

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 2nd December 2015

at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus

1. Present: Gill Gale (Chair), Rosalie Chamberlin (Minutes), Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Purves, Peter Bowers, Derek Thomas

Apologies: Pat Bell, Kitty Britton

Item	Comments	Action
2. Matters Arising	All on the agenda.	
3. Pop-up Give or Take shop	<p>This 4 day event went very well. Being in a shop was better for helpers but seemed to act as a barrier to some people. They responded to someone outside encouraging them to come in and having a table outside also helped. There were some regular visitors who seemed to enjoy having a place to go. Some visitors offered to help and did so on other days. Not much was left – books went to the book exchange, fabrics to Scrapstore and everything else to a charity shop. 4 pages of names were given to be added to our mailing list.</p> <p>Insurance is a potential problem for these events. If there are more than 100 visitors each day they are considered separate events and our insurance costs depend upon the number of these events..We have pre-paid for 5 such events this (insurance) year. Tess considered that one of the five G or T days counted as an ‘event’. We may organize a similar event for the Spring.</p>	<p>All. Next time consider including children's clothes and ring Gazette to give them a small article for publication.</p>
4. Repair Cafe	<p>Held on second Saturday of each month. Next 12th December. Despite bad weather numbers attending were a little higher last time after distributing leaflets locally and an ad in Spotlight magazine. Reasons for lack of numbers may include it only happening once a month or maybe thinking things aren't worth repairing.</p> <p>Neil has researched insurance but is unable to find a better deal.</p> <p>The cafe needs a general handyman to replace those moving on.</p>	<p>Neil. Send details of insurance to Rosalie and ask NFU for a quote.</p> <p>Rosalie. Ask Emma Croft at the Re-use forum if she has suggestions re insurance for the Repair Cafe and Give or Take.</p> <p>All. Look out for general handyman for Repair Cafe</p>
5. Devon Reuse Forum 25 th November	<p>Rosalie summarised the second meeting of the Forum held in Exeter. The website www.recycledevon.org has been improved and there will shortly be a Re-use Directory showing where most things can be re-used or recycled. They can also provide event kits, including equipment loan, guidance and templates for press releases, posters, risk assessments etc. Emma Croft, the Re-use Project Co-ordinator at Devon County Council has had her funding extended and therefore the Forum</p>	

	will continue. She is planning to look at finding a pop up shop for Exeter and perhaps having a Re-use section as part of the Exeter Green Fair.	
6. Beekeeping	Hives now prepared for winter. Only two of the five needed treating for varroa. A new oxalic acid treatment (Apiboxal) has been licensed so we will use that later in the winter if necessary. Recently published figures show that most other British beekeepers had a disappointing honey yield this year, mainly thought to be due to damp and lack of hot periods during the summer.	
7. Film for AGM	<p>Gill has been researching suitable films and has compiled a very useful list of possibilities.</p> <p><i>This Changes Everything</i> – watched by the Visioning sub-group who thought it wasn't suitable.</p> <p><i>Cowspiracy</i> - wide ranging but, at 90 mins, too long.</p> <p><i>Growthbusters</i> - clear and can be seen on Youtube.</p> <p><i>The Crisis of Civilisation</i> - English made and clear but 2 years older than Growthbusters.</p> <p><i>Symphony of the Soil</i> – highly recommended at the Permaculture Conference.</p> <p><i>The Clean Bin Project</i> - about a family not producing any waste and may be good for the Uffculme Green Day.</p> <p><i>Voices of Transition</i> - good but only covers food.</p> <p><i>Wisdom to Survive</i> - 56 mins and seems good although Gill has not watched all of it. We agreed to buy a copy and Gill and hopefully others will view it and decide whether suitable. She will also buy Voices of Transition and a few others that are now low priced</p> <p>Other films considered were <i>Chasing Ice</i>, <i>Carbon Nation</i>, <i>Greedy Lying Bastards</i>, <i>More than Honey and Anima Mundi</i>.</p> <p>We need to advertise more that we have a stock of CDs for loan. Gill will make a list and Peter will send to mailing list. Richard will put the list on the website. Need to have a system to ensure return and possibly a time limit on loans.</p> <p>Peter mentioned that a new Film Club is being launched shortly in Sampford Peverell Village Hall. He thinks films will be free to attend but refreshments will be chargeable. This may be a suitable venue for the AGM.</p>	<p>Gill. Buy a copy of <i>Wisdom to Survive</i>, <i>Voices of Transition</i> and a few others that are now low priced.</p> <p>Gill. Make a list of films for loan and send to Peter to send to mailing list and Richard to put on the website.</p>
8. AGM	The date of 24 th February 2015 was agreed for the AGM and Peter will try and book Sampford Peverell	Peter try and book SP

	<p>Village Hall for that date. The AGM will come first, followed by the film and Q and A which Tim will be asked to chair as he did it so well last time.</p> <p>When the film has been chosen Tess will write a piece for publishing in the parish magazines, the first of which (Willand) has the deadline of 7th January.</p>	<p>Village Hall.</p> <p>Richard ask Tim to chair Q and A</p> <p>Tess write piece for parish magazines before 7th January.</p>
9. Visioning Day	<p>Gill, Neil and Pat met to discuss how we might hold a Visioning Day. They considered whether a Mid Devon event with invited participants might work, possibly with Crediton and Bradninch Transition groups. After discussion the Committee agreed that a two stage process may better starting with a smaller event for just our group. This would look at where we want to go and any obstacles to this. We would like Sally to be there so the event may be in, or after, March. The sub-group plan to meet again and will discuss the aims of the day.</p>	<p>Gill, Neil and Pat to have another sub-group meeting to discuss the aims of the day.</p>
10. Accounts	<p>Peter presented the Sustainable Villages Accounts for the year to the end of August 2015. He described them as healthy and positive. They were verified by Chris Hill and both were thanked by the Committee for their work.</p>	
11. Political items (including local developments)	<p>Climate change talks in Paris are ongoing.</p> <p>Jeni and Dave Lupton have started a group in Uffculme to provide help to refugees</p>	
12. AOB	<p>- Derek recommended the book <i>Save Cash and Save the Planet</i>. Rather than people being intimidated by the size of the subject they should be encouraged to see the small differences they can make in their own lives.</p> <p>- We may run a Plant Give or Take at Uffculme Green Day on 14th May.</p>	<p>Tess put Plant Give or Take on Agenda for next meeting.</p>
13. Chair for the next meeting	<p>Tess agreed to write the Agenda and Chair next time.</p>	
14. Next meeting	<p>Tuesday, 12th January 2016, 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)</p>	