

Supporters' and Members' Newsletter from Transition Exmouth

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

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All our own events and others that I am aware of are on our Website calendar.

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1. Rolle Exmouth Limited

I must start off with a comment on the 'coup' that has seen Plymouth University cook up a sale of the Rolle College site to Exeter's Deaf School. This was shocking news to many of us, not least to the Directors and other volunteers who have put so much time into planning for the community initiative, REL. All their short-term tenants, so recently moved in, have now been locked out! This crass action undermines not only REL but ALL our community initiatives.

2. Passiv Hus

Or group tour of EDDC's low-energy conversion in St Andrews Road is on for Wednesday: 5th October, (next Wednesday). I have already put some names forward and so if you want to come, please contact me ASAP!

3. Thursday 6th October our 2nd '29-Minutes'

Following an introduction by Noel and Rob, last month we discussed our input to the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan (more about this further on). On Thursday 6th October, the subject will be 'Energy standards, what can I do to improve my old house'. The subject will be introduced by Gary Cook. Gary is an energy consultant for South Devon College and advised on their venture into passive house technologies. The session will be at the Park Hotel Exeter Rd, EX8 1QH at 19.30. At the back of the bar on the left.

As advertised, the session will run for 29mts only so as to keep our minds fresh; fear not; feel free to get up and return to the bar (and our regular Green Drinks session) when the egg timer runs out!

Anyone who wants to present a future session, please contact us. See you Thursday.

4. Neighbourhood Plan – your input required

Transition Exmouth feels it is important we ensure that our emerging Neighbourhood Plan reflects our special approach to development in Exmouth and we have developed a strategy to get maximum publicity for this. The dates for the next consultation round are not yet available but you will be seeing our suggestions for a sustainable future popping up all over the place. Here is a summary:

- in these times of rapid Climate Change, there should be a link between the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan for the future of the town and concern for the local environment
- Exmouth was developed as a Victorian garden resort in an area of outstanding beauty. How can we capitalise on this?
- Exmouth is the link between the Exe Cycle Path and the Jurassic Coast Experiences. We should encourage more cyclists and ramblers to stay here
- an Exmouth Community Centre or Arts Centre
- the Exmouth Museum needs a new home
- all new buildings need to be sustainably constructed & fit for the 21st Century. Trees and other natural features should be preserved and land left for allotments, play areas and wild flower meadows. Houses could feature bird nesting boxes
- there is a clear need for a transport interchange near the railway station, with more cycle/pedestrian routes out to new housing areas
- as Exmouth has always been a popular retirement area, adequate provision must be made for Surgeries, Community Care, Respite Care, and a Mobility Centre
- Exmouth's sunshine, winds, and tides give us untapped potential for renewable energy. We could generate enough electricity to reach the national target of being carbon-zero by 2050. Exmouth might then be England's most sustainable resort!
- Reserve some land for self-building a cluster of affordable homes.

I hear many other good ideas that would and should fit in; just today a friend suggested a petanque pitch, why not! The best way of seeing your ideas for land use come to fruition, is to get them in the NP!

For the latest news of the Neighbourhood Plan see:

<http://www.exmouthneighbourhoodplan.uk/> and for their newsletter look under 'documents'.

5. Quizzing our MP

A chance to quiz our MP Hugo Swire on Global Justice and Climate Change. Come to another in the series of Rev. James Hutchins' Hard Questions Cafe at Holy Trinity church on Sunday 16 October @ 18.30. This is a joint event: Christian Aid, Christians Together in Exmouth, and ourselves. The theme is "UK's Place in the World Post Brexit!" with one question from each organisation being put to Hugo. Christian Aid are actively campaigning to draw attention to the plight of the world's poor nations and refugees from Climate Change.

6. Exmouth LETS

LETS has been running here for 6 years and the long standing members of the Core Group now want others to take over the responsibilities. LETS enables its members to trade for goods & services without using £££; instead we have a Web-based trading system that deals in Cockles and you can run up a deficit from the word Go! Their AGM is on the evening of 24th November so come along and join.

Alas their Website is down at present but they have a Facebook page curtesy of Simon Pardoe: <https://www.facebook.com/exmouth.lets/>

7. Buturi Charity Gala Dinner

Transition Exmouth have long supported Judith Smith and the Buturi Project, a registered charity that supports the children of Buturi Village, Tanzania in their efforts to live sustainably – they can teach us a lot!

A Taste Of Tanzania charity gala is planned for Saturday 22nd October 2016 at Budleigh Salterton Public Hall, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, EX9 6RJ. Tickets for this event include a 4-course meal, music, dancing and a project presentation. This is a pre-booking event with limited space, open to the community and corporates alike. Book a whole staff table for 10 or 12. Or go one better; sponsor the event and we'll fly your company logo in appreciation! Vegetarian option for the herbivorous.

Dress code is smart/casual and tickets are priced at £22.00 per person. Please RSVP to sponsor a table or book a ticket; call/text Judith at 01395 489645 or 078 5609 3525 or email enquiries@buturi-project.org

8. Vegan Food Evening

My idea for a Vegan food evening hosted by Ash at Plantbased has yet to materialise but watch this space.

9. Our Website

Rob keeps improving the new Website www.transitionexmouth.uk please give it a look.

10. Green Drinks

Now those autumn evenings are closing in, time to meet with like-minded, interesting people. Thursday 6th October at 20.00 at the Park:
<http://www.greendrinks.org/Devon/Exmouth>

11. Queens Drive - Our Initiative

Despite much local support for my idea, EDDC Planning dept. did not take up the offer to meet Wayne Hemingway. We should however like to find out exactly what did pass between Cllr. Skinner and Hemingway, if anyone wants to follow it up.

12. Insurance!

Yes that loaded word. The amount we have been asked for our public liability insurance this year has mushroomed to the extent that when it comes to holding a public event, the cost of taking out the policy will be a significant deterrent. Anyone have any inside knowledge that could help us out?

13. Social Media and Website

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

[@GreenManExmouth](https://twitter.com/GreenManExmouth) continues his tweeting, not always on TE items but always seeking to entertain so be prepared for the bizarre!

Simon runs a Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/ghroups/15416577788/>

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14. Around the Region

Last chance: this year East Devon District Council's annual Working Together Event for voluntary and community groups from throughout East Devon will take place at their offices in Sidmouth on Friday 7 October. It's from 9.30am to 2.30pm. We are invited to send one representative along to this free event, as part of the event there will be a free buffet lunch. Any Member want to represent us?

At 6:30pm on October 19th Exeter Pound are holding a public meeting to give users and traders a chance to give feedback, ask questions, and reflect on future plans (including launch of the electronic Exeter Pound with its smartphone app). There will be plenty of discussion and refreshments will be provided. You can find out more about the Exeter Pound at their website or on their Facebook Page.

15. And Finally

I went to the Exeter Green Fayre at the start of last month. It started pouring with rain as soon as I arrived in the afternoon and attendance tailed off. Met up with a number of people I knew, had a relaxing Shiatsu massage in a dripping tent and some lovely grub.

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