

Transition Exmouth AGM SATURDAY, 02/07/16, Minutes

The meeting opened at 14.30 at the Open Door Centre

Attendance (total 15. 12 voting members)

Members: Adrian Toole, Rob Masding, Andy Lock, John Petty, Noel Harrower, Simon Pardoe, Elinor Scott, Roger Gibson, David Ireson, Nora Charrington, Lynne Wycherley, Mary Davey, Olly Davey. Not all the above were present throughout the meeting.

Non -members: Andrew Colman, Dawn Andrews, Jan Gannaway

The Chair, Adrian Toole welcomed those present to our 8th AGM.

1. Apologies for absence: Jill Petty, Jan & Nick Pawson, Mike Hinds, Jenny Budden
2. The minutes of the last AGM held 20 June 2015 were unanimously approved by the meeting.
3. There were no matters arising
4. Adrian delivered the Chair's and Secretary's report, mentioning that this was the third AGM at which he had been in the Chair. He then covered the following events of the past year, thanking all those who participated:

- 1. Supported several events held by Exmouth LETS
- 2. Supported Sustainable Exmouth
- 3. Held a picnic at our wood in Bapton Valley Park
- 4. Developed the Facebook Group and page
- 5. Continued with Tweeting
- 6. Helped ensure the continued success of Green Drinks
- 7. Almost completed the transition to our new name
- 8. Designed and printed new membership leaflets and business cards
- 9. Addressed the Earth Walk in Sidmouth
- 10. Met the Commons Speaker John Bercow
- 11. Kept our finances in the black
- 12. Engaged in the Neighbourhood Plan
- 13. Had published a number of letters in the Exmouth Journal and had coverage of our events from them and from the Express & Echo
- 14. Held several film & discussion events
- 15. Kept up our monthly involvement with COLP
- 16. Engaged with M&S/Kilo managers over their planning application and made a formal objection to the application arguing, hopelessly, for the ITI
- 17. Met with Andromeda Capital about their watersports developments
- 18. Monitored planning progress on the remainder of the Queens Drive site

- 19. Attended a Coastal Communities workshop
- 20. Supported the Alternatiba Festival in Exeter
- 21. Supported Rolle Exmouth Ltd in their efforts to re-open Rolle College for the community
- 22. With publicity from Avaaz, organised a public Climate-Change march to coincide with the start of COP21. Made banners and, with help of donation from David Ireson, bought a loud hailer and put it to use.
- 23. Raised sponsorship from Cllr Eileen Wragg and DCC for a public lecture with Professor Peter Challenor & others
- 24. Met several times with others to research & promote a local renewable energy scheme, Exmouth Renewable Energy. Attended a REGENSW workshop. Instigated detailed correspondence with experts about the technical feasibility of a tidal turbine in the Estuary
- 25. Attended Sidmouth's Climate Week
- 26. Kept up the regular and irregular newsletters, nine??? in the last 12 months. I'm told by an industry expert that our 'opening rate' amongst our supporters is above the industry standard!
- 27. Made a presentation to Noel to mark his retirement as Secretary
- 28. Welcomed two new affiliated Groups, RainShare & Clean Beach Exmouth
- 29. Ran a stall for four days during the Festival to promote Sarah Ward's Rainshare initiative
- 30. Circulated a questionnaire to prospective councillors prior to the May elections. Printed this in the EJ. Engaged with the successful ones
- 31. Updated both the display boards and the electronic Quiz
- 32. Revised our guide to sustainable development in Exmouth and presented to COLP a paper on Sustainability in the Neighbourhood Plan that was warmly received.
- 33. Held 'Towards a Carbon Neutral Exmouth' evening
- 34. Held the annual XCycle ride at Christmas
- 35. Made the contacts and took initial steps in organising a tour of the St Andrews Road PassivHus
- 36. Held an Umbrella Group every six weeks and our AGM

5. The Treasurer's Report was then delivered by Rob Masding who circulated the audit signed by Nigel Forder. We have a total of £122.43 in our account and in cash. Questions were taken and the meeting voted to approve it. Andy Lock proposed and Noah Carrington seconded.

6. Election of Officers The following were elected. Names are followed by (proposed by/seconded by).

- Chair: Adrian Toole continues (Andy/Lynne)
- Secretary: Adrian Toole continues (Mary/John)
- Treasurer: Rob Masding continues (Lynne/Noel)
- Membership: Rob Masding new (Elinor/Noel)
- Newsletter Editor: Adrian Toole continues (Simon/Andy)
- Press and Publicity: Roger Gibson new (Elinor/Noel)
- Events Officer: vacant. No nominations
- COLP Representatives. Adrian Toole and Noel Harrower continue (Mary/Lynne). Rob and others may stand-in
- Additional Umbrella Representatives: Andy & Noel Harrower continue (Mary/Roger)
- LETS Liaison: Although not an official Officer role, Adrian has been doing this by occasionally attending their meetings but can no longer keep this up. There was no Volunteer to take over

Adrian then thanked those volunteering but indicated that he would be very pleased if further help could be forthcoming from the wider membership. The meeting expressed their thanks for all the work he does.

There was a discussion about the format of Our Umbrella Group meetings and the time devoted to 'business'. Andy said the agenda took time to get through because we need to talk through new initiatives.

On Andy's proposal, a vote of thanks was given to the Chair and the Umbrella Group.

7. Subscription for next year. The proposal by Adrian Toole that the subscription remain at £5 (plus planting a tree) was unanimously carried (Adrian/Noel). Rob pointed out that our finances would be in a perilous state if the subscription were reduced and he suggested a higher rate. There was a suggestion that a family membership could be introduced but other members felt that nothing would be gained by that.

8. AOB. Since no motions had been submitted in advance as requested, nor any attempt to introduce any at the meeting, there was no AOB.

9. The formal business having concluded, the meeting had a refreshment break and members had a chance to browse the re-vamped display boards, look at the new Q&As on the electronic quiz and pay their subscriptions. Fine cakes were provided by Elinor and Lynn.

Adrian distributed a questionnaire to members that asked them to rate our achievements and priorities under a short list of action areas.

10. Presentations/Addresses: Note, It was anticipated that the contents of these presentations will be reported in future newsletters.

- Sustainable Exmouth

Andy Lock gave the members a summary of aspirations and achievements in his sustainable Exmouth project

- Neighbourhood Plan and Transition Exmouth

Noel Harrower presented a list of points that he hoped members would support him in pressing for inclusion in our emerging Neighbourhood Plan

- Evaluation and Monitoring session

The object of the questionnaire was to provide the Umbrella Group with direction from the membership for the year ahead. To continue with the development of Transition Exmouth, Adrian, with the help of Dawn, initiated a SWOT session – Strengths – Weaknesses – Opportunities – Threats. The whole meeting contributed ideas for consideration under these headings.

Adrian indicated that the Umbrella Group would be examining this feedback during the year.

11. Adrian then closed the meeting at 17.30 and thanked everyone for coming.

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