

# Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

at 3 Lower Town, Halberton. EX16 7AU

**Present:** Sally Chapman (Chair), Delia Kennedy, Derek Thomas, Gill Gale, Neil Purves, Hilary Corcoran, Ruth Leonard-Williams, Rosalie Chamberlin (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Richard Wiltshire, Tess Wiltshire, Jeni Lupton, Helen Kearney

Item		Action
Welcome/Minutes of last Meeting /Matters Arising	<p>All were welcomed to the meeting and as Gill had a special birthday his week we had lovely cake provided by Sally and Neil.</p> <p>Ruth will check whether we are now a member of Resource Futures and the date their insurance cover starts. She also said it will not be necessary to inform them every time we have one of our recurring events.</p> <p>Ruth also gave us an update. Their survey is now being collated and she and Clare are planning to mainly concentrate on food waste, composting and reuse. Clare is developing a programme for schoolchildren and their parents. They would also like to arrange a Food Champions course similar to one in Somerset. They are in the process of setting up a website and Facebook and Twitter accounts. They will be concentrating their efforts in the Tiverton area. Exeter Uni have expressed interest in students on the Sustainable Development course being involved with appropriate projects. She handed out posters for the Apple Day on 29<sup>th</sup> October and Compost Training at Greenham Reach on 6<sup>th</sup> November for distribution. There will be a CAG Skillshare Day on 12<sup>th</sup> November in Oxford. Sally may go. Anyone actively involved in a community group is also invited.</p>	<p><b>RLW</b> - Notify SC of when insurance cover begins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send Oxford CAG Apple Day risk assessment to GG for her to complete.</li> <li>- Confirm where Mid Devon food waste actually goes</li> </ul> <p><b>SC</b> Put info on CAG Skillshare event on Mailchimp.</p> <p><b>ALL</b> Distribute posters</p>
Repair Cafe	<p>A little short of volunteers last time but had 13 visitors. They are trying to recruit another electrician. Clare has put this on Facebook and Twitter. The current insurance runs to the end of this year. Next year they plan to go to different locations and have 12 potential venues in mind, as well as possibly joining in with other community events. It was also suggested that they consider following on after Uffculme Markets.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b> Any contacts to recruit another electrician</p>
Beekeeping	<p>The remaining hive seems to be healthy and doing well and we hope to split new colonies from this one. Currently cutting back the vegetation at the apiary and preparing for winter.</p>	
Greenham Reach	<p>No representative this time. Elder Farm and the whole site have recently had Open Days. Ruth, Gill and Rosalie have visited there recently and were all very impressed by what is being achieved. Gill is very happy</p>	

