

Supporters' and Members' Newsletter from Transition Exmouth

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From the Chair Adrian Toole aka @GreenManExmouth

If you are a registered supporter and want to get more involved by becoming a Member, the £5 subscription is easily paid to Treasurer, Cllr. Rob Masding c/o Exmouth Town Council, 44 Rolle Street, Exmouth EX8 2SH.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer (donations welcome!), our details are: 'Transition Exmouth', Cooperative Bank, 08-92-99, a/c 65332739. Please, please identify yourself on the transfer.

Members are additionally requested to plant a tree, either in our wood or elsewhere.

Website www.transitionexmouth.uk **email:** tte.inform@gmail.com

All our own events and others that I am aware of are on our Website calendar.

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1.Next Week - an Electrifying 29-minutes Session

Our friend Simon Tytherleigh is back to talk about the future of motor vehicles: electric and self-driving. Simon has researched these topical subjects and, as usual, will be entertaining and instructive.

Thursday 6th April 19.30 before Green Drinks at the Park Hotel Exeter Rd, EX8 1QH. At the back of the bar on the left.

2.The Bakers Club

Thanks to hosts Paul & Jane Ives, our newest initiative, the Exmouth Bread Club has been launched. The event was reported to me as being 'jolly good fun' with a variety of bread products produced including 'whirly things', 'flat-bread', and 'buns'. The Bread Club is a chance for people to get together and bake bread together, simple as that. The idea is that we try out new recipes and methods, bake lots of delicious home-made bread and have occasional visits from expert bread bakers who can teach us more. the next Bread Club is on Friday 28 April at 9am-11am (approx). If you are interested please get in touch by email or phone to find out more, where to come and what to bring. Places are inevitably limited!

Contact Anne-Marie, mail@amculhane.co.uk or: 07849 073 394

3.Treefest

Tino has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease and he has decided his legacy will be a new two acre wood of 2000 trees. In order to achieve this he is having a festival type party where you purchase a ticket for £15 which buys you entry, overnight camping, loads of live music, a workshop and most importantly a tree to plant yourself.

Ticket sales NOW OPEN follow this link and get them before they sell out

<https://treebytree.eventcube.io/events/6350/treebytree-fest/>

8-9th April, The Great Oak Dome, Crowborough Farm, Georgeham, Devon, EX33 1JZ Entry to the site from 10am.

4.EDDC's Visitor Survey

The Exmouth Economic Plan identified the need for a visitor survey and this was undertaken during 2016 by The South West Research Company. Key Findings:

- The core Exmouth visitor market is predominantly older (31% aged 65+ years and 29% aged 45-64 years)
- Visitors to Exmouth are relatively affluent (58% ABC1's)

- There is a high proportion of adult-only groups (78% were visiting the resort without children)
- 75% are repeat visitors
- Half of all visitors (50%) live within the South West region
- Visitors to Exmouth spend an average of £15.99 per person per day/ night. This compares with an average spend per person per day/night in East Devon of £33.97 and £35.59 for Devon County as a whole.

EDDC deduce from this data that if visitor expenditure in Exmouth was increased to that of the average for East Devon, this could add an additional £23 million to the visitor economy and 700 additional jobs.

5. Transition Exmouth at the Festival

We left it too late to book a pitch. our gazebo, not having a fire certificate, is banned, and our initiatives having come to nothing, sadly we will not be putting in an appearance at the Festival this year. Neither will LETS. On the +ve side our Roger Gibson is involved in the recycling efforts, which will feature specially designed Exmouth bins!

6. Exeter City Futures

I can't remember whether I've introduced this organisation before but their plan is for a sustainable future for Exeter and district; they are well-funded and are making waves:

'We are interested in your ideas and insights about how we can make this region energy independent and congestion free by 2025. Please post your ideas and replies and share your insights on the issues surrounding our goal. Help us to create a friendly and collaborative environment for everyone, and develop a sustainable future together.'

<https://www.exetercityfutures.com/forums/forum/ideas-board/>

7. Sustainable Exmouth

The more observant amongst you might have noticed the new 'Convenience Store' adjacent to the station; despite the alarm shown by transport campaigners, it has been plonked needlessly on the space essential for our much anticipated Integrated Transport Interchange. Stalwart campaigner John Petty has researched how our Councillors allowed this to happen in contravention of policies in the Local Plan, the Masterplan, and the Local Transport Plan.

EDDC owned the land, which must have something to do with it and John's conclusion is that when a big-name retailer wants to come to the town, our watchdogs just wag their tails! It doesn't bode well for other sites in the pipeline. I can forward John's report on request.

At the other end of town, for once everyone seems agreed: Orcombe Point needs a café!. But what scale of café and temporary or permanent are the questions?

EDDC Councillor Mark Williamson is collating opinions in the Town so get in quick with yours: mwilliamson@eastdevon.gov.uk

8.Environmental Education Centre

After our efforts to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan it is encouraging to find that our ideas will be incorporated with Noel continuing to campaign for both a Community Hub and a Sustainability Education Centre.

9.New Logo

Has launched (see Website <http://www.transitionexmouth.uk>). thanks to Roger Gibson and Jo Salter. Watch out for the press coverage.

10.Transition Exeter

In these unsettling times, a Transition Exeter event: Rethinking Power, Remaking Connection maybe just what we need. (29th April 10:00-14:00)

'We live in a time of upheaval, with Brexit, Trump, growing inequality, and environmental damage. This event offers space to speak our reactions, fears and hopes and listen to one another, perhaps to listen to ourselves; and to share inspirations and ways to resource ourselves in difficult times.

The workshop draws on the work of Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone, rethinking the nature of power and exploring how the experiences of our own lives offer us connections with others; connections through which we are affected by and can in turn influence wider changes in the world. There is a place here for despair, a place for taking stock, for allowing new ways of looking. We look at different kinds of power, and how they manifest in everyday interactions, and can contribute to the seeding and building of a better world. Donations welcome. Bring food to share.'

Book with Gill Westcott: gillwestcott@gmail.com, 01647 24789 or Adrian Harris:

Adrian@gn.apc.org

Share on Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/1628720717156930

11. Social Media and Website

<http://www.transitionexmouth.uk>.

[@GreenManExmouth](https://twitter.com/GreenManExmouth) continues his tweeting, not always on TE items but always seeking to entertain so be prepared!

We have a Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/15416577788/>

and a page: <https://www.facebook.com/transition.exmouth>

Not to forget the ever popular Green Drinks: <http://www.greendrinks.org/Devon/Exmouth>

12. And Finally – Members' News

Sal Regan tells me that Clean Beach Exmouth has over 130 members on the Facebook page and enough turn up every month to get the job done but that five of her litter-picking devices were stolen recently from the beach!

You can contact Sal on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sal.regan>

Oh and don't forget to vote in the DCC elections on May 4th

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