

# Supporters' and Members' Newsletter from Transition Exmouth

March 2017

**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, our details are: 'Transition Exmouth', Cooperative Bank, 08-92-99, a/c 65332739

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

**Website** [www.transitionexmouth.uk](http://www.transitionexmouth.uk) **email:** [tte.inform@gmail.com](mailto: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.This Week - an Empowering 29-minutes Session**

Empowering that is if you have a diesel car or are just interested in finding out about the different fuels and how you can make fuel for your car yourself out of vegetable oil. Chris Daly will be telling all and, he tells, me doing a practical demonstration!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 19.30 before Green Drinks at the Park Hotel Exeter Rd, EX8 1QH. At the back of the bar on the left.

## **2.New Projects?**

Those who heard my talk at the last 29-minutes will know that I see the future of Transition Exmouth in practical, deliverable projects. One that has been suggested is a community bakery/kitchen. Cooking and baking have never been so popular and doing it together with others would indeed be fun. Don't worry, no competitions are envisaged! Get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

I would also like to float the idea of an Exmouth Environmental Network that would draw together a wide range of organisations and individuals having similar aims. We would have occasional meetings and a wider membership base would justify inviting inspirational speakers.

### **3. Transition Exmouth at the Festival**

Members Dawn & Paul Ives have asked the Festival organisers to consider bringing I the technology to make the Manor Gardens stage 'cycle-powered' this year. They have even offered to design and build such a contraption. Initial response has been positive.

In response to a design competition for Festival recycling bins, member Roger has responded. Roger has 'form' on functional art installations and we are rooting for him but I don't think there will be a chance to vote on this.

There is a separate request from Ruth Carter for our members to get involved with recycling. Phone Ruth on 07960 125901.

In any case, lets think of a theme for our gazebo. Festival Committee anyone?

### **4. More Transition Exmouth and the NP**

Since the last newsletter, our Andy Lock and Rob Masding had a meeting with Roy Pryke and Ian Cann of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to try and clear away some of the confusion about the how the NP is coming together. Roy and Ian were complimentary about Transition Exmouth's involvement and assure us that our ideas are to be incorporated in the draft plan. However, the basis of the NP is that it is led by the public suggesting what infrastructure they would like to have built in the town so get involved asap.

You can email your requests to [npsg@exmouth.gov.uk](mailto:npsg@exmouth.gov.uk) or in writing to the Town Council at 44 Rolle St, EX8 2SH. Bear in mind that the NP is a planning document and as such must contain specific development proposals.

### **5. Sustainable Exmouth**

The rumble over the Jungle goes on (the much missed 'Jungle Fun' that is). Consultation over EDDC's 'enabling application' recently closed and the Juggernaut will inevitable roll on but their plan is for more consultation on the details and I hope we'll be ready for that. Lobbying your District Councillor over all this might yet be effective; I doubt whether EDDC could ignore the opinions of all the Exmouth members if they were in concert but the public pressure to bring that about seems to be lacking.

Our joint approach with SES to Grenadier, asking for a meeting with Dr Mark Dixon himself was brusquely rejected.

### **6. New Logo**

Nearly nearly ready to launch!

## 7. Eden Project Community Camps

Applications are open for Eden's three day Community Camp in Cornwall, 17-20 March, offering a mixture of practical activities, workshop sessions and networking opportunities for volunteers and community activists interested in connecting people in their communities through groups, activities and projects.

Anyone Interested pls look at <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/blog/community-camp-march-2017>

## 8. 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>

## 9. And Finally – Members' News

Dawn is running her next Mindfulness course, 8 weekly sessions starting evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Check it out on <http://www.thinkingpositively.co.uk/exmouth-mindfulness.html>

Our new member Carol Jay tells me that she is returning soon, presumably with all limbs intact, from a working winter on the alpine ski slopes and wants to get more involved. Maybe she'll be keen to do baking?

ENDS

Adrian Toole (Chair)

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