

## Minutes of TVEG meeting, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Present: Sheila, Ann-Mary, Tom (chair), Penny, Camilla (notes).  
Apologies: Will.

### Matters arising

Ann-Mary had email from Adam at HES re Low Carbon Communities Challenge which they have made a submission to. Want us involved. Sheila will go to pre-meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January and meeting with judges on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Sheila sent off constitution as required by terms of Tidy Towns grant. More on Tidy Towns below.

Short term and long term goals – nobody apart from Ann-Mary and Sheila has done anything that they said they would but it's been holidays and snowy.

Hereford in Transition – camilla went to meeting: They are obviously going to spend ages working out their constitution, priorities etc They are calling themselves 'Herefordshire in Transition which is not very welcoming to other regions, but is realistic as they are probably not ready to reach out further. However they are a good group of people so she will stay in touch and see what develops.

### Tree Planting

Ann-Mary has made map of potential sites including Community Centre car park. Some are privately owned. AM has started process with Ken, District Councillor. Needs approval from County Council and clearance from Roads/Transport section  
Ken also suggested liaising with new housing developers.  
This is an ongoing project that is just starting.  
Some discussion about improving the CC car park – even pots would help.

### Seed Plant Swap

Sheila will organise. Dates: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February Seed Swap. 10<sup>th</sup> April Plant Swap.

### Farmers' Market

What should the Tveg stall be doing? Giving information about activities: Tidy towns, allotment, recycling etc. Not much veg around for zero miles stall though sprouts are good now.

13<sup>th</sup> March – Penny to organise battery recycling info. She will ask council re that and light-bulb recycling.

27<sup>th</sup> March – camilla will do bottle-tops into musical shakers..Tom to collect tops. Any other artwork welcome.

Could we have a recycling competition/exhibition – get the school involved? nb Andy Hazel's recycled art.

Penny – what about encouraging people to make their own bread?

### Tidy Towns

Sheila – progressing slowly – constitution has gone off . Should hear back in next two weeks. Need to have some dates and events planned:

Litter pick Sun 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Also can we get Tuffin's to remove trolley stuck in culvert which can cause flooding. We are all to take turns raising with Neil at Tuffin's – Penny will ask first.

Tree-planting – next winter. Maybe involve school if they have space?

#### Caravan/shop

Caravan seems impracticable. Hassles with upkeep, parking etc.

Tom wants to start a shop – there are spaces to rent at c. £100/month. But general feeling is we are not ready for it, though the idea is attractive. Penny has time and inclination, but we need a core group that can commit on regular basis. Mick and Alice might be interested long term. Maybe we could get a grant.

#### Allotment

Kathy Plant from MIND would like to get people from MIND involved as volunteers. All agreed it's a good idea – Ann-Mary will ask John to mention to Bulky (Dave) so council can know.

Agreed we need to set specific days and make commitment to be there for them. Mention to everyone on Tveg allotment.

Next working day on allotment 31<sup>st</sup> January and Ann-Mary will ask Kathy to come and meet us.

Other suggestions: Allotment soup for next Xmas lights.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Spring soup and social. Raise at next allotment meeting and invite everyone.

Summer barbecue some time.

AOB – Ann-Mary to get in touch with Marilyn about transport and organise a day at the farmers' Market.

Still waiting for date for film night.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm George, Sheila to chair, Angie to take notes.