

Teme Valley Environment Group

Notes on meeting of 12th October 2011 in the Tower House Gallery

Present: Sheila Clarke, Val Bailey, Julia Roberts and Penny Nicholson (note taking)

1. **Notes of last meeting** – none available. Assumed to be held by Camilla
2. **Matters arising** – none
3. **Zero Miles** – there was a good supply of produce last week despite the season. Tom is keeping his stall going and is happy to sell any produce we have for the usual 15% commission.
4. **Seed and Seedling Swap** – provisional dates for 2012 are: Seeds 25th February and Seedlings 12th May. Please note your diaries.
5. **Future of the allotment** – people are unwilling to commit . It was suggested that half the allotment could be divided into strips for individuals to grow and harvest what they wanted (at a proportion of the rent), leaving the fruit end for communal use and enjoyment. This was considered an excellent idea and may have a more enthusiastic response as there will be no confusion about the planting. The artichokes would be removed and Julia and John would be very happy to take them. Organic practice would be a condition. To be discussed with all those who have an interest in the allotment.
6. **Tree planting** – Edible Knighton is progressing with a favourable response from Powys CC Highways division. Several sites are under consideration and it is hoped that work can take place early next Spring.
7. **Future Projects** – insufficient attendance to warrant discussion
8. **AOB** – Julia told the group about the Tourism Group and Chamber of Commerce's idea of a 'Fright Knighton' Festival as a permanent occasion in the last weekend of October. This could be any number of events with a 'ghostly theme' as the dominant theme and an occasion that could bring in many of the Knighton Groups. It was suggested that TVEG might encourage the growing of pumpkins for the Marches Pumpkin Competition and this could extend to schools. Sheila is going to check if the pumpkin seeds in her catalogue are F1 (?) and could also advertise for seeds on Freecycle.
9. **The next meeting** will be at **7.30 pm in the Tower House Gallery on 9th November 2011.** As always, the Group is grateful to Julia and John Roberts for their hospitality at the Gallery.