

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 16th March 2016

at The Old Coach House, 1 Grantlands, Uffculme. EX15 3ED

Present: Tim Pointing, Tess Wiltshire, Richard Wiltshire, Gill Gale, Derek Thomas, Hilary Corcoran, Delia Kennedy, Rosalie Chamberlin (Chair/Minutes)

Apologies, : Neil Purves, Pat Bell, Jeni Lupton, Helen Kearney

Item	Comments	Action
1. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising	All on the agenda.	
2. Updates: Beekeeping Greenham Reach Repair Cafe	<p>Beginning of beekeeping season and all well. Will be changing brood frames this weekend.</p> <p>Helen and Stuart have planted 600 trees and volunteers from Bulworthy have been helping with hedgelaying. Bristol Permaculture Group have visited Steepholding.</p> <p>Gill volunteered to take SV posters and handouts to the Uffculme Show on Monday 2nd May. We agreed to pay half of the £35 cost of a stall. The Uffculme Green Day will be held on Saturday 14th May. SV will run a Give or Take stall including plants – Richard and Tess will organise ask anyone dividing perennials to save some. Uffculme School pupils are starting an Eco Council.</p> <p>The recent Repair Cafe had similar amount of people as usual but more donations and a greater proportion of items were mended. The previous Cafe had been very busy after an article in the newspaper. A couple of new volunteers have come forward who can do general repairs.</p>	<p><u>Uffculme Show</u></p> <p>Gill: Posters and leaflets.</p> <p>Hilary: Payment of £17.50 to Green Team from SV.</p> <p><u>Green Day</u></p> <p>Richard and Tess: Give or Take</p> <p>Tim: Marquee</p> <p>Delia: Publicity</p> <p>Gill: Information</p> <p>Richard: Website</p> <p>All: save plants for Give or Take</p>
3. Feedback on AGM	We were pleased to welcome Hilary as our new Treasurer. The film was well attended with about 50 there to see it but we agreed to consider a more positive film for next time, perhaps Symphony of the Soil or one looking at growing systems in Cuba. Gill and Tim in particular were thanked for their contributions to making this a successful event.	
4. Plant Give or Take	The Uffculme gardening club are having a sale on 14 May but it was thought this will not conflict with ours as their focus is different.	
5. Sampford Peverell Community Showcase 16 th April	We have been invited to have a stall at this event. However we have missed the deadline and, as it was thought we were already well known in SP through the Apple Day, we will not participate this time.	
6. Email list Maintenance	We need to take responsibility for email list maintenance from Peter. There are currently 560 people on the list and emails are sent out in batches of 30 to avoid spam blockers. Previously Peter screened what came in and	Tim: Research ways to manage the list

	agreed with Sally which items went out so that people didn't get inundated. It needs to be decided what to send out to all contacts, what to send out to the steering committee and what not to send out at all. We may need to set up a new email address. Tim thought there may be a way to send out all the emails in one go and he will contact a friend who is knowledgeable in this area to discuss. Peter to be asked willing to continue managing the list until we have worked out a new system.	Rosalie: Ask Peter if he is willing to continue until we can decide on a new system
7. Political item	<p>Mark B who attended the AGM emailed to ask if we were aware of road-widening plans locally. Tim thought he may be referring to the A303 upgrade. He will put Mark in contact with Tim Clewer who may know more.</p> <p>There was meeting in Cullompton recently regarding Junction 27 development when the developers made no mention of the planned distribution centre. There is a rumour of Amazon being interested. The Eden element is part of the last phase and would therefore be at risk if the money runs out. Tim is trying to organise for regular letters to the local paper. People can also add comments on the newspaper website.</p>	<p>Tim: Put Mark B in touch with Tim Clewer</p> <p>Tim: Keep members informed of plans to write letters re Junction 27</p>
8. Visioning Day	Gill, Neil and Pat have been meeting to discuss. There was a wide ranging discussion on the scope of the day, what we want to achieve, and whether it is realistic. One suggestion was for a public wide discussion for the whole area to broaden the vision and another was that we should concentrate on agreeing direction for our own group first. It was agreed that we should draft a question for the mailing list asking them what we should be trying to achieve. Gill will draft and circulate to the committee for comment. Sagara's was suggested as a potential venue on a date at the beginning of May when Sally is back.	Gill: Draft question for email list and send to committee for comment
9.. Website/ advertising/ promotion	Richard will put Green Day on website and Facebook	Delia: send Richard Green Day info. Richard: update website and Facebook
10. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have received a number of emails re networking with other Transition Groups to put on events. Rosalie agreed to respond on behalf of the group expressing interest. - Quantock Eco are holding their AGM and an EU debate on 29th April. - Neil and Tess are giving a talk this weekend to Somerset Waste Partnership on the Repair Cafe and Give or Take. - We plan to run another Give or Take in July, possibly at Creative Hub. - 	Rosalie: Respond to Wivey Action on Climate
11. Chairman and date for the next meeting	Tuesday, 10 th May 2016, 7.30pm at Tess and Richard's house, Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus. Chaired by Richard (or Sally if she has returned)	