

Supporters' and Members' Newsletter from Transition Exmouth

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From the Chair Adrian Toole aka @GreenManExmouth

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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. Thursday's '29-Minutes'

You are invited to Exmouth's newest forum. Following best corporate practice (don't we always?) we are introducing '29 Minutes'. Every month a topical local issue will be introduced and debated but fear not; feel free to get up and return to the bar (and our regular Green Drinks session) when the egg timer runs out!

Opening night is Thursday 1st September, Venue: The Park Hotel Exeter Rd, EX8 1QH at 19.30. At the back of the bar on the left. The subject then will be:

"How to get your voice heard in the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan".

Thereafter, '29 Minutes' will be on the 1st Thursday of every month.

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

For full details see:

<http://www.exmouth.gov.uk/exmouth-neighbourhood-plan/>

Two stages of the consultation have already been achieved: a town-wide survey and ward-by-ward consultations.

If you are a member of one of the stakeholder Groups, your consultations will be held at 19.30 on September 15th and further ward consultations are planned.

4. Transition Exmouth Sailing Cruise

In the spirit of minimal use of fossil fuels, Paul Ives is still planning a cruise in the 20' Hawk belonging to Exe Sailing Club; might not be a 'summer' cruise though! Anyone interested, please contact Paul Ives on paul.ives1@gmail.com

5. PassivHus

I had no option but to deal directly with EDDC to arrange a tour of their low-energy conversion in St Andrews Road and nothing has yet been achieved. I had asked for a tour of the building during the construction phase but this cannot now be arranged. We will be invited to the opening ceremony at which presumably keys will be handed over to the lucky residents but as to seeing how the designers/builders achieved this standard in a Victorian house, we'll be little the wiser!

6. Vegan Food Evening

My idea for a Vegan food evening hosted by Ash at Plantbased has likewise yet to bear fruit! Watch this space. We shall publicise this widely but anyone wanting to be in on this great evening out please contact me. Be assured that this will be one sociable meal at which you do not have to argue the case for Veganism!!!

7. Our Website

We must wave goodbye to our old Website, ...transitiontownexmouth... Rob will be able to arrange a re-direction but all eyes are now on the new Website www.transitionexmouth.uk so please give it a look. The newsletter sign-up is available from there. Why not tell your friends?

8. Green Drinks

Not to be missed, our next knees-up will be on Thursday 1st September at 20.00 at the Park. <http://www.greendrinks.org/Devon/Exmouth>

9. Queens Drive - Our Initiative

I wrote last month about EDDC having to go back to the drawing board with (at least) their Phase 3 plans. Inspired at last to contribute something to the process, I was able to get publicity for an idea that would break the log-jam. If there is to be a 'blank sheet of paper' situation and since the Town are clamouring for an independent consultation, I thought we could do worse than invite an independent expert in. I got through on the phone to Wayne Hemingway, the nation's favourite designer in seaside rejuvenation and obtained from him an offer to visit Exmouth in September.

I wrote with this news to Cllr. Skinner linking this opportunity with a suggestion for an open design competition preceded by a consultation that would fit into the acknowledged need to revise the Exmouth Masterplan.

Later when there seemed little concrete action forthcoming from EDDC and reading yet again of Cllr. Skinner's unwillingness to facilitate an independent consultation, I decided to go public and got the story into both our local newspapers and on Radio Exe.

When presented to Councillors at COLP, my suggestion received a warm welcome and the liaison group of six Councillors wrote to Cllr. Skinner urging him to arrange Hemingway's visit. I also got welcome support from SES's Louise MacAllister. Jane Ashton has written to Cllr, Skinner on our behalf.

The latest news is that nobody senior is available from EDDC Planning dept. on the day that Hemingway offered to come here.

10. Save the Swifts

Our very own Jan Gannaway was in the paper with an impassioned plea to provide nesting sites for swifts. Those aerial acrobats that we take for granted around our rooftops are fast disappearing. It is not swifts that make those mud nests under the eaves; these birds need to get into the roofspaces and keen home owners are blocking up their entrances. Jan says:

"I am asking people to erect special nest boxes so if the swifts come back and they find their nest boxes boarded up they can find somewhere else to nest quickly."

Jan is urging people to buy and erect a specially-designed swift box for around £30 from the Swift Conservation website and get specialist advice before making repairs to buildings where swifts nest. email Jan at exmouthswifts@gmail.com

11. Women in Innovation Award competition

Rain Share. Sarah Ward on behalf of Rain Share is going to enter the InnovateUK infocus: Women in Innovation Award competition. One of the distinguishing features of her application is that RainShare is a social enterprise rather than purely for commercial gain. We wish Sarah luck.

12. 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 for the bizarre!

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

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13. Around the Region

Rolle Exmouth Ltd are looking for volunteers to help with every aspect of their business: please contact REL Chairman Deborah Hallett at: admin@rollecentre.org

The NHS have an exciting opportunity for a voluntary Community Representative in the Eastern (WEB – Woodbury, Exmouth and Budleigh) area of Devon, to play an important part in shaping and developing the engagement process. For further information on how to apply, please call Nicola Dalgleish 01392 356094 or email the Eastern Devon locality office at: D-CCG.easternlocality@nhs.net or. Closing date for applications is 12.00 on 5 September.

This year East Devon District Council's annual Working Together Event for voluntary and community groups from throughout East Devon will take place at our 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. Anyone want to represent us?

Dorset's STIR to Action are running a series of autumn workshops in London looking at the New Economy, for example: 'Multi-Stakeholder Co-ops: Sharing Ownership' on 8th October. <http://www.stirtoaction.com/workshops>

The Exeter Green Fayre, Saturday 3rd September, Cathedral Green, Exeter. Come and join Transition Exeter, Exeter Pound and over 25 other stalls at the South West's longest running annual environmental fair: The Exeter Green Fayre. This annual celebration of environmental, local, sustainable and ethical charities, organisations and businesses in and around Exeter is held on Cathedral Green in Exeter and starts at 10am on Saturday 3rd September 2016. Find out more at the Exeter Green Fayre Facebook Page.

14. And Finally

I made it to two events in London over recent days: Finally got on Critical Mass, which is the monthly group cycle ride through London. If you can imagine 1000 cyclists in convoy through the busiest streets on a Friday evening with outriders blocking the junctions, at least three sound systems, copious amount of alcohol and dope, and irate motorists bad-mouthing us you get the idea. Completely lacking organisation but it was empowering to feel that I was not a 2nd class road user for an hour.

Then Monday was the Compassion in World Farming 'animals are not 'freight' demo in Parliament Square. Small but impassioned crowd, representing those trying to close Ramsgate docks to the companies that export live animals.

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