

## Teme Valley Environment Group

### Notes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Present:** Anne-Mary (chair), Sheila (note taker), Colin, Angie, Penny, Christine

**Apologies:** Janet L, Siggy, David Tollman

**Tree Planting Scheme:** This is making good progress. A-M has raised sufficient money to purchase trees and there is Tidy Towns grant money left over to purchase some tree guards. First priority is the land on the slope at the back of the Community Centre. Discussion of how to involve community, particularly young people who congregate around Community Centre. Suggestion of getting Football club involved. Memorial Trees, perhaps especially for young people from the town who have died. Possibly the whole area could be dedicated? **Alice Cowell** is co-ordinating. Tree planting date: 9<sup>th</sup> January or if frozen the 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Farmers Market:** Zero Miles stall has now finished for this year. Mark Fenton would be happy to let us have occasional displays, demonstrations etc to attract people into the market.

**A-M** to contact Dave Tomlinson re his transport display, perhaps we can also put displays in Library foyer?

**Sheila** to email Mark Fenton re dates. Also remind him of Seed Swap dates

**H.E.S.** We await contact following their presentation at the last meeting.

**Woodland Project:** Angie is now ready to register the Trust. Looking for land within 3 -4 miles of Knighton at least one hectare (2.2acres) either woodland or pasture that can be planted with trees. After much discussion the name of the Company will be ***Knighton Tree Allotment Trust.***

### **Transport:**

Information can be put on TVEG website. Ask **Val** about updating transport info on Website – could we put **Tom's** public transport times on?

Llanidloes run a car sharing club – can we visit or find out how they work it?

**Penny** offered to run a “lifts list”. People can email in details of car journeys they are planning and would be willing to offer other people lifts.

Tips for economical driving to save petrol could be added to the transport page on TVEG website.

**AOB:** **Angie** attended the one day workshop on green economics at Llanidloes on 8th October, which she said was excellent. She recommends books by the

two speakers as being worth a read so we can all get up to speed on how our financial system works and the changes needed to ensure a sustainable future that works for the future of the planet rather than money:-

'The Future of Money: From financial crisis to public resource' by Mary Mellow (2010, Pluto Press)

'The Politics of Money' by Frances Hutchinson, Mary Mellow and Wendy Olsen (2002, Pluto Press).

Also website [www.greeneconomist.org](http://www.greeneconomist.org) and [gaianeconomic.blogspot.com](http://gaianeconomic.blogspot.com)

**Dates for the diary:**

**Litter pick:** 28<sup>th</sup> November. 2pm at Offa's Dyke Centre (Followed by mulled wine and cake at Sheila's)

**Tree Planting:** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 behind Community Centre

**Seed Swap:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Community Centre as part of Market

**Seedling Swap:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Community Centre as part of Market

**Next Meeting:** *Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Penny's House – (what's the address?)*