

**Teme Valley Environment Group**  
**AGM**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Present:** Tom Taylor (Chair), Siggys Haynes, (Treasurer), Sheila Clarke (note taker), Christine Brooks, Christine Baker, David Tolman, Angie Zelter, John Roberts, Julia Roberts, Anne-Mary Davies, Penny,

**Apologies:** Camilla, Liz Trow

**Minutes of the Last AGM:** Agreed.

**Chair's Report.** Tom summarised a very successful year with various projects successfully undertaken or ongoing including:  
Tidy Towns litter pick project. The grant funding has been spent and bi-monthly litter picks undertaken over the year which have improved the local environment. Tidy Towns have funded insurance for TVEG activities for a further year.

Edible Knighton is well underway and the first Community orchard has been planted with ambitious plans for expanding the project this year. Woodland Project has been established and is actively looking for land to plant or manage

Local Public Transport Guide. This has been researched by Tom and will be launched officially in May.

TVEG website is up and running and regularly updated [www.tveg.org.uk](http://www.tveg.org.uk)

Community Allotment is flourishing with several new members this year.

**Treasurer's report:** Separate report attached to this document.

**Election of officers:** The following officers were elected unanimously for the coming year:

Chair: Tom Taylor (Nominated by Julia, Seconded by Angie)

Treasurer: Siggys Haynes (Nominated by Sheila, seconded by Penny)

Membership Secretary: Penny (Nominated by Angie, Seconded by Christine)

Health and Safety Officer: Christine Baker (nominated by Sheila, seconded by Penny)

**Adoption of policy documents:**The following policy documents were discussed and agreed at the meeting, these are required to meet the conditions for registration with Environment Wales. Registration will enable us to apply for funding for the Edible Knighton project.

Health and Safety Policy, (after much discussion it was agreed that we needed a lead person on Health and Safety and Christine Baker kindly agreed to take this on)

Welsh Language Policy,

Environmental Policy,

Vulnerable Persons Policy,

Volunteer policy,

Equal opportunity Policy.

A vote of thanks and a round of applause were given to Anne-Mary and John for ploughing through these.

**A O B**

1. Litter picks for 2011. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm meet at Offa's Dyke Centre.
2. Seedling and Plant Swap 14th May at Knighton Local Market, Please grow some spare seedlings. Profits to Community Allotment.
3. Course on uses of Flax, contact Liz Trow for further details
4. Dawn Chorus Walk 8<sup>th</sup> May 4.30 am Offa's Dyke Centre Free but booking essential tel 520929.
5. PAVO (Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations) Agreed to register with PAVO they offer advice and support for grant applications etc.
6. Banner. Chris has obtained a beautiful TVEG banner for exhibitions etc.
7. Transport Guide. Tom's guide will be officially launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
8. Big Lunch. Chris Brooks has registered TVEG with Big Lunch taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Agreed to confirm arrangements for picnic lunch with Knighton Tourist Group at next meeting.
9. Community Marquee. Knighton Tourist Group has a large community marquee for hire to local community groups.
10. Felindre Wind Farm exhibition Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> in Felindre.
11. **Next meeting of group.** Wednesday 11th May at Tower House Gallery.