

Sustainable Villages Steering Committee Meeting

12th January 2017

at 3 Lower Town, Halberton

Present: Sally Chapman (Chair), Richard and Tess Wiltshire, Derek Thomas, Gill Gale, Neil Purves, Hilary Corcoran, Delia Kennedy, Rosalie Chamberlin (Minutes)

Apologies: Ruth Leonard Williams,

Item		Action
Minutes of last Meeting /Matters Arising	All matters arising are on the Agenda.	
Matters Arising from Updates	<p>Greenham Reach. They will be putting up their wind turbine within the next few days. The track is now finished so it should be mud free. Helen is busy at the moment and would appreciate help this weekend or next. Stuart says that the pigs are doing well and will be ready in April.</p> <p>Repair Cafe. The team has decided to only do pop up cafes at different venues. They have been offered help from an electrical engineer but still need an electrician. Two volunteers are going to do the PAT training course. May do a children's event in the autumn.</p> <p>Uffculme Green Team. 'Any Green Questions' event will be held 7.30pm on 20th January at Magelake. Local groups have been asked to talk for one minute about what they do. Neil will speak about the Repair Cafe and Sally about our other activities. The hall will open at 6pm to prepare and will be open to the public at 7pm for refreshments. They will be asked to write a question as they go in. It's not necessary to register in advance but there is a 100 limit on attendees. Sally will put on Mailchimp.</p> <p>Resource Futures. Currently doing research about local food waste and a six week project with Wilcombe School.</p>	<p>ALL Contact Helen at Greenham Reach to volunteer weekends of 14th or 21st January</p> <p>ALL Contact Delia with offers of help at event</p>
Future Events	<p>Give and Take. After talking to the Market Manager Richard established that the CreaTiv Hub shop may be available after the 2nd week in February. Sue Griggs confirmed this but others also want to use it. We agreed he will ask her if the weeks of from March 6th or 13th are available. We will also aim to do another in September.</p> <p>AGM. Tim Smit's secretary now says he has an important meeting in London on 22nd February and may</p>	<p>RW Check dates with Sue Griggs</p> <p>SC Confirm date with Tim Smit then contact</p>

	<p>not get back in time to speak at the event. Sally asked for definite confirmation within a week or we may need to make other arrangements. Paul Samuels is not able to be there to debate with Tim. Sally will ask Tim Pointing if he can suggest anyone. Tess will email Franny Armstrong if necessary when we have concrete plans. Sally to contact Uffculme Parish Council members and Friends of Uffculme to gauge their interest. Uffculme School booked as venue. If Tim Smit unable to attend we discussed other options including having a small AGM and possibly a seed swap or showing a film, possibly Groundswell Rising or one related to food waste. Tess will email Beth Prince in Somerset and Sally will ask Ruth/Claire for suggestions. We may need to reschedule for March but difficult to decide until we hear about Tim Smit's availability. Sally will email the committee when she knows.</p> <p>Love Food Hate Waste. Training is planned for 21st February from 6pm-9pm for people unavailable during the day, or a full version of the training on 22nd February from 10am-2.30pm.</p> <p>Compost doctor training is on 18th March.</p> <p>Dinnertime event. The Food Subgroup (Sally, Tess, Jo, Shelagh from CHAT) met on Tuesday and agreed to hold a small event at Wilcombe School on 25th March for their schoolchildren and parents. Sally suggested 4th or 11th March may be better as nearer to the end of the six week Food Waste sessions. Agreed that Sustainable Villages would offer to make a donation towards the fuel cost. After this first event a bigger one may be held in Tiverton. The next Subgroup meeting is on 28th February.</p>	<p>rest of committee to discuss options</p> <p>SC to contact Uffculme Parish Council and Friends of Uffculme.</p>
<p>Website/Mailchimp/ advertising and promotion</p>	<p>Sally will send out a Mailchimp reminder for Any Green Questions.</p>	<p>SC 'Any Green Questions' reminder on Mailchimp</p> <p>RW Put events on website and Facebook</p>
<p>Accounts</p>	<p>Hilary has circulated updated accounts showing more income and expenditure, mainly from the Apple Day and Repair Cafe.</p>	
<p>Political items (including local developments)</p>	<p>The Consultation on the proposed modifications to the Local Plan takes place from 3 January – 14 February 2017. Public exhibitions are being held in Tiverton, Willand, Crediton, Uffculme, Cullompton, Sampford Peverell on various dates from 18th January to 1st February. Details at https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-</p>	

	<p>policy/local-plan-review/</p> <p>A local renewable energy co-operative, Brendon Energy, is planning a hydropower scheme on the River Exe at Bolham and hopes to open a community share offer in the spring of 2017. They are holding a drop-in event to find out more at Tiverton Town Hall, St Andrew Street, EX16 6PG on Saturday 21st January, 2-5pm (free refreshments).</p>	
Any other business	<p>Richard suggested that we consider having some meetings in Tiverton if we want to attract more members there. It was agreed to put this on the AGM Agenda.</p> <p>Pennard Plants are holding a Potato Day at Tiverton Pannier Market on Wednesday 18th January from 11.00am – 4.00pm.</p> <p>There will be a screening of the film Groundswell Rising on 23rd January at Victoria Park Community Centre in Bridgwater at 7pm. This is a documentary about fracking in America and the social movement which has emerged from affected communities.</p>	<p>SC Put encouraging participation from Tiverton residents on Agenda for AGM</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>Wednesday, 8th February 2017, 7.30pm at Tess and Richard's house, Kytton Cottage, Holcombe Rogus.</p>	