

Supporters' and Members' Newsletter from Transition Exmouth

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From the Chair Adrian Toole aka @GreenManExmouth

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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.

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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. Lynne’s part 2 ‘29-minutes’ at Green Drinks Tomorrow

Lynne Wycherley’s presentation last month was very well received but of course her resume of what each of her heroes had to say at Ecology & Resurgence’s 50th anniversary event was left unfinished in the 29 minutes to which our presenters are restricted. She got through half of her stories however and I’ve invited her back this month to complete the series. The planning she puts into her talks is impressive and her innovative props are not to be missed!!

This Thursday, 1st December before Green Drinks, at the Park Hotel Exeter Rd, EX8 1QH at 19.30. At the back of the bar on the left.

2. Where are we with Wayne and the Seafront?

Over the latter part of this year, I've been reporting on our (Sustainable Exmouth's) involvement with the future of Exmouth's much-loved Seafront. Our mission has not changed: we are not for or against development but we do want to ensure that anything built there is Eco-positive. With that in mind, we have made no 'treaty' with Save Exmouth Seafront, nor with any developer although we have talked with many people.

Against the background of entrenched positions, tenant evictions, legal action, and demolitions, the introduction that I made back in the summer of designer Wayne Hemingway to EDDC, may yet bear some fruit! I saw then that an external input might just clear the log-jam and open a way for a productive dialogue that was otherwise unlikely to happen. See:

http://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/seafront_guru_wayne_suggested_for_exmouth_1_4668598

As I see it, EDDC are determined that nothing should stop Grenadier from putting in a detailed application for a Watersports Centre as Phase 2; they are not going to allow anything to get in the way of that or the road realignment necessary to facilitate it. Phase 3, the site that Moirai were interested in, they are treating differently and seem to be preparing a flexible approach so as far as that goes, I think the Town's protests have worked.

I can only quote from public positions as reported in the Journal, but in their edition of 24th November an EDDC spokesperson is quoted as saying: "*Phase three will be the subject of a future visioning and consultation exercise that is independent of Developers*". So is Hemingway involved or not? The culture of secrecy holds sway!

As for the recent seafront march, organised by SES, although Transition Exmouth did not put in an official appearance, I lent SES the 'David Ireson' megaphone and some of our banners/placards, which were over-written with slogans much in the spirit of my July/August newsletter: "*There is an unanswerable argument now for all to unite behind the call for an independent consultation before EDDC go out to tender again*".

SES spokesperson Louise MacAllister wrote afterwards:

"Thank you for helping to make the seafront march a success, we have had excellent coverage in local media and across social networks, this is something EDDC cannot ignore."

Let us hope that some reconciliation can be achieved between the warring parties, even at this late stage.

3. Christmas Cycle Ride

Tuesday, December 27th at 11.00 a.m.

Paul Ives is organising the annual XCycle ride, which will take place (weather permitting) on Tuesday, December 27th (day after boxing Day), leaving from outside the Exmouth Leisure Centre/Swimming pool. I do not know what route Paul has planned for us but I suspect that this will be a two-stage experience with a convenient refreshment stop from where the more energetic can continue, whilst the rest of us return home!

Contact me on 07966 239464 on the morning if weather dubious; best by text.

4. Passiv Hus

A group of us visited the renovated EDDC PasivHus at 102 St Andrews Road in October. It was very impressive and compromised on the most stringent energy-saving principles by allowing the residents to have opening windows! Gary Cook later gave us an inspiring talk on the subject in a '29-minutes' session.

5. Experience Exmouth Centre

Our Visitor Centre group have been beavering away producing and publicising ideas to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

New member Jane Ashton has been very active on engaging with the NP process and including our suggestions in her responses.

Here are Noel's latest proposals:

The 'Experience Exmouth' centre will highlight and celebrate the life of Exmouth with its many qualities, interesting people, attractions and activities. It does this by presenting three sections, Exmouth Past, Exmouth Present, and Exmouth Future.

For more details see our public Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/transition.exmouth/>

Please do all you can through the consultations to get this on the agenda, if it gets included, it may well be built; if not, it definitely won't!

6. Tree Planting January 1st

Join new members Colin and Dianne Broady who will be planting in our 'wood' at Bapton Valley Park, For members, this is your chance to fulfill your vow!

Sunday 1st January 2017, meet at 11.00 up at the north end near the Partridge Road footpath. You can also walk up from Pound Lane near Greenfingers. Bring a tree of some kind!

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7. Rolle Exmouth Ltd

Swallowing the disappointments of recent times, Rolle Exmouth Ltd are determined to continue with their plans to provide a community hub for Exmouth.

Roy Pryke is back as Interim Chair and lets give him as much support as possible by offering to help. Remember we do not actually have a Community Centre! (Neighbourhood Plan consultation!!!!)

8. Logo

Roger Gibson, is on a quest for the perfect new logo for Transition Exmouth. We feel that the 'rainbow' one has had its day and some people have never liked the kite surfer graphic. One thing I can tell you is that sun & sand will feature!

9. Before the Flood film

Leonardo DiCaprio's new documentary, Before the Flood, is on the climate change theme; see it if you can. Produced by National Geographic so it's got to be good! Noel thinks it's possibly the best film ever on the subject that is at the core of our mission.

10. Exmouth LETS

Our affiliated group, Exmouth LETS continues with several 'new' people volunteering to take over from (in their own words) the exhausted CORE group. Jane Habermehl remains as Chair, myself as non-executive Secretary, Treasurer Simon Pardoe and Carol Jay to do publicity. Resolution of the Website issues is on the horizon but for the time being, there will be no subscriptions levied for membership.

11. Clean Beach Exmouth

There have been good turnouts for Clean Beach Exmouth's regular sessions, I enjoyed my time last weekend filling a sack with rubbish. For future dates you will have to look on the ubiquitous Facebook. Pity I don't know how to include photos with these newsletters!

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. And Finally

Two of our independent shops closed in November, Sleemans the gents outfitters were part of the scene for longer than anyone can remember, claiming to be the oldest business in the town.

Oasis, the health food shop made no such claim but initially trading as 'B-Natural' was the first to blaze that trail. Owner Jeanette Chilcott tells me that she is closing for family reasons and that the business will not continue. Another cafe?

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