

## Teme Valley Environment Group

### Notes on meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in the Reynolds Room 7.30-8.00pm

Present: Sheila Clarke, Angie Zelter, Camilla Saunders, Yvie George, Elaine.. Penny Nicholson (note taking)

At Mick Westrip's talk, the following people joined the meeting: Nina and Alfred Dowson, Val Bailey, Christine Brooks, Charlie from Presteigne and her friend Jenny.

1. **Notes of last meeting** – none available.
2. **Matters arising** – none
3. **Jumble Sale 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – because quite a few of the group will be away, it was decided to postpone the Jumble Sale until after Christmas, probably around 26<sup>th</sup> January
4. **Energy neighbourhoods** – so far no-one has made contact to say that they are interested in forming a group. If anyone does, Alice Cowell is willing to have a meeting. It was decided that any group formed should contact her directly.
5. **Ideas for stimulating community involvement** - Camilla would like to set up an exhibition in the Library at some stage about recycling plastic. She would like help - particularly in engaging schools.  
**Yvie and Elaine** are forming a sub-group to find a way of engaging the community in using local shops over Christmas. They will devise a competition to see how many varied items can be purchased in the town. This will need the involvement of the local shopkeepers and other groups. If they can find volunteers to help them they are willing to lead this initiative.
6. **Edible Knighton** – this sub-group is in a position to offer small grants to those wanting to enhance waste patches with edible plants. A letter has been sent to Knighton Primary School offering to help create a small orchard on their playing field. We await a reply
7. **Edible Knighton Herb Garden** – the group agreed that this should proceed as planned, forming a herb garden near the Reynolds Room in the south east corner, with trained fruit trees along the fence
8. **Woodland Trust** – Angie said this is progressing slowly towards the goal of managing woodland in Green Street Samatha Centre.
9. **Treasurer's report** – Siggie has given figures to Sheila who will forward them to confirm that the group is in funds. £30 has been given in cash from the funds to pay for Mick's talk and the hire of the room.(Mick refused to take £30 and took £10 for his talk so the balance should cover 2 hours in the Reynolds Room – and maybe leave change to go back to the fund)
10. **AOB** – Angie Zelter would like support for a small 'No to Trident' demo at the Cenotaph on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 1130 when the press will be present. This will draw attention to the 15 strong demonstration going to Cardiff on Tuesday for the big 'No to Trident' demo at the Welsh Assembly.
11. **Mick Westrip** then gave an excellent talk about food production in a changing climate and he led an animated discussion afterwards. The group thanks him for his time - and his generosity in taking only a nominal fee.
12. **The next meeting** will be at  
**7.30 pm in the George and Dragon on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012.** This will be a social occasion full of festive cheer!