

Transition Exmouth Newsletter for Members and Supporters January '18

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Our Next 29-minutes Sessions

On 4th January '18 (yes a new year is here!) our speaker before Green Drinks will be Roma Patten, one of the Town's most doughty campaigners, determined to secure us an Integrated Transport Interchange such as all civilised towns should have! A new initiative

has begun with a business plan hoping to encourage a more positive outcome. Roma has agreed to co-ordinate this work. Come along at 19.30 for the talk & social evening at [The Park Hotel, Exmouth](#)

In February we will hear from Dr Oliver Dowden, who is promoting the random selection of citizens for public office (Sortition). The origins of this system go back to ancient Greece and it is still practiced for jury selection in common law systems. Just imagine our MP being directly answerable to us voters rather than to his party! Should be a fascinating half-hour to which I'm thinking of inviting local politicians.

Wild Exmouth

In my December Newsletter, I told you about EDDC's Wild Exmouth Project. Their Countryside Management Team's Tim Dafforn had hoped to be at Jan Gannaway's talk at our December 29-minutes but couldn't make it. Instead he will come to the [The Park Hotel, Exmouth](#) to meet with us on Thursday 11th January @ 19.30.

This is an important project for anyone interested in safeguarding wildlife; urban areas are now being recognised as important refuges for species increasingly pushed out of 'the countryside'. At the same time, town dwellers have often little opportunity to appreciate wildlife close-up; contact with trees and wildlife are proven to de-stress and most of us could do with some of that! Transition Exmouth is ambitious to see the development of Green Routes and Fruit Routes through the town, the latter providing opportunities for you and me to harvest our own food while walking in a 'green' environment. We want to hear what Tim has to say and learn how we can support his Lottery application for funds.

Sustainable Exmouth

Andy Lock and myself met with Gary Cook recently. Gary became known to us when he alerted me to EDDC's PassivHus development and later gave a 29-minutes talk on energy-efficient homes. Gary is also a graphic artist and a member of the Exmouth Art Group, (EAG) which has a keen interest in the design of developments in Exmouth. EAG are concerned that such developments need to be anchored in the culture of the town, a view that is apparently shared by Wayne Hemingway. Is it possible to lock into that culture? Perhaps even develop it to share in forward-looking aspirations that would enable a consensus to emerge over the future shape of the town? An idea that has been floated is a social-media based celebration of individual residents, their lives and achievements, helping to promote civic pride.

Fracking??

On 3rd December I sent the following to Sir Hugo Swire:

Dear Sir Hugo

As Chair, I represent Transition Exmouth an environmental and community action group. My colleagues and I should like to arrange to attend one of your surgeries or otherwise meet up in the area. The subject that we should like to raise is that of possible fracking in East Devon.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply.

I've not received any reply. What should I do next?

I had sent this in support of a Totnes anti-fracking initiative, in which we were to ask our MP to sign a 'no fracking' pledge. Fracking is a nightmare industry and would blight the lives of those where it is to happen but for those of you loosing sleep worrying that it is to happen near here, a very top source has assured me that the Government does NOT consider East Devon a suitable location.

See the map: <https://ogauthority.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=29c31fa4b00248418e545d222e57ddaa>

From that you can see that the shale gas sediments do not advance west of Winchester/Southampton and the closest that conventional oil well drilling has ever come to Exmouth (onshore or offshore) is Musbury.

Grenadier Application 'Coming Soon?'

Still said to be coming soon but a search of the East Devon Planning Portal today showed no such application!

Xcycle Ride at Christmas

We were few but we were happy. To mis-quote Shakespeare:

'And gentlepersons in England now a-bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not there and hold their personhoods cheap whiles any speaks that rode with us on Thursday'!

Clean Street Exmouth

Clean Street Exmouth, started by Roger Gibson intends to facilitate ad-hoc litter collections. Several individuals have started litter-picking. It now has a Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/492752511098109/> and a logo that appears on Carol Jay's poster that I attached in the last newsletter.

To stake your 'pitch', get in touch with Roger walksmall@hotmail.co.uk or through Facebook.

Bread Club

Bread Club thrives. Contact Paul or Jane Ives for details: paul.ives1@googlemail.com

See link below for photos and recipes.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5HAtmmzu2cHYTVKQ2w2cDVGaUE>

Our Affiliated Groups

Regular readers of this newsletter will be aware of the activities of our various Affiliated Groups. These are a vital component of the mission of the Transition movement, in fact without thriving Affiliated Groups, we'd cease to exist. The concept is that anyone who wants to start an activity that conforms to our mission statement, is welcomed and to the limit of our meagre resources, helped to realise their vision. Noel wants to point out that there is room in Exmouth for more than one baking/cooking group, more than one Green Drinks, or more than one Local Exchange Trading Scheme. So get in touch and realise your ambitions!

The Publicity Team

Roger Gibson does press releases, Rob Masding website, and Simon Pardoe Facebook, Carol Jay graphics/posters and other social Media, posting on: Exmouth Past & Present, Exmouth Community, Exmouth Now & then, What's On in East Devon, and WildEast Devon. I myself am @greenmanexmouth but the tweets there reflect my own views/obsessions!

If you have a TrExy message to get out, contact us on transitionexmouth@gmail.com

We are to have a number of Carol's new posters printed to go up around the town so please tell me of anywhere that we could get up an A4 or even A3 version put up.

Keeping Ourselves Healthy!

Now is the time for making resolutions so leave the calories agenda aside and let's get psyched-up to make the inner changes that will give us the strength to be more effective in the year ahead. Developing the themes of Transition Network's Healthy Cultures Workshop, our own Ian Wycherley is planning a taster session for us on 'personal change' drawing on his coaching and sustainability work. There are ways in which we want to change, need to change! Do it Ian!

Social Media and Website

[Website: http://www.transitionexmouth.uk](http://www.transitionexmouth.uk).

You can contact me Adrian Toole, Chair on transitionexmouth@gmail.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>

Dates for your Diary

Rev. James Hutchins tells me of the following dates/times for Hard Questions Cafe:

Mondays, 29 January, 19 February, & 19 March, all at 7.30-9pm at Franklins in the Strand.

About time someone took this on board!

Ellen MacArthur and Stella McCartney have co-hosted the launch in London of a report on the future of the Fashion Industry:

"Today's textile industry is built on an outdated linear, take-make-dispose model and is hugely wasteful and polluting. The Ellen MacArthur Foundation's report 'A new textiles economy: Redesigning Fashion's Future' presents an ambitious vision of a new system, based on circular economy principles, that offers benefits to the economy, society, and the environment. We need the whole industry to rally behind it."

And Finally...

It seems to me that if we want to change anything, we need knowledge and to gain knowledge, it is DEPTH of experience we need not BREADTH so dig deep and a happy New Year to you all.

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