

Transition Exmouth Newsletter for Members July '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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GDPR

This is the first post-GDPR newsletter and sadly I have to admit that as a result of the positive-sign-in process we adopted, we have lost most of the contacts on our supporters' list. This was expected and we have to be positive about the fact that 39 people decided they would miss the monthly newsletter; perhaps they will now join!

29-minute Sessions

Next Thursday 5th July – On 5th July Paul Strange, now released from his service to the media industry, will tell us about the re-launched Exmouth LETS. 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.

Yes we will be running a session on 2nd August! I'm hoping that the speaker will be a veganism campaigner. Despite the closing of our own Plantbased cafe, veganism is trending in 2018 so it's time to find out more about it. Perhaps i'll even be convinced myself!

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!

Exmouth LETS re-launch

Great news; the Official relaunch of Exmouth LETS is on July 11, 2018 at the Blackmore Theatre bar, 7pm-9pm - All new and existing members of Exmouth LETS are warmly invited. Please bring some food and drink to share. Teas and coffees will also be provided.

Transplant Awareness Day

We will be at Steve Gazzard's event in the Strand on Saturday 21st July. Steve's daughter died while waiting for an organ donor and he's been a tireless campaigner for the cause since. Doreen will be trucking up with her re-skilling tent and is keen to hear from people willing to help so e-mail Doreen on deesandham@gmail.com .

Sustainable Exmouth

So Grenadier have got their planning permission for the Watersports Centre; reluctantly we objected on the grounds of unproven claims of environmental sustainability but I'm not aware anyone took any notice. The vote was 8 for, 5 against with Mark Williamson abstaining because he is a director of the public interest company that will eventually run the facility. You may hear the Committee discussion starting at about the 40 minutes mark in: <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/recordings/planning/050618dmcrecording.mp3>

Wayne Hemingway's Phase 3 Visioning exercise is underway. Andy Lock represented us at a meeting arranged as an intimate get-to-know-you event with several members of the Hemingway family business.

The follow up brainstorming meeting on 21st June was at a time when Andy could not attend but we're thankful to Anne marie Culhance for stepping in. This second meeting was attended by a larger number; the attendees split into groups, with each asked to report back one idea, not already aired, for the theme of the Development. Anne marie's

table urged the marketing of Exmouth as an Eco-resort and this concept was echoed by Cllr. Philip Skinner, Chair of the Exmouth Regeneration Board. The next stage in the process is to be an on-line consultation. We keenly await that and urge you all to participate.

Your UG gave Andy and Anne marie the go-ahead to represent us as they each felt most appropriate, in other words, they were not mandated to present any particular point of view.

Plastic Waste Campaign

Lots of activity world-wide on this and Devon is doing it's part. DCC have voted to eliminate single-use plastic from their internal operations.

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/new-strategy-to-reduce-plastic-waste-gets-green-light/>

In Exmouth, building on a number of initiatives, including those of our own members David Ireson, Doreen Sandham, Martin Weller, Roger Gibson with Clean Street Exmouth, Sal Regan with clean Beach Exmouth, and Rob Masding with his unsuccessful Town Council debate, Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) local activist Scott Burgan is inviting everyone to join up and push for action.

Scott may be contacted at plasticfreeexmouth@gmail.com or on his Facebook Page *Plastic Free Exmouth [UK]* where he has already 290 members.

New Marine Conservation Zones

DEFRA are consulting on 41 proposed Marine Conservation Zones. These alas do not include Lyme Bay; we don't know why that is but nine of them are around Devon and the proposals are well-worth supporting. You have till the 20th to respond:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/consultation-on-the-third-tranche-of-marine-conser/>

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

Exeter LETS open day 14th 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

Devon Food Waste conference

Friday 21st September at The Boniface Centre, Crediton, EX17 2AH. Contact emma.croft@devon.gov.uk for more info.

And Finally

Congratulations to members Simon Pardoe and Grant Shipcott who both completed the (very wet and slippery) Medio course of the Dartmoor Classic today !!!!!

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