

Teme Valley Environment Group

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm 8th December 2010 at Tower House Gallery

Present: Penny (chair), Val (minutes), Anne Mary, Julia, John, Camilla, Christine, Martin.

Apologies: Angie, Tom, Sigi.

Tree Planting Scheme: Anne-Mary has permission to plant 10-12 trees on land between the community centre and bank. The licence fee is £50.

Frank Mathews can supply mix of fruit and nut trees and Adam has grafted some apple trees. 12 trees will cost £73.

To protect the trees, post and rails (£12 per tree) and welded mesh is recommended (extra cost of £30 per tree). An alternative to mesh could be pig netting and brambles.

Some trees will be planted in memory. Christine will write to the football club to involve youths in the tree planting, which may help to prevent vandalism.

Camilla and Penny will look into raising grant funding.

There is £220 remaining in Tidy Towns fund and Anne-Mary raised £130.12 from a bric a brac stall.

We hope to plant the trees in January.

Woodland Project: Camilla reported that another £500 has been received in donations. The account with the Co-Op is not yet open. Llangatock Community Woodland members are willing to meet with us to explain how their project works.

Transport: Penny reported that so far only 4 people have responded to her journey sharing email.

Allotment: Toilet planned for the spring, still undecided whether a tent and bucket or composting loo.

Tidy Towns: Last litter pick of the year, scheduled for 28th November, had to be abandoned due to snow covering the litter. All agreed the litter picks have made an improvement and the build up of several years litter has been removed.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 28th February- 13th March 2011. Julia reported that the event will be a joint effort from the Chamber of Trade, Fair Trade Group and TVeg.

Anne-Mary suggested holding a supper, made with local produce and a fashion show, possibly at the com.

Julia suggested a bunting workshop at the craft and produce market (Lottie O'Leary did a great job before) and involve schools, youth groups. On 26th Feb. we could launch the FairTrade Fortnight by wrapping the clock tower with bunting.

Suggestions for banners – 'Show off your logo', 'Fairtrade bunting bonanza'.

Shops have been approached to make window displays and Fairtrade will provide posters.

AOB: A strap-line for TVeg, to give the name more local identity and meaning was discussed at the last meeting. Example – 'TVeg: greening the Teme Valley'

Anne-Mary suggested producing handouts to distribute, as had been done before.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting:

Wednesday 12th January 2011, 7.30pm Tower House Gallery