

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 10th May 2016

at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus. TA21 0NG.

Present: Richard Wiltshire (Chair), Tess Wiltshire, Rosalie Chamberlin (Minutes), Gill Gale, Sally Chapman, Ruth O'Brien, Derek Thomas

Apologies: Pat Bell, Jeni Lupton, Hilary Corcoran, Tim Pointing, Neil Purves

Item	Comments	Action
Welcome	Our Chairman, Sally Chapman, was welcomed back after her extensive travels that included voluntary work in Ethiopia and Bangladesh.	
Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising	All matters arising are on the Agenda.	
Email list maintenance.	Peter has agreed to carry on dealing with emails for now but needs guidance as to what to send out, both to the Committee and to the mailing list. We plan to take this responsibility from him as soon as possible. Tim has looked at the best way to manage the list and recommends Mail Chimp as it is free and easy to use. Sally will look at how the system could work for us.	SC. Look at Mail Chimp and how we could use it to deal with our email communications
Repair Cafe	<p>Gill told us that numbers were down a bit last time – about 8 repairs were done. She gave out lots of leaflets at the Uffculme show – most people had heard of the Cafe and were positive. People may have a problem remembering which weekend in the month it is held. Suggestions mentioned ensuring all attendees give their email address and sending out a reminder to them and the rest of the mailing list a week before each event; updating the Facebook page with photos and asking people to like Repair Cafe page so they would get a reminder; and putting up a notice at the tip.</p> <p>The Cafe has received a very welcome £300 grant from Sue Griggs at the Tiverton Portas Company. This will help ensure it's future and support advertising and making the venue more comfortable.</p>	GG. Consider implementing the publicity suggestions made
Greenham Reach	<p>The project is planning an Open Day this summer but date not set yet. The new bore hole is working well. They have started to build the shelter funded by crowdfunding.</p> <p>Steepholding is moving their focus from farmer's markets to veg boxes and had an Open Day to promote the veg boxes. They can also supply mushrooms, eggs and fruit. They hope to have 20 regular customers and will supply in a 5 mile radius plus Wellington and Tiverton. Their goats have recently kidded and they had 1 female and 4 males. They have started to milk and are preparing to be able to sell milk and cheese.</p> <p>The Ecological Land Cooperative that set up Greenham Reach is close to acquiring their second site in Sussex and</p>	

	<p>their Annual General Meeting will be held on 11th June, from 2-5pm, at Windmill Hill City Farm, Philip St, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 4EA.</p>	
Beekeeping	<p>This is a busy time of year and the group is pleased to have Teresa Butcher as a new member. They are currently doing a Bailey Change to replace old brood comb with new foundation to limit the risk of disease.</p> <p>Gill met a lady at the Uffculme Show who kept bees in the past and may be interested in coming to observe at the apiary.</p> <p>Ruth expressed interest in selling some of our honey if we have an excess.</p>	<p>GG. Give lady from Uffculme Show RC's email address to make contact as she would be very welcome.</p>
Change of bank signatories	<p>Hilary and Peter are due to meet.</p>	<p>HC. Meet with Peter for handover and to agree appropriate arrangements.</p>
Website/ advertising/ promotion	<p>Gill would like to put some of interesting information she receives on the Facebook page. Discussed using the share function. Need to check if you need to be an administrator to do so.</p> <p>Rosalie suggested Recycledevon.org via Emma Croft as a good place to publicise events.</p>	<p>RW. Investigate whether you need to be an Administrator on Facebook page to share information</p>
Update from Uffculme/Plant Give or Take	<p>No-one at the meeting from Uffculme to update but Gill had run a successful stall at the Uffculme Show last week.</p> <p>Uffculme Green Day will be held on Saturday 14th May. We will run a Give and Take stall, mainly focusing on plants. Ruth also offered to provide some seeds. Rosalie and Sally will help on the day.</p>	<p>All. Donations of plants, seedlings and seeds welcome. Also volunteers to help on the stall.</p> <p>RW and TW. Will run the stall and ask Peter to send out reminder.</p>
Reuse Week	<p>Devon County Council are holding a Reuse Week from 16th to 22nd May and the website includes a mention of the Uffculme Green Day. Details of all the events are at http://www.recycledevon.org/reuse-week</p>	<p>RC Forward email to Sally</p>
Wivey Action Group	<p>The group has suggested that local sustainability groups could arrange joint talks, partly to attract the best speakers. Most of the groups involved are Somerset based. They have agreed to hold an event at Kingsmead School, Wiveliscombe. TA4 2NE on Monday 18th July at 7:30pm. The speaker will be Professor Tim Lenton from Exeter Uni who is an expert on Climate Change, particularly the impact of passing tipping points. He also runs a free online climate change course that provides a general and holistic introduction to climate change.</p> <p>We agreed to publicise the event and possibility set up a stall explaining what we do.</p>	<p>RC. Circulate further details of 18th July event when available</p>

Political item	Tim, Richard and Tess attended the Mid Devon Council meeting to decide whether to reconsider including the J27 proposal in the Local Plan. The vote was very close but it was agreed to reconsider. Richard put feedback on Westwood's web page pointing out that many local don't want the development.	
Apple Day	<p>It was agreed we will hold another this year. Historically it has been held in Sampford Peverell but last year was at Magelake. Although this was a better venue it was less well attended, perhaps due to the bad weather. We agreed to have a scaled down event at SP this time, hopefully with refreshments.</p> <p>Jeni has kindly forwarded some very useful documents and information she developed last time when she organised the event that will help us this year.</p> <p>Uffculme Compost Magic would like to borrow our equipment for another event.</p>	GG. Will try and book SP Village Hall for sometime around 29 th October. She will also look and see who was on the organising sub committee last time as some were not SV members. When date agreed inform Uffculme Compost Magic
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We plan to run another Give or Take event Tiverton in July. Hopefully in w/c 27th July. - Derek mentioned a meeting in Sampford Peverell on Saturday re a possible Passivhaus development there. He will attend on our behalf. - Rosalie was asked to describe the two books Shaun has recently edited that were written by his late friend David Fleming and are due for publication in July. <i>Lean Logic – A Dictionary for the Future and How to Survive It</i> is a dictionary unlike any other that leads readers through a stimulating exploration of topics such as Boredom, Debt, Community, Growth, Harmless Lunatics, Land, Trust, Lean Thinking, Nanotechnology, Play, Religion, Spirit and Utopia. <p>Recognizing that <i>Lean Logic's</i> sheer size and unusual structure can be daunting, Shaun has selected and edited one of many potential narratives to create <i>Surviving the Future</i>. The content, rare insights, and uniquely enjoyable writing style remain Fleming's, but are presented in a more accessible paperback-length and in conventional read-it-front-to-back format.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to order both books for the SV library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested agenda item for next time to discuss how we can attract more members and how to link with other groups. 	<p>RW and TW. Try and book shop for week in July.</p> <p>DT. Attend SP Passivhaus event</p> <p>RC. Order both books for the library</p>
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 28 th June 7.30pm at Sally's house, 3 Lower Town, Halberton (Walk up driveway to the left side of the thatched cottage)	