

Teme Valley Environment Group - Minutes of meeting held on the 10th November 2010 at Wylcwm Cottage, Knighton

Present: Sheila (chair), Julia (minutes), Penny, Christine, Val, Mandy

Apologies: Anne-Mary, Angie, Camilla, Sigi, David

Tree Planting Scheme: Still progressing with A-M confident that that we will be able to obtain licence from Powys CC. No further progress with Tidy Towns but still hopeful of using the money for tree guards.

H.E.S. Mandy presented a full report of her recent activities. These included:

Several bookings for talks; meeting with PAVO for recruitment of volunteers; discussions with various organisations regarding HES of their buildings; setting-up and editing of a volunteer newsletter and undergoing fuel poverty training next month!

Woodland Project: Christine reported that the Knighton Tree Allotment Trust had now been formed and registered. There will be 2 levels of membership offered and they are now actively looking for land. An anonymous donation of £10,000 has been received!

Transport: A lifts list is now in operation and Penny reported that there had been a small response. Tom to be approached regarding his information cards.

Allotment: Sheila reported on a very productive year. New members have joined, the plot is being terraced and muck-spreading is underway. Penny has offered to donate a toilet tent and the meeting decided that a lidded bucket would be more environmentally friendly than an Elsan. Members to empty their own buckets on the compost heap!! John to check out feasibility of a composting toilet (PAVO capital grant funded) with Allotment Committee.

Tidy Towns: 28th November will be the last Litter Pick. Meet at 2pm at Offa's Dyke Centre (Followed by mulled wine and cake at Sheila's). The group have been offered free insurance for next year (worth £180).

AOB: Julia reported that Knighton Fairtrade Group and the Chamber of Trade were keen to raise the Fairtrade profile of the town for Fairtrade Fortnight 2011 by planning some sort of joint event and would like TVEG to participate. One idea is to hire either the church hall or the com and do a lunch using FT and LOCAL produce. Other suggestions would be most welcome. Fairtrade fortnight is 28th February to 13th March 2011.

It became apparent when talking about Fairtrade Fortnight at the last Chamber meeting that members were 'clueless' to what TVEG is and does! Julia suggested that the name might be to blame and was not easily identifiable compared with a name like 'Green Presteigne'. The meeting considered adding a 'strap-line' to the name that would give it more local identity and description. Ideas please by next meeting. If you can't make, please send your ideas with your apologies.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th December at Tower House Gallery