

# Transition Exmouth Newsletter for Members June '18

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Please don't forget to mention Transition Exmouth in any relevant conversation. We need to play our part in spreading the good word.

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## What a Great Festival

As always Exmouth Festival was great, I avoided the rain completely and your Transition Exmouth stall was a great success. Many thanks to Doreen and Mark Sandham who spent weeks in preparation. Doreen was on the stall the whole time and helped many small people re-learn the skills of their great-grand parents. See below for pic of the carpentry results using Doreen and Mark's flat-pack bird boxes!

Still with energy for the re-skilling cause, Doreen is again in action this weekend at the West Country Traditions event. She tells me that she is very happy that children are keen to learn. Doreen's 'skill' that she is imparting this weekend is Using the Sewing Machine, specifically to make bags for your vegetable purchases.

Apparently years ago Transition Town Exmouth purchased 25 (sic) hand-sewing machines for this very purpose; very few of them could be made to work and Doreen believes that all but the majestic Singer that she has on the stall, were lost in storage. She has however been offered three more of the same style and so will be back in force at some future event!



## 29-minute Sessions

Next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – our own Dawn Andrews will introduce us to Mindfulness by tackling the subject 'Compassion towards people and planet' and (this could be really big) for the first time in Exmouth, tell us about a project that she and Ian Wycherley hope to launch soon. Come along at 19.30 (sharp or you'll miss it) for the talk at The Park Hotel, 114 Exeter Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 1QH

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, Paul Strange, now released from his service to the media industry, will tell us about the re-launched Exmouth LETS

Alan Griffey from Torquay, who was snowed off in March, came to our May event and told us about Friends of the Earth (FOE), in Torquay. They have dwindled in numbers and scope and their main focus now is campaigning against seafront development. Interesting parallels!, Thanks Alan

## **Green Drinks**

Don't forget, our purely-social Green Drinks follows on from the talk; you are welcome to bring your own 'green' table decoration to add to the collection!

## **Local Eco-warrior in the News**

Sarah Allen, who blogs as <http://www.rhubarbandrunnerbeans.co.uk/blog> and can also be found at <https://plastic-freeportal.com/reduce-reuse-recycle-superboosted>, is an Exmouth campaigner and featured on the front page of the Exmouth Journal this week proudly explaining that nothing goes in to her black bin from her household! She praised EDDC for their kerbside collections. Sarah is also a member of Roger's Clean Street Exmouth. Well done Sarah. The anti-single use plastic movement is certainly catching on. Well done Doreen Sandham and David Ireson who have also run their own campaigns.

## **Trip to Suez**

Grant Shipcott and others visited Suez's operations at Greendale Business Park. Suez operates our recycling collections for EDDC and the visitors were shown all that goes on in the plant. Although there are hi-tec components of the process, the sorting is still very much a manual job and Grant was pleased to discover that enthusiasm about recycling was evident in all the employees. You will be interested to learn that none of our Exmouth waste actually goes to landfill, all that cannot be recycled ends up in the Exeter incinerator, which is where Grant may be heading next. Watch this space.

## **Environment Interpretation Centre**

Noel is asking for help in this campaign. He and I agreed on a form of letter that we sent out to a list of organisations that we feel might be sympathetic. We asked them if they would consider joining in with our lobbying. More on this in due course.

## **More on Clean Street Exmouth**

Like the idea of ridding our town's streets of litter? Roger now has 4000 postcards printed by INK:press and paid for by Exmouth Town Council. These are for use when you adopt your street in order to engage other neighbours in keeping the street as clear of litter as is possible.

Here's how to join in:

- Adopt your street and use the cards.
- Post items of interest or relevance on our Facebook group page.
- Help publicise the scheme and/or help us with admin.

A supporter has put up a prize of £250 for the best video that persuades people away from dropping litter. Watch the Facebook page for news on this.

Roger is appealing not only for street residents to join in but also for some Admin help!

## **Sustainable Exmouth**

Grenadier's Watersports application looks set to be approved by EDDC on 5<sup>th</sup> June. We objected on the grounds of unproven claims of environmental sustainability.

