

Transition Exmouth AGM Newsletter September '17

Hope you have been enjoying the Summer!

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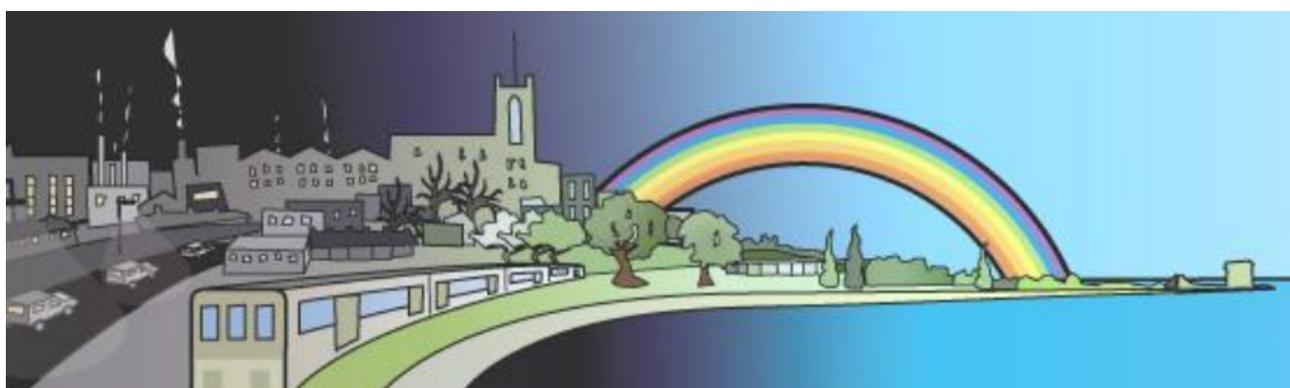
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Yes it's AGM time again

By public demand later in the year than usual, our AGM is on Saturday 9th September at the Open Door Centre, junction of Church Street and South Street, Exmouth EX8 1PE. Starts 14.30. We are to be given a 'guided tour' of the draft Neighbourhood Plan by Roy Pryke and Ian Cann of the NP Steering Group. There's a lot you need to take on board in this Planning document so don't miss it. All are welcome and you can join up on the spot.

Pause to shed a tear as we bid goodbye to the old logos:



Our Next 29-minute Session

Come along at 19.30 (preceding our next Green Drinks) on Thursday 7th September, to the Park Hotel on Exeter Road and get the low-down from a Met Office Scientist. Andrew Colman's talk will be titled: 'Global temperature and climate change, myths and facts'; don't miss it.

This year's Buturi Charity Gala Dinner

Saturday October 14th in Budleigh Salterton Public Hall. The price is £25 a head, and it is a three-course meal, dinner and dance with entertainment, such as Sidmouth choral society and much, much more. However dire our situation seems, there are those worse off than we are ever likely to be so let's support this charity. Checkout the charity's website and contact Judith Smith for tickets, 01395 489645 or 07856 093525.

www.buturi-project.org Facebook: The Buturi Project, Twitter: @Buturiproject

Wildflower Seeds

Carol Jay and myself are investigating how we might get wildflower seeds, with our logo on the packet, into local shops ready for next season. Get in touch if you have any ideas.

Films for U

Film Demain (Tomorrow)

Already viewed by over 1.5 million people in France alone, and winner of Best Documentary at the Cesar Awards (the French Oscars), Demain (Tomorrow) has been hugely impactful. Produced by activist and writer Cyril Dion and actress/director Mélanie Laurent (see below), it tells the story of their search for solutions to the crisis humanity faces.

Cllr. Rob Masding has the DVD and he will lend it to you if you donate to Transition Exmouth funds and leave a deposit. Contact Rob using this email address

New AI Gore film 'An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power'

Will be shown at the Studio74 cinema at the Exeter Phoenix at 1p.m. on Sunday , September 3rd, and at 8.30p.m. on Thursday, September 7th. Info from Brian Clarke(FOE).

Hard Questions Cafe

James Hutchins tells me: 'I am delighted that our first Hard Questions of the autumn will be on Sunday 17 September, 6.30pm at Franklins in the Strand, Exmouth, on the subject of Islam, Christianity and interfaith dialogue. Our speaker is Professor Ian Netton, who is the Emeritus Professor of Islamic Studies at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter.'

