

# Transition Exmouth Newsletter for Members and Supporters Feb. '18

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## 29-minute Sessions

On 4th January Roma Patten of the Exmouth Transport Partnership told us all about plans to yet secure us an Integrated Transport Interchange! Roma has agreed to co-ordinate the work to prepare a business plan that should serve to focus the several stakeholders that it could and should be a viable project despite the fact that the new M&s store leaves little space in front of the station. We hope to be able to help Roma make the Environmental case for an ITI. Is there anyone who can put some work into this?

On 1st February we will be hearing from Dr Oliver Dowlen, 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've invited local politicians. Come along at 19.30 (sharp or you'll miss it) for the talk at [The Park Hotel, Exmouth](#)

On 1st March, We will be welcoming Alan Griffey from Torbay Friends of the Earth (FOE). Carol, Jane and I have been making contacts with FOE recently; sadly it appears that their Exeter group has folded so I have invited Alan to tell us about his group and the fortunes of FOE. Never forget that it was FOE who forced the Government to introduce household recycling collections!

## Green Drinks

Oh and don't forget, purely-social Green Drinks follows on from the talk:



You are welcome to bring your own table decoration!

## Wild Exmouth

Tim Dafforn of EDDC's Wild Exmouth Project came to the Park Hotel to meet with us on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. We wanted to hear about the project, ascertain how we can slot into it, and to learn how we can support his Lottery application for funds.

In the first instance, I urge all of you to respond to his on-line survey about green spaces in the town. By completing the questionnaire, you will support his bid - he needs to show that the people of Exmouth are interested in this project:

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside/wild-exmouth/>

I have done so myself and, although I had thought that I knew the town quite well, I was surprised to be told about locations of which I had been unaware. The survey closes at 5pm on 8th February.

The links in this are Jan Gannaway and Heath Nickels who have set up the Exmouth Wildlife Group and are starting the necessary biodiversity surveys.

Jan has set up a Facebook 'page' and 'group'.

- <https://www.facebook.com/ExmouthWildlifeGroup/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ExmouthWildlifeGroup/>

One can view the page without being signed up to Facebook!

## Clean Street Exmouth

Clean Street Exmouth, started by Roger Gibson facilitates ad-hoc litter collections. It's proving popular and now has a Facebook Group with over 59 members:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hatelitter/members>

It's an open group so all should be able to see it.

To stake your 'pitch', get in touch with Roger [walksmall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:walksmall@hotmail.co.uk) or through Facebook. It would be nice if we had the funds to give them litter-pickers and tabards!

## Sustainable Exmouth

At the time of writing, Grenadier's long-promised planning application has still not appeared on East Devon's planning portal. Andy and I will be carefully going through this when it does.

Grenadier have released a document titled 'Public Consultation Feedback for Community' but this appeared to us to be incomplete and we asked their Peter Quincey to send us the missing sections! His response did not include any more information and in fact raised more questions than it provided answers so we are withholding comment and replied that we are looking forward to reading a full report on the public consultation in his planning application.

I have to admit that we have not paid much attention to the application for temporary facilities, which the Town Council have rejected (twice?). Even these temporary attractions are proving controversial:

<http://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/150k-temporary-play-park-proposed-former-exmouth-fun-park-site-1-5358647>.

## **Bread Club**

Bread Club thrives. Contact Paul or Jane Ives for details: [paul.ives1@googlemail.com](mailto:paul.ives1@googlemail.com)

See link below for photos and recipes.

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

## **The Publicity Team**

If you have a Transitiony-type message to get out, contact them on [transitionexmouth@gmail.com](mailto:transitionexmouth@gmail.com)

We now 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 A5, A4 or even A3 version put up.

## **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>

## Easy Fundraising

We're urgently seeking funds for all these great projects and one painless way shoppers can help out is by using EasyFundraising, a site set up to help raise money from retailers who donate a small percentage of your spend to a nominated cause. I know that all you good folks support local businesses by going to Carters for that new washing machine or to Bicton Pet Supplies for those chicken treats but should you ever need to do on-line shopping, please consider setting up an account and placing the order via:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/transitionexmouth/>

Anything from Virgin Atlantic to Sainsburys to Euro Car Parts! Give it a go.

## Dates for your Diary

Exeter LETS Trading Day, Come and socialise with fellow LETS members, trade and enjoy bring and share lunch, this Saturday, 11am - 2pm at Palace Gate Centre, Exeter.

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.

Fed up with the way the commercial banks treat us? Tony Greenham is the Director of Economics at the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) and is giving a talk at the Courtney Centre in Newton Abbot, Thurs February 8th at 7.15 pm. He will be talking about the economic and social case for regional banks, and explore the opportunities and challenges of creating a co-cooperative bank dedicated to the South West.

## On-line Course Anyone?

*Business Sustainability Management from Cambridge University anyone?*

*In a recent Annual Business Summit survey, 48 per cent of respondents stated that sustainability is either fully embedded, or permeates most departments within their organisation, while 25 per cent said that sustainability drives their organisation.*

*The value of certified expertise in sustainable business practices is rising every day, which is why the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership is collaborating with online education company, GetSmarter, to make this prestigious programme accessible to professionals around the world, entirely online.*

[https://cdn.www.getsmarter.com/uploads/course/info\\_pack/85/Business\\_Sustainability\\_Management\\_Prospectus.pdf](https://cdn.www.getsmarter.com/uploads/course/info_pack/85/Business_Sustainability_Management_Prospectus.pdf)

*Now enlightenment from such a prestigious institution comes at a price, in this case about £2000 for 96 hours self-study; does anyone out there want to give a bursary for someone else to take the course?*

*An alternative route is to find a MOOC course, many of which are free or perhaps look at the University of Paris, which always used to allow open access to lectures?*

## **Police More or Less**

The Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez wants to know how much public money to spend on the Police service and she has a survey that closes at 12noon on Sunday 28 January:

-<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2S8QP7>

## **And Finally...**

Exeter Bus Station Closure

Thanks to Transition Exeter for this:

Those following this saga will be aware that the Crown Estates pulled out of the larger project last year but the present bus station, so beloved of route 57 passengers, is still going to be closed at the end of February although work on the new one is not due to start until December 2018 for completion two years later, which means that country buses will be running off temporary stops in the surrounding roads for nearly three years!

Exeter City Council's excuse for closing the Bus Station anyway is to clear the site and tempt a new developer to come on board (does this all ring a bell?). Local residents will be faced with even more traffic congestion. If you have any friends living up there ask them to lobby lobby lobby!

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