

TURN LYME GREEN

NOTE of a meeting held on 21st April 2015 at the Royal Lion, Broad Street, Lyme Regis commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mark Howarth, Jo Smith Oliver, Sue and Martin Mattock, Laura Noel, Candida Blaker

TREE PRUNING

Positive feedback from pruning day with Phil Gamble. Discussion re. adopting apple trees on Slopes Farm, Anning Road and behind Magna Housing. Jo volunteered to look after the Slopes Farm trees. Laura mentioned the U3A Ecology group and will feedback details of tree pruning to them. There was a discussion regarding Whistler's Wood as a possible site to plant new trees.

LOCAL COMPOSTING

Mark suggested getting a local composting facility. Chard recycling is very organised and Ottery St Mary also do local recycling/composting. Thought Anita Williams, Town councillor, would be interested. Candida suggested going to look at the Ottery site. And Laura suggested linking to the U3A gardening group. More discussion about what will happen to our old dustbins when the Council delivers the new ones. Ruth Katz had agreed to investigate.

COMMUNITY ENERGY

Candida raised the possibility of a community energy scheme in Lyme. Good information had been obtained from a site visit to Wedmore community energy project, especially the funding side for issuing shares and tax incentives for the community. Discussion re. Marine Theatre roof and planned installation of solar panels, if this would be big enough roof. Thought good idea to talk to the Theatre; roof panels could be another incentive to keep the theatre viable.

ELECTION/LOCAL CANDIDATES

Laura encouraged people to vote Lib Dem not Green to keep Oliver Letwin out. On the environment, Mr Letwin is the least 'green', pro fracking. Daryl Turner is the Tory councillor on WDDC and it was thought appointed on the environment group. Candida suggested developing connections with him and keeping him informed of Turn Lyme Green activities.

DO WE WANT TO FORMALISE THE TLG, AND TO ELECT NEW 'OFFICERS'?

Currently TLG is running informally, without any particular direction. We meet for 'Green Drinks' to discuss whatever anyone wishes to raise. Occasionally we undertake specific activities, such as Open Eco Homes or Tree pruning. Should TLG become more focussed and organised?

The TLG constitution set out the officers. By default Candida is currently Chair, Polly is Secretary, and Diana Dixon is Treasurer. Mark sends out newsletters. Candida is keen for someone else to step in to the role of 'Chair'. Polly is willing to continue as 'Secretary'; and Diana is no longer directly involved with TLG.

In the next newsletter members should be asked what they would like to do, and to outline which issues they feel passionate about. We could invite suggestions for new Chair and Treasurer.

CIVIC DINNER

David Tomkinson and Polly represented TLG at the recent Lyme Regis Civic Dinner.

BEACH CLEAN

26th April. 2-4pm. Harbour slipway

OTHER ISSUES

Mark talked about a wild flower farm on Stocklands Hill Road.

Candida noted that farms of less than 5 hectares get no subsidy. The Landworkers Alliance – which was founded by people in Dorset/ Devon, including Ash from Trill Farm - is campaigning to change this.

Date of next meeting -Tuesday 12 May, 7.30 pm at Royal Lion.