plan green events . They would like to aim to reduce the purchasing of plastic drinking water bottles, stop the provision of free plastic bags in Uffculme shops, introduce Give and Take at Uffculme market, starting on 27/9, participate with a green entry to Uffculme Wheelbarrow Carnival on 29/11

Next meeting: 21st October at 7.30pm at Higher Town Sampford Peverell