The Phase 3 Visioning exercise is underway with Wayne Hemingway in charge. Andy Lock represented us at a meeting arranged as a get-to-know-you event with several members of the Hemngway family business. Hemingway says that he is collecting evidence and setting up an on-line portal for the collection of ideas on the development.

Your UG has given Andy the go-ahead to represent us as he feels most appropriate, in other words, Andy is not mandated to present any particular point of view. Andy has been closely involved for many years in lobbying for the sustainable development of Exmouth. The current process is a vital opportunity to persuade those most closely involved in the direction of our own vision and I am quite prepared to allow him free reign in this.

## **Love it or Hate it: GDPR**

There can be no email user who is not now aware of the GDPR law, which in essence requires us to be able to prove that all on our mailing list have specifically asked to be included. For our members, that is a given but it's not straightforward for the large number on our 'subscribers' list. All the addresses that have appeared on the list in recent years have gone on by specific request or have added themselves directly from our Website. The problem is that we cannot prove that all on that list arrived by the same route.

Rob and I feel therefore that we have no option than to circulate all the nearly 300 addresses, asking them to re-subscribe. My experience of that list is that although 1/3 of them actually read the newsletters, very few actually communicate and I expect that we will fail to get that confirmation from most of them. This newsletter is going out only to paid-up members.

There is a view that quality is better than quantity – lets hope so because this is a blow.

## Social Media and Website

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

You can contact me Adrian Toole, Chair, on [transitionexmouth@gmail.com](mailto: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

### World Environment Day

Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> is the UN's World Environment Day. Although we have nothing organised, I'm sure members will mark it in their own ways.

<http://worldenvironmentday.global/en>

### East Devon Log Bank, 5<sup>th</sup> June

Not quite sure how this will work but Claire Wright tells us that The East Devon Log Bank will be launched this week (Tuesday) to help people in fuel poverty keep their fires burning during the cold winter months.

Axewoods Co-operative, a Devon-based not-for-profit volunteer forestry group, is behind the initiative, which uses surplus wood harvested from maintaining nature reserves and other woodland areas.

DCC councillor Claire Wright will formally launch and open the Log Bank along with invited guests, media and sponsors on Tuesday 5th June at 11.00a.m. at Knapp Copse Nature Reserve, near Honiton.

### Smart Energy Marketplace 19th June

RegenSW are again this year organising the "Smart Energy Marketplace" at Sandy Park, Exeter on 19th June. Please check the RegenSW website for details:- [Ctrl Click here](#) or sign up for Regen newsletters.

## **Exeter's first ever 100% Vegan Market -23 June**

**is on Saturday 23 June** at the **Corn Exchange**, our vegan-friendly city is about to get even vegan-friendlier!

A joint venture between Sweet Vegan, Fairfoods and EFFA, the market will feature over 40 stalls showcasing local independent, ethical, vegan-friendly artisans, traders, makers and small businesses, while Fairfoods will be running a cafe where shoppers can relax and enjoy a delicious lunch or elevenses. All profits will go towards EFFA campaigns.

## **Exeter Respect Festival**

Sat 30 Jun - Sun 1 July: Exeter's celebration of diversity

## **Exeter LETS open day 14<sup>th</sup> July**

In its 25th year, Exeter LETS is a network where you can exchange goods and services without cash. LETS offers gardening, lifts, items for sale, research, and many more skills and services. They have an open day on Saturday 14th July at the Palace Gate Centre, 3 Palace Gate, Exeter EX1 1JA between 11.00 and 14.00. Knitting and patchwork demonstrations. Tea and coffee available. Bring lunch to share from 12.45

## ***And Finally***

*A link to Froome Town Councillors who are describing how their independent-controlled Town Council works. Something to think about although my own experience, from Mid-Devon, was that because of the independently-minded independents, nothing was ever achieved. Thanks to Tricia for this!*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6N5Wsq6rls&feature=youtu.be>*

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