	with produce from the Steepholding Box Scheme.	
Update from Uffculme	<p>The Green Team are still doing a monthly Give or Take and have accumulated a lot of stock.</p> <p>Ruth was invited to join the villagers when they visit the Broadpath site on 26<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Delia went to a public meeting with Neil Parish MP in Tiverton and is arranging similar for Uffculme, possibly on an evening in January. Jack who organised the Tiverton event will also attend.</p>	<b>SC</b> Let Delia know when date of AGM agreed.
Apple Day	<p>Apple Day - Sampford Peverell Village Hall on 29th October 11am to 3pm. We plan to arrive at 9am to set up. We will then juice prior to opening at 11am.</p> <p>Four or five volunteers will need to transfer the equipment to the trailer the evening before at 5pm, possibly Richard, Tess, Rosalie, Sally, Gill, Neil.</p> <p>Ruth and Clare will do apple carving and will need about 100 apples. Wasp in the Apple will provide music. Steepholding will sell apple trees. James Dexter will do a compost game and Rob is bringing cider to sell.</p> <p>Sally has got dumpy bags. Derek has spoken to David the farmer who will take the waste from the juicing,</p> <p>We need to estimate how many apples we press. Rosalie will bring along bathroom scales.</p> <p>Sally will send CIT that needs to be completed to Richard.</p>	<p><b>SC</b> - provide gazebo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- contact Ann about refreshments</li> <li>- contact Peter about banner and vols</li> <li>- send CIT to Richard</li> </ul> <p><b>SC</b> and <b>NP</b> bring clamps for table</p> <p><b>GG</b> and <b>SC</b> to make soup</p> <p><b>ALL</b> - 4 or 5 agree by email to load trailer on 28<sup>th</sup> October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provide apples for juice to sell and for carving</li> <li>- tell Ann if you can provide a cake</li> </ul> <p><b>DK</b> bring Give or Take items</p> <p><b>RC</b> bring bathroom scales to weigh apples to estimate how many pressed</p>
Future events	<p>AGM - Simon Tytherleigh has agreed to speak but we also discussed other potential speakers.</p> <p>Neil, Sally and Gill went to a recent Consultation about the Junction 27 development and came away with many concerns as there was little detail of what is planned. Sally emailed Tim Smit to enquire about the sustainability aspects of the plans. He agreed he would be happy to come and speak and his office is going to suggest some dates. We agreed that he would be an interesting guest for the AGM but it would be ideal if we had another guest with a background in sustainability who could confidently discuss sustainability issues with him. Rob Hopkins was thought to be ideal and Sally will see if he would be willing and then try to agree a date with both. Uffculme School was thought to be a suitable venue as it is close to Junction 27.</p> <p>Post Xmas Give or Take to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>SC</b> – Agree possible dates with Tim Smit office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask Rob Hopkins if willing to speak</li> <li>- Ask Uffculme School to be venue</li> </ul>

	Upcycling/Reuse event sometime in the future.	
Website/Mailchimp/ advertising and promotion	<p>Rosalie has found that since recent Minutes were added to the website she has had difficulty accessing it. She has notified Pete Stafford that the website address takes you to <a href="http://www.btck.co.uk/">http://www.btck.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Ruth and Clare have produced excellent posters for the Compost doctor and Apple Day.</p>	<p><b>RC</b> Ask Richard to look at website</p> <p><b>SC</b> put posters on website and Mailchimp</p>
Accounts	<p>Pete has now handed over the Building Society mandate but will remain a signatory until Tess has been in with evidence of her identity. Hilary requested information on actual costs to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug from the Repair Cafe and Green Team. We will be making considerable savings on insurance in the coming year.</p>	<p><b>TW</b> Take identity documents in to building society</p> <p><b>GG</b> and <b>DK</b> give finance data to Hilary</p>
Political item including new developments	<p>About 50 people attended a recent meeting with local MP Neil Parish. It was basically part of the Climate Chaos coalition week of action organised by Tearfund. Neil was asked questions about his views on fracking and hinkley as well as agriculture. He conceded we need to eat less meat and said he would welcome any suggestions about agriculture.</p> <p>Gill recommended the book "Two Percent Solutions for the Planet" by Courtney White.</p>	
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pat Bell has decided to step down from the committee although she will still be volunteering etc.</li> <li>- Jo Pedrick will be invited to the next Committee Meeting as a guest.</li> <li>- The SV copy of David Fleming's Lean Logic has arrived and Richard and Tess have it at the moment.</li> <li>- Dave Mansell from Wivey Action has asked Shaun Chamberlin to give a talk locally - probably about a positive vision of the future as seen by David Fleming. As we have to also organise our AGM it was agreed that we would prefer Wellington to host it.</li> <li>- The Devon Eco Church will be holding a workshop from 11am till 3pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Cullompton Community Centre.</li> <li>- Teign Energy Communities are holding an event Budgeting for the Future at St Disen's Hall, Bradninch on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- invite Jo to next meeting</li> <li>- put Devon Eco Church event on Mail Chimp</li> </ul> <p><b>RC</b> contact Wivey Action re event</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Sally's house, 3 Lower Town, Halberton (Walk up driveway to the left side of the thatched cottage). Hilary gave her apologies.</p> <p>As Jeni can't do Mondays and Tess and Rosalie prefer</p>	

	not to do Tuesdays we will aim to alternate days in future.	
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