

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 30th June 2015

at Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus.

1. Present: Sally Chapman, Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Dennis-Purves, Gill Gale, Helen Kearney, Sagara

Apologies: Rosalie Chamberlin (Neil took minutes), Peter Bowers, Jeni Lupton

Item	Comments	Action
2. Matters Arising	All on the agenda.	
3. Repair Cafe	<p>The fifth session had twice the number of repairs as the previous two (same as the first two). More posters and leaflets were distributed.</p> <p>At the next cafe Dave Register will demonstrate tool sharpening. Both PAT testers will be away so there will be no electrical repairs unless someone else can be trained before. It was agreed to ask Pete to mail out the membership to ask if there was a PAT tester who would be willing to volunteer for the next Repair Cafe and to advertise the toolsharpening</p> <p>Tess offered to demonstrate some upcycling in the autumn/winter.</p>	<p>Neil e-mail Peter details of the next cafe for circulation.</p> <p>Neil ask Len if he could learn PAT.</p> <p>Pete to email membership</p>
4. Plant and seedling Give or Take	Very successful. It would be helpful to have labels to put on things people bring. Next year we could have a seed swop in Feb-April, seedling swop in May and produce swop in the autumn. This year a produce give or take stall could be at the Apple Fair, perhaps with honey for sale and a jam/chutney swop using vouchers (called 'Pippins' at a previous event).	Sally to e-mail Jeni.
5. Brendon Energy	<p>There are still some possibilities at Uffculme and Holcombe Rogus village hall if the trees are cut lower.</p> <p>Could we encourage hydroelectric schemes like the new Archimedes screw at Totnes weir?</p>	
6. Greenham Reach	<p>An interview by Bob Cruwys was filmed by ITV for a feature on sustainable farms to be shown this week.</p> <p>Helen thanked us for supporting the crowdfunding that raised £9070! Our rewards could be a herbal medicine consultation, nettle day and tip sheets or other courses.</p> <p>Plot A is now called Elder Farm and are planning an open day on Sunday September 20th from 10-4 with tea, a marquee and transport. Volunteer weekends will be arranged.</p> <p>Helen has talked to WI groups and is willing to talk to gardening clubs. She will have a stall at Uplowman flower show in July. Planning a herb box scheme. Lush visited and are interested.</p>	

	A pond system for water is being planned, more tree planting and a barn owl box.	
7. Climate change lobby	Sally went to the Climate Lobby organised by the Climate Coalition on 17 th June. She was unable to see Neil Parish so she has made an appointment to see him in his surgery at Tiverton Town Hall on Friday July 10 th . All welcome to go with her.	ALL e-mail comments to Sally to pass on to Neil Parish
8. Junction 27 and Local Plan	Council members are opposing the Junction 27 development in the local plan, however a revised plan called 'the Ark' a mini Eden Project is being promoted by Tim Smidt, which may create new interest in development at this location	RW to forward e-mail from Paul Samuels
9 & 10. Uffculme	Sally reported that Jeni had met up with Peter Bowers for advice and guidance for organising the Apple Fair which was very useful. Jeni is asking for volunteers particularly those with expertise on apple pressing.	Please contact Jeni if you can offer help
11. Pop-up shop	Sally saw Sue Griggs who said we could book the pop up shop. PosiTiv radio has set up in the shop which could be useful for promoting the event. Gill contacted DARE (Devon Association of Renewable Energy) who will help if we decided to use the shop for a Green Open Homes event/ energy efficiency event aswell. Tess suggested we decide on Give or Take in the shop for now and then and possibly incorporate energy efficient homes information.	Sally to request shop for 9-14 November. Tess to help.
12. Beekeeping	Hives partially swarmed so less honey is expected this year.	
13. New events	Social visit to East Devon Forest Garden planned for Saturday August 15 th 11-4pm, we agreed to invite Blackdown Hills, Bradninch and Wellington Transition groups, possibly Ottery, not Crediton or Exeter. Bring and share lunch. Open day on Sunday 16 th for local people. Volunteers required. International Transition Network conference is on September 18th at Seal Hayne. The Devon Re-use forum is on July 9th. Gill may go.	Sally e-mail draft invite to Sagara. The contact for Sustainable Bradninch is Simon Tytherleigh: tythers@uwclub.net
14. Website/Publicity	Sally still awaiting contact details for magazines/newspapers.	
15. AOB	Sally will be away in Bangladesh, New Zealand and Ethiopia from September to March so we need a volunteer to chair meetings. Patchwork community Farm at Crystal Palace have set up a salad/veg box scheme. Tess wrote to supermarkets regarding waste food and had one reply from Tesco.	

	<p>Not enough people to visit Westleigh quarry.</p> <p>Karen at MDDC has offered us a visit to see the new plastics recycling.</p>	<p>Sally to arrange for the first week in August, preferably Wednesday.</p>
16. Next meeting	<p>Wednesday August 5th, at 21 Market Terrace, Tiverton (Neil's) after the plastics visit if it can be arranged.</p>	