

### **Green group with positive line on Knighton's future**

Communities struggling to keep their public transport, schools and other public services, employment opportunities and their young people... An ageing population placing increased burdens on dwindling local amenities.... The downside of living in such an area of natural beauty and tranquility is all too apparent today – and the future impact of climate change and energy shortages can only add greater stress to rural communities.

A group of planners, architects and others with backgrounds in transport, energy, housing and a host of other fields has formed under the title Calon Cymru to promote their inspiring vision for the sustainable “green” economic development of an area of Mid-Wales stretching from Knighton to Llanelli, basing their plans around that most under-used of local resources, the Heart of Wales Line.

Intrigued? If so, you'll want to be at Knighton Community Centre on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, when Teme Valley Environmental Group (TVEG) will be hosting a presentation by Martin Golder of the Calon Cymru Concept Group. As further inducement for you to come along and perhaps get involved yourself, there will be food available in the form of ploughman's suppers –all local produce, of course - as well as live music, singing and a bar.

In addition, a range of local environmental groups, from Knucklas Community Land Trust to the Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association, will be present with displays relating to their activities, so it will be an ideal opportunity to do a bit of networking.

The event kicks off at 7.30pm and needless to say, everyone is welcome. If you want to know more please phone Chris Brooks on 01547 528866.

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