

Teme Valley Environment Group

Notes of meeting 9th February 2011

Present: Julia (chair), Sheila (note taker), Anne-Mary, Christine, David, Angie, Val, Penny, Christine Brooks.

Tree Planting: Powys CC have granted a licence to TVEG to plant trees on the bank between the football ground and the tennis court. One off fee of £50. Anne-Mary leading on this and has written a management plan. 12 trees and very substantial tree protection have been ordered. Proposed date: Saturday 5th March 10.00am. Meet behind the Community Centre. Anne-Mary to co-ordinate with Platform Pals and do press release. Penny to organise refreshments. Christine B still waiting for response from Football club re dedication proposal.

Woodland project: Have identified two possible sites 1. Mill Green which coming up for auction and could be planted. 2. Red Wood, Heyope. Established wood possibly available for lease. Awaiting further news. Angie has produced an information sheet for potential "friends" of the scheme (attached with these notes).

Transport. Tom has produced a brilliant, user friendly booklet for public transport users in Knighton. TVEG want to record thanks to Tom for this. It needs to be publicised and circulated as widely as possible. Julia will take this to the tourism group tomorrow. There may be a grant available to cover costs. It will need updating twice yearly. David will put it on the website. Could Tom write an article for submission to the local papers? Copies need to be available in library, school, Offa's Dyke Centre etc. TVEG will refund Tom's printing costs.

Community Allotment. Several new, keen members have joined recently. Soft fruit bushes and fruit trees to be purchased from Bucknell nursery (Sheila to arrange) asap and work party to plant in Feb/March.

Tidy Towns: Next litter pick Sunday 27th Feb 2pm. Meet at station car park to clear riverside walk. Rachel from Tidy Towns and Councillor Ken Harris are arranging for Powys CC to clear fly tipped fridges etc from behind sewage works.

AOB: Website: David has changed the format to WORDPRESS which is easier to edit. Contact Dave for instructions and password.

Publicity: We are very bad at blowing our own trumpet. Need to improve. Put website address on all posters, press releases etc. Julia to design poster template for meetings.

Permanent poster in library? Anne- Mary to distribute posters for next meeting.

Venue for future meetings: Julia kindly offered to let us use the Gallery for all future meetings. Anne-Mary suggested rotation refreshment provision, she will bring it next time.

Plastic Bags: Penny will research info on impending plastic bag tax for Wales. She has had a mixed response so far from local retailers. There is a bag making workshop at the Farmer's market on Feb 26th.

Seed Swap: Third annual seed swap will be at the Farmers Market on 26th February.

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th March 7.30pm. Tower Gallery. Chair: Penny. Notes Anne-Mary.