

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 24th September 2015

at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus

1. Present: Neil Purves (Chair), Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Rosalie Chamberlin (Minutes), Gill Gale, Ann Hill, Jeni Lupton, Stuart Kearney

Apologies: Peter Bowers, Derek Thomas, Sally Chapman

| Item | Comments | Action |
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| 2. Matters Arising | All on the agenda. | |
| 3. Repair Cafe | Held on second Saturday of each month. Next 10 th October. Disappointing numbers last time. Possibly due to time of year. There is now a national network and others also quiet at present. Gill found leafletting seemed effective in raising awareness. Possible new contributors will be approached. | Rosalie will ask retired local cobbler. Richard will ask Gordon from Tracebridge Sourdough |
| 4. Greenham Reach | Successful Open Day last weekend attended by 65 although disappointing lack of very local neighbours. Other recent events included a Hedgerow Medicine Day yesterday that Tess attended and enjoyed, and school visits. Successful crowdfunding appeal means they can upgrade the water filter, track and toilet and handwashing facilities. | Stuart will invite all to a tree planting day at Elder Farm soon |
| 5. Beekeeping | Not as much honey collected as last year but accounts still in profit. Some problems with swarming but hives now building up. Currently one hive in Rosalie's garden and 4 at the apiary. Now feeding and preparing for the winter. Very low varroa count is very encouraging and means no treatment needed. | |
| 6. Tiverton Vegans and Vegetarians | Had successful first event – wine and food tasting. Another next month. Good for sharing information and ideas. | |
| 7. Transition Group Social Gathering at East Devon Forest Garden | We had a lovely day and were joined by representatives of two other local Transition groups. | Neil will contact Sagara to ask if we should organise another working party. Ask other groups about attendance at Climate March on 29 th November and invite Wivvy Climate Action to next meeting |
| 8. Transition Network and Permaculture Conferences | Both attended by Gill. Permaculture – very good. 500 people from around the world. Keynote speeches are on YouTube. Went to workshops on force field analysis, thinking like a plant, soil and money. Transition – especially interesting round re-economy and Food Assemblies (an assembly hosts organises a farmers market each week to connect local producers and consumers). The meeting agreed SV would try and support this in some way if someone organises one. Rowntree Foundation a | Stuart will mention Food Assemblies to the other tenants at Greenham Reach and to Dinah in Cullompton. |

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| | potential source of grant funding. | |
| 9. Devon Reuse Forum 9 th July | Rosalie briefly summarised the email she sent round following the forum. The main benefits were exchange of ideas, encouragement and possibly sharing joint training and funding bids. Since the meeting a Facebook group has been set up and there will be another half day meeting in November. | All. Free courses to mend and repurpose clothes and textiles at Pinhoe in Nov and Dec. See www.recycledevon.org/transform-your-textiles |
| 10. Website/ Advertising/Promotion | Jeni was thanked for producing a list of parish magazine contacts and deadlines. She will make a list of newspaper contats and deadlines when she has time. Neil will send out his list of suggested locations for publicity posters | Neil distribute list of locations for posters |
| 11. Update from Uffculme | Uffculme Compost Magic will shortly be able to accept soft plastic for recycling. All except soft black plastic. Delia and the Green Team were mentioned in glowing terms in the Holcombe Rogus Parish News | |
| 12. Plans for Apple Day 2015 | Ann needs volunteers to make a cake for the day and also to help serve and wash up. Jeni will ask Peter for his mailing list for volunteers to help. Compost Magic mailing list also to be circulated. Richard and Tess offered to operate the hydro press and Rosalie the small hand press. Water and shelter has been organised and bottles ordered. Apples to be brought pre-washed. Apples will be pressed from 9am for juice to sell. Open to public from 11am. Juice will be sold for 50p or £1. Donations requested if bringing own bottles and apples. Posters will be put up at beginning of October. | Jeni ask Peter for mailing list. Vols to put posters up: Neil Halberton, Cullompton, Richard/Tess/Rosale Holcombe Rogus, Westleigh and Burlescombe, Gill Tiverton Ann Uffculme, Willand and Sampford Peverell. |
| 13. Pop-up Give or Take shop | Shop confirmed for 9-14 November. Monday will be for set up. The shop will be open 10-14 th . Richard and Tess will send details to the Parish Magazines and produce a poster for the next Repair Cafe | Richard and Tess produce poster for Parish Magazines and Repair Cafe |
| 14. Political items (including local developments) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change walk will take place in London on Sunday, 29th November - Alternatiba Festival Saturday, 21 November, 2015 Transition Exeter will be joining other community groups and organisations to celebrate our collective alternatives to climate change and to raise awareness of the COP21 talks in Paris. - Tiverton's Eastern Urban Extension will have a cycle path that links to the existing cycle paths. | |
| 16. AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AGM needs to be held within 15 months of last one (10th Feb 2015). Possibly in Uffculme and to include a film. Put on agenda for next meeting. Sally back April 2016. - Culm Valley U3A have established a Green Group. Richard will invite them to the next meeting for | Gill put AGM and Visioning Day on Agenda for next meeting |

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| | <p>information exchange.</p> <p>- There was some discussion about the future direction of the group and it was agreed that at the next meeting we will discuss having a visioning day</p> | |
| 15. Chair for the next meeting | Gill agreed to write Agenda and Chair next time and Richard the one after it. | |
| 17. Next meeting | Wednesday 28 th October, 7.30pm at Tess and Richard's house, Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus. TA21 0NG (Use postcode TA21 0NF in satnav and take next right at top of hill or Latitude 50 degrees 58.14N Longitude 3 degrees 20.38W) | |