

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting 5th August 2015

at 21 Market Walk, Tiverton

1. Present: Sally Chapman, Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Neil Purves, Gill Gale, Jeni Lupton, Zoe Chapman, Sophia Pudney

Apologies: Rosalie Chamberlin (Zoe took minutes), Peter Bowers, Pat Bell, Kitty Britton, Helen Kearney, Sagara

| Item | Comments | Action |
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| 2. Matters Arising | All on the agenda. | |
| 3. Repair Cafe | <p>The knife sharpening demo went well despite issues with electric. PAT test training has been carried out for 2 more people, making 4 PAT test trained. About 15 attended the demo. Some brought too many knives; Jeni suggested limiting the amount people bring.</p> <p>The Cafe isn't far from breaking even for the year. Donations have covered expenses for the year so far.</p> | Gill looking into insurance and finances for the Cafe |
| 4. Brendon Energy | <p>Has reached a dead end. Various venues have been contacted but none want to go ahead. There is a possibility the scheme will go ahead on the Magilake Pavilion.</p> <p>Dave attempted an assessment on the village hall in Uffculme but to no avail.</p> <p>All agreed to take this item off the agenda</p> | |
| 5. Greenham Reach | Helen has reported this is going well. James says it is difficult keeping up with demand and is looking into getting a polytunnel to extend the season. Alex says produce is being sold at Uffculme farmers market at the end of every month. Helen sells flowers to the farm shop in Sampford Peverell. | |
| 6. Junction 27 development and local plan | <p>Jeni hasn't heard any developments.</p> <p>Residents of Uffculme have started making complaints to local Councillor Bob Evans including the extension of Broadpath. Sally and Gill visited Neil Parish in regards to Climate Change policies, cutting the wind tariff and why, the Eastern Urban Extension and junction 27</p> | <p>ALL agreed there should be a Political item on the agenda going forwards, local and national issues.</p> <p>? keep an open dialogue with Neil Parish</p> |
| 7. Update from Uffculme | <p>Jeni reported the Green Team meet every 5 or 6 weeks and there will be another Green Day on 14th May 2016 (tbc).</p> <p>They are trying to get local schemes going such as mobile phone recycling and aluminium can recycling outside the local shop. The local fish & chip shop owner has been approached about using cardboard packaging however, due to additional cost and time to assemble the packaging, he is unsure about making</p> | Jeni to keep updating the group about Compost Magic |

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| | <p>the change and the group haven't approached him since.</p> <p>There is a plastic bag and polystyrene issue in the village which Green Team are looking into. They are considering approaching The Co-op about changing the language in regards to offering carrier bags to customers.</p> <p>Compost Magic – plastic recycling side finished due to MDDC's kerbside collection. Their trailer requires fixing so that soft plastic recycling can be compacted and easily transported to the Enviro Hub.</p> | |
| 8. Plans for Apple Day 2015 | <p>Important to keep things moving and spread the responsibilities. Alex from Greenham is keen to get involved. Anne is going to be responsible for refreshments. The community groups are also going to be involved. Need firm commitments from volunteers and a rota drawn up.</p> <p>Further technological expertise is required for the apple pressing as is it hoped there will be 3 apple pressing stations this year. Last year the hydra press was very busy with people who had brought their own apples.</p> <p>The issue of how to get rid of pulp and waste water needs to be addressed. Perhaps local farmers could take it away. There also needs to be 2 sources of water this year for washing and the hydro press.</p> <p>Extra activities planned for this year. Inviting stalls from last year to attend. There may also be live music from Broadband and Wasp in the Apple.</p> <p>Important that people know it is the same Apple Day but is being held in Uffculme not Sampford this year and to link them together during promotion and marketing.</p> <p>APPLE DAY – open from 11am, set up from 8/9am</p> | <p>Planning Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 25th August</p> <p>7.30pm</p> <p>@Spindlewood, Marcus Road, Uffculme (behind The George Pub, 1st house on the right).</p> <p>Jeni to email round checklist and templates</p> <p>Mid-September there will be a larger mailout calling for volunteers</p> <p>ALL think of places for publicity, e.g. local paper, parish magazines</p> |
| 9. Pop-up shop | <p>Sue says the group can use the shop in the week 10-14 November for set up and opening.</p> <p>At least 2 volunteers will be required in the shop.</p> <p>PosiTiv radio may or may not be attending.</p> | <p>Sally to confirm date with Sue over email, please cc in the group</p> |
| 10. Beekeeping | <p>Honey was taken last weekend and is looking good, hopefully 70-80lb and expect to sell well.</p> | <p>ALL to look into logistics of collecting donated jars to use for the honey</p> |
| 11. Transition Group Social Gathering at East Devon Forest | <p>Sagra has finished building his compost toilet and is ready to go ahead with the gathering.</p> | <p>Neil is going to chase Simon Tytherleigh</p> |

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| Garden | <p>Not many have RSVP'd to the event. The Wellington, Bradninch, Blackdown Hills groups have all been contacted.</p> <p>STARTS @11am – bring and share then a tour of the garden followed by lunch.</p> <p>Have stickers for people to write their names on on arrival. Perhaps an ideas board up for plans, visions, etc.</p> | <p>Sally to contact Sagra and ask if there is anything that needs bringing along</p> <p>ALL to bring extra cups, juice and coloured Post-Its for the board.</p> |
| 12. Devon Reuse Forum 9 th July | Rosalie sent an email round following the Forum but hopefully she will be able to feed back at the next meeting aswell. | |
| 13. Website/Advertising/Promotion | Sally mentioned a one stop shop for promoting events with a contact list and closing dates for parish magazines/newsletters. | |
| 14. New Chairperson | <p>Sally will be away in Bangladesh, New Zealand and Ethiopia from September to March so we need a volunteer to chair meetings.</p> <p>She will take on the position again from April 2016.</p> <p>Chairperson needed to write the meeting agenda and follow up, push things forward.</p> | <p>Neil will write agenda for next meeting and chair</p> <p>Sally to email Peter about the Chairperson position</p> |
| 15. AOB | <p>Sophia Pudney is setting up a Vegan and Veggies group in Tiverton. She will be organising various events and the group will also form a support network for people to share advice and recipes! You can join the group on Facebook called Tiverton Vegans and Vegetarian.</p> <p>The first event is a wine tasting with nibbles on Friday 4th September from 6.30pm at Majestic Wines (next to Morrisons).</p> | |
| 16. Next meeting | <p>Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm</p> <p>Tess and Richard's house</p> | |