Important subject but I didn't know that the Uni had such a dept.; I'll be there if I can.

Seafront Development gets Nearer!

We are told that a deal has been signed between EDDC and Grenadier that opens the way for both a detailed planning application for their proposed Watersports centre and subsequently the work to realign the road. Grenadier are still asserting that their 'Community focused, not-for-profit' development will have a low environmental impact and carbon footprint'. Be assured that your Sustainable Exmouth team of myself and Andy Lock will be keeping them up to the mark at the promised 'public consultation'.

Exeter Green Fair

Looks like Exeter two days in a row: Exeter Green Fair on Exeter Cathedral Green on Saturday 2nd September from 10.00 to 4.00. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year, when I remember the rain was dampening!

An ITI for Exmouth is still possible!

Other ambitious towns have one, why not us? As you may know, the EDDC Local Plan calls for an Exmouth ITI and although our EDDC Conncilors did their best to scupper it by

locating M&S where it is, planning for the ITI continues thanks to the Exmouth Transport partnership (ETP), who have been on the case for many years. To date there has been only like warm interest by EDDC and DCC Councillors or Officers but a new ETP initiative has begun whereby a business plan will be written with the aim and hope of encouraging a more positive outcome.

The indefatigable Roma Patten (why is she not PM?) agreed to co-ordinate the work for this and is looking for proactive help from others. Initially, along with a couple of helpers, she has begun to count passenger numbers at the Leisure Centre bus stop and where passengers go after arriving at the railway station. Roma will be away for the first two weeks of September but after that she would like to meet us to discuss both our organisation's interest and how we can help.

There must be someone reading this whose experience could contribute to the work. Please get in touch.

Transition Towns Regional Meet

The Transition Towns Regional meet comes to Exeter: 23rd September 2017 10am - 4:30pm, Venue: Palace Gate Centre, 3 Palace Gate, Exeter, Devon, EX11JA. Are there any readers who would like to go to that?

Changes on the Maer

Following advice from the East Devon District Council Countryside team, the grassland on the Maer Local Nature Reserve in Exmouth will be cut less regularly in order to increase the wildlife and biodiversity on the site.

The high footfall, particularly in the summer, has had a negative impact on a variety of species, including locally rare sea holly and a number of unusual solitary bees.

The change in the mowing regime has formed a number of paths around the site, encouraging visitors to explore, whilst also leaving other areas undisturbed so that rarer species can thrive.

For more information on the sites managed by the East Devon District Council's countryside team visit wildeastdevon.co.uk. The team can be contacted via email: countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk or by calling 01395 517557.

Exeter's Alternative Quarter!

Yes, really! This centres on Fore Street and on Sunday 24 September the Fore Street Flea Market returns 12.00 – 16.00. You'll find campaigning groups, street entertainment, and food with profits going to local good causes. Don't miss it! Thanks to Exeter Friends for Animals for this info.

Uber

Uber is changing our world. Deregulation in 2015 opened the door to them because now a mini-cab licenced in Exeter can pick up a fare in Exmouth or for that matter in Essex!

I took my first Uber rides the other week up-country: one out to the country pub and the other back. My friends swear by it and I went along for the ride.

Both drivers spoke English adequately enough for the purpose. Our first cab came in 10 minutes, didn't know the area but relying on the Sat-Nav on his mobile found the pub without help. On the return trip, we waited 15 mts, the driver admitting that he'd never been in the area before, and had accepted the booking after dropping another fare in a nearby town. It was obvious that driving down country lanes was a first for him but the journey was without incident and in a top-of-the-range Mercedes! Can't fault the service actually and in an era where your whole life needs to be organised on-line, it's clearly here to stay. Anybody got any Uber Stories from Exmouth?

Social Media and Website

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

[@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>

And Finally Bag News

The seven main retailers in England - Asda, The Co-operative Group, Marks & Spencer, Morrison's, Sainsbury's, Tesco & Waitrose - say they've issued 83% fewer bags in 2016-2017 compared to the calendar year 2014. This is similar to the huge reductions in plastic bags issued by retailers in Scotland and Wales. Who said a 5p charge wouldn't work?

Thanks for reading; from Adrian Toole , Chair