

## Supporters' and Members' Newsletter from Transition Exmouth

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### **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 (donations welcome!), our details are: 'Transition Exmouth', Cooperative Bank, 08-92-99, a/c 65332739. Please, please, please identify yourself on the transfer.

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

**Website** [www.transitionexmouth.uk](http://www.transitionexmouth.uk) **email:** [transitionexmouth@gmail.com](mailto:transitionexmouth@gmail.com)

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

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### **1. New Email Address**

Yes you may now use [transitionexmouth@gmail.com](mailto:transitionexmouth@gmail.com) but the old one still works.

### **2. Talking about Community Energy**

Gill Wyatt, of Exeter Community Energy will be doing just that at our next '29-minutes' session this week. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 19.30 before Green Drinks at the Park Hotel Exeter Rd, EX8 1QH. At the back of the bar on the left.

Pls note there is no 29-minutes session next month, June. This is because 1<sup>st</sup> June clashes with the Exmouth Festival Jazz Evening. Hard-core Green Drinks socialites will no doubt be at The Park in any case!

### 3. Bread Club

Because of a technical hitch with the oven, we did not seek publicity for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bread Club session, which went ahead on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. The lucky few that did go along had fun and produced highly edible edibles.

The next Bread Club is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9am-11am (approx). If you are interested in joining with this more-popular-than-ever activity, please get in touch by email or phone to find out more, where to come and what to bring. Places are inevitably limited!

Contact Anne-Marie, [mail@amculhane.co.uk](mailto:mail@amculhane.co.uk) 07849 073394

Anne-Marie's community art work is soon to be showcased in an exhibition in Bridport. The exhibition explores many of the vital and pertinent questions around our food system. This cumulates in a talk and communal meal on 25 May if anyone from Exmouth is interested in going. For info on this and related events go to [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com). Again pls contact Anne-Marie directly.

### 4. Transition Exmouth at the Festival

We are, after all, going to have a presence at the Festival. This is to be a mobile pop-up event for which a stall with all it's props is not necessary. We will be challenging festival-goers to commit to one 5-minute action that will help to save the planet. It will involve some dressing-up and we'd like out-going types to volunteer!! The Festival runs from Friday 26 May through Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and thereafter for the rest of the week in Manor Gardens.

Firm commitments are not essential and the volunteers can arrange things day-to-day between themselves. We also need a 'props-maker' so please contact me soonest. Get involved as your own contribution towards saving the planet.

### 5. Bio-digestion anyone?

SidEnergy have arranged a visit to the "biodigester" at Enfield Farm, Oil Mill Lane, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1AF, on Tuesday 6th June at 10.30 a.m.

This is a good opportunity to visit relatively new technology that is producing electricity and gas for the grid, from agricultural material. Operated by Greener for Life Energy Limited.

They have limited spaces, so please let them know if you would like to come (first come first served basis). Graham Hutchinson [hutch1ina1000000@hotmail.com](mailto:hutch1ina1000000@hotmail.com)

### 6. Sustainable Exmouth

The planning application is in and Orcombe Point is going to get a temporary cafe. I suppose EDDC want to see how it goes with a temporary licence before arriving at the ;Final Solution. If you fancy running a cafe get in touch with them soon. Will the opportunity be put out to tender I wonder or has the deal been done already?

I see from his column in the EJ edition of 27 April that Hugo Swire and I have something in common: we both run diesel cars, although unlike Hugo, I don't lay the blame for my situation on the Labour Party!

It is good to see that the Government are going to take the problems of particulate pollution seriously, or a bit seriously; scrappage for my car may well be a good idea and serve to persuade the public that the Government are doing something but consider for a moment that every truck, van, & bus in the country runs on diesel; What are the Government going to do about that, I wonder?

Lets be more constructive however; Hugo likes the idea of more electric vehicles, and states the obvious:

*'...which means more charging stations everywhere.'*

That's a grand idea but how many public charging points do we have in Exmouth now? The answer is: NONE, you have to travel to Darts Farm to get this particular need met!

Transition Exmouth is promoting, through the town's developing Neighbourhood Plan, the installation of public charging points for electric vehicles. If electric vehicles become mainstream, as we hope, owners will not be coming here; there is nowhere to charge up. Here is a map of public points:

[https://www.nissan.co.uk/vehicles/new-vehicles/leaf/charging-range.html?&cid=psmUXYrhHG1\\_dc|O#findacharger](https://www.nissan.co.uk/vehicles/new-vehicles/leaf/charging-range.html?&cid=psmUXYrhHG1_dc|O#findacharger)

We hope that you will join us in this request by submitting the idea to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group c/o Town Hall 44 Rolle Street Exmouth, Devon EX8 2SH or <http://www.exmouthneighbourhoodplan.uk/contact.htm>

You might like to submit your idea in the form of a policy point, i.e. how is this to be achieved?

## **7. Doughnut Economics to the Rescue**

You can't ignore the economy but there is a way through to making our world sustainable. Transition Exmouth will be circulating all our local councillors with George Monbiot's book review, published in the Guardian 12th April 2017: <http://www.monbiot.com/2017/04/13/circle-of-life/> Circle of Life.

*Doughnut Economics: seven ways to think like a 21st-century economist. By reframing the economy, Kate Raworth's Doughnut Economics changes our view of who we are and where we stand. Kate reminds us that economic growth was not, at first, intended as a measurement of well-being. Simon Kuznets, who standardised the measurement of growth, warned: "the welfare of a nation can scarcely be inferred from a measure of national income." Economic growth, he pointed out, measures only annual flow, rather than stocks of wealth and their distribution. The aim of economic activity, she argues, should be "meeting the needs of all within the means of the planet." Instead of economies that need to grow, whether or not they make us thrive, we need economies that "make us thrive, whether or not they grow." This means changing our picture of what the economy is and how it works.*

So say all of us.

## 8. A Pint of Science comes to Exeter

We're too late to book them for 29-minutes this year but Pint of Science is a non-profit organisation that brings some of the most brilliant scientists to your local pub to discuss their latest research and findings with you. You don't need any prior knowledge, and this is your chance to meet the people responsible for the future of science (and have a pint with them). These talks run over a few days in May every year, but occasionally other times. Go to Exeter or sign up to their mailing list to be the first to hear the latest news. <https://pintofscience.co.uk/events/exeter>

## 9. 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>

## 10. Vote-for Democracy

Don't forget to vote in both the upcoming elections on May 4th and June 8th. Make sure you are registered and ask for a postal vote if more convenient.

To help you make up your mind ahead of the General Election, there is to be a hustings at Exmouth's Holy Trinity but details haven't been released yet.

## 11. And finally, the yellow house in Arles:

Our founder Rob Hopkins recently visited the site of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Yellow house' in Arles France. I have not previously rated Rob as a great writer but he was inspired to give us this motivating comment:

"In this house, Vincent Van Gogh, for six intense, passionate months of his life, painted as though his life depended on it. He imagined this house as a catalyst for a shift of global significance, a reimagining of art and its possibilities. And although the personal cost to him was enormous, he achieved his dream, albeit posthumously. The painting he made of this house still speaks to the power of the human mind to will the seemingly impossible into reality. And to do so with love, colour, passion and beauty. And we need it now more than we ever have".

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