

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 2nd August 2016

at 3 Lower Town, Halberton. EX16 7AU

Present: Sally Chapman (Chair), Gill Gale, Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Purves, James Dexter, Derek Thomas, Delia Kennedy, Hilary Corcoran, Rosalie Chamberlin (Minutes), Claire Mountjoy and Ruth Leonard-Williams

Apologies: Pat Bell

Item	Comments	Action
Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising	<p>Repair cafe email contacts – no list kept but Neil will take the information from the completed activity forms and compile a list.</p> <p>All other items on Agenda.</p>	NP Send Sally Repair Cafe email list
Resource Futures	<p>Sally welcomed Claire Mountjoy and Ruth Leonard-Williams from Resource Futures to the meeting. They explained they have been in post for 3 weeks and gave details of their work backgrounds. Claire works 3 days a week and Ruth 2 days a week. They have 2 years funding, with possibility of extension, to support any work that helps with sustainability in Devon. They can provide practical help, some funding, and expertise in publicity, insurance, risk assessments etc. Their first task is to complete an attitudinal survey and ideas were discussed as to how to find more participants. Heathcoat's and local supermarkets may allow employees to be asked to do it. They will be trying to complete more surveys this Saturday morning and asked for volunteers to help.</p>	DK Help with survey in Tiverton on Saturday 6th August
Climate Talk Feedback	<p>Approx 100 attended Professor Lenton's talk in Wiveliscombe despite it being a very hot evening. The talk gave evidence that climate change is now unavoidable. The discussion afterwards was primarily about us needing a positive vision of an inspiring worldview and how to work towards it. Wivey Action will approach Jonathan Porritt to ask if he could talk on this following publication of his recent book The World We Made.</p>	
Give or Take	<p>Last week's event at the Creative Hub in Tiverton went well with lots of stuff in and out but it took a lot of hard work outside to encourage people in. Neil took home electrical donations in the evening for PAT testing and returned them to the shop the following day. Some charity shops were happy to give us things they couldn't use. We were left with only 2 boxes and a suitcase of things at the end. We may do another event in the Autumn. Some visitors to the shop asked for an event in Cullompton. We would like to support local villages to do events in their own communities. Claire and Ruth are happy to publicise future events and offered to make up display boards for us.</p>	
Repair Cafe	<p>The last one was much better attended but not sure why. Emma Croft from Recycle Devon visited. A new leaflet has</p>	

	<p>been designed. Annual insurance doesn't allow the Cafe to be held anywhere else. However the Resource Futures have insurance that could cover the Repair Cafe being mobile Claire and Ruth to check this out. Heathcoat's may take more posters for their cafe. Claire and Ruth would like to come to monitor and record activity.</p>	
Greenham Reach	<p>Lush provides funding to support sustainable agriculture and James told us that they have given a grant to extend the track around the site, provide a grey water system and a wind turbine. They hope to make the turbine themselves by bringing in an expert to run a course for 3 days. Having built it themselves they will be better able to maintain it. James will let us know when this will take place in case anyone would like to be there. They are also going to meet with Lush to explore becoming suppliers.</p> <p>The money raised through Crowdfunding is being spent on extending the barn. A communal shelter is currently being designed. Alex and Ruth's veg box scheme is going well and Helen and Stuart now have their propagation tunnel up. A discussion is currently ongoing between the ploholders about whether to apply for Soil Association Organic certification but this is quite costly.</p> <p>James has now fenced his six acre field. He is planning to use part of it to raise maybe 5 pigs at a time that can be bought by locals as a butchered half a pig. He could facilitate people who wanted to buy less to join together. A deposit would be paid and then the meat would be provided six months later. Although Sustainable Villages could not promote this venture we are aware that a lot of people want to know where their meat comes from and may be very interested. Therefore James will write something that we can circulate to the mailing list. He is having a Work Day this Saturday on Wild Geese Acres from 10am.</p>	<p>JD Forward details of pig scheme to Sally for circulation and also date of wind turbine building</p>
Beekeeping	<p>Bees not doing too well at the moment. It appears we have lost the queens from several of the hives. Baruch has been very helpful and has placed some queen cells from his own hives into the queenless ones. This may help but we will need to wait and see for a couple of weeks and are unlikely to harvest much, if any, honey this season. This is all a learning process for us and fortunately the project remains sustainable due to good honey sales last year and having a stock of spare equipment.</p>	
Update from Uffculme	<p>The Green Team are planning Question Time event and may take place in the autumn or spring with a panel who will answer any questions about recycling - just for Uffculme in the first instance. In 2018 there may be another Green Day, possibly combined with an Energy Fair or Coldharbour Mill. Another Litter Picking event is also planned to highlight waste in the village.</p>	

Apple Day	Sampford Peverell Village Hall on 29th October 11am to 3pm. This time it will be fairly low key with just juicing and refreshments. Sally will ask Anne if she is able to organise the refreshments. We may incorporate Give or Take if we have enough volunteers. Claire and Ruth offered to help out on the day. Sally/ Rosalie to look up the Apple Day instructions that Jeni did.	<p>RC Send Jeni's notes on how to organise the day to Sally</p> <p>RW Ask Peter about water supply and bottles.</p> <p>SC Ask Anne if she is able to organise the refreshments. Send out date to Parish magazines.</p>
Future plans	<p>Perhaps an Upcycling Day that would produce something useful to take home. Ruth and Claire are meeting with Emma Croft shortly and will ask if she can help.</p> <p>Suggestions would be welcome for alternative Christmas presents.</p> <p>A post-Christmas Give or Take may be a good idea.</p> <p>The AGM will be held in January or February.</p>	<p>CM and RL Ask Emma Croft for help re an upcycling day.</p> <p>ALL send Sally suggestions for alternative Christmas presents</p>
Website/Mailchimp/ advertising and promotion	All to let Richard know if they want anything to be put on the website or Facebook and Sally for the Mailchimp	
Political item	It was agreed that we should take advantage of the Hinckley Point delay to let our views be heard. Sally will put the Greenpeace petition on Mailchimp. Gill's husband Keith is writing a letter to Teresa May.	SC Send out link to Greenpeace Hinckley petition
Any other business	Hilary and Peter have not yet completed handover. Rosalie will email Claire and Ruth with parish magazine deadlines.	RC Email magazine deadlines to Claire and Ruth
Date of next meeting	<p>Monday 5th September 7.30pm at Sally's house, 3 Lower Town, Halberton (Walk up driveway to the left side of the thatched cottage)</p> <p>Hilary apologises that she will be unable to attend.</p>	