



'Towards a sustainable community'

**Notes of Members' Meeting 9th April 2019
7:30pm at Poole's Cavern School Room**

Present: Benjamin Ford, Charles Jolly, Iain Hawthorn, Jean Ball, Jean Todd, Veronica Hawthorn. Apologies: Ben Evens, Charles Huff, Gil Boardman, Martin Willey.

1. Jean B chaired the meeting and thanked Veronica for bringing some gluten free biscuits.
2. **Climate Emergency Declaration** – We are supporting the Derbyshire Climate Coalition which is aiming for a councillor to propose a motion debate at the 15th May county council meeting to declare a Climate Emergency. The petition launched by the group has reached ~ 2,000 names, anyone else who would like to sign this can do so through the following link: [Climate Emergency](#). Further details of this campaign and a reasoning of why we feel it is right to support it are available on our website [here](#).
3. **Our Project and Group Updates**
 - a) **Co-ordinating Group** – our next meeting will be the General Meeting, this will be Charles Jolly's last as a Director. Derek Bodey will also be retiring as a Director in the Autumn, so to continue to function we will need some replacement Directors.
 - b) The **Domestic Energy Check service** is not getting many bookings so we are asked to spread the word. Buxton College is planning to run a DIY insulation course this Autumn.
 - c) **Plastic Free Buxton Initiative** – a group is coming together to work on this, but would still welcome a couple more people. We are already well on the way towards achieving the goals. We have registered with Terracycle and are in the process of locating places to site the containers.
We are planning to create a piece of artwork to tie in with the project. This will be in the form of a big poster spelling out the words 'Plastic Free Buxton' using plastic bottle caps and surrounded by a local design. Thanks to Robin Edwards we have a door to use as a base and we are now collecting plastic bottle caps of every type, size and colour. You can bring these along to meetings and gatherings, or contact Jean: <mailto:Jean@tbld.co.uk> 07770 416619 to arrange for your bottle caps to be collected. We expect to need around 2,000 caps, the colours we collect will influence the design. We may be able to fill in the words at the Spring Fair.
 - d) **Repair Café** – Jean thanked Iain for attending the PAT testing training course and congratulated him for passing the training. Unfortunately we have not been able to arrange insurance yet, so we hope for a September start for the cafes.
 - e) **Community Orchard** – Benjamin had noticed that one of the damaged trees at Cote Heath is shooting up so may need attention to control its shape. We will need some big holes dug for the signs we have acquired for the orchard. We have several potential new sites so should be able to plant some more trees in the autumn.

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- f) **Welcoming Alternative Fuel vehicles** – Benjamin told us that the 'Go Ultra Low Notts' facebook page has reported that 6 NHS sites now have chargers, the nearest to us is at Newholme hospital in Bakewell. He has had a recent response from the D2N2 project team informing him that the roll out has been from Nottingham as planned, they have been looking for suitable council owned sites and Derbyshire poses significant challenges in the quality of the electricity grid. A problem seems to be that we are on the edge of two electricity suppliers.
Jean T had been to a travel plan meeting on 9th April where it was mentioned that some funding for street charging was available, but councils are reluctant to take it up because they are worried about neighbours quarrelling.
Another possibility for obtaining electric charging points is through the Future High Street Fund, to which Buxton has submitted an expression of interest.
- g) The **Awareness Raising Group** arranged a successful postponed market stall on 6th April. Ben Evens had reported that 14 members assisted with the event and a good number of people stopped long enough to engage with the new display and game about microplastics in water. We also had a couple of boxes of seeds from the Serpentine Community Farm and our new Transition Buxton branded cotton bags to add to the interest.
The group has arranged an evening with Sue MacFarlane for 8th May (previously advertised as 1st May) (see diary dates below).
We plan to hold our annual Plant Swap on 15th June, so members are asked to plant seeds now so that you will have some plants to bring along to swap.

4. Buxton Spring Fair

We discussed details for the TB stall at this event on Bank Holiday Monday (6th May). We hope to be in the same location as last year. We will have the cotton bags, games e.g. world jigsaw, microplastics in water and a few plants. The plan is to bring Connie along, the risk assessment for moving her is currently being revised and she needs some cleaning/titivating (tentatively fixed for 10am on Saturday 4th May).

We looked at the 8 panels of display boards which we have used for events over the last 10 years and are now in need of updating/replacement. The current boards cover: what we do locally, resources/fossil fuels, climate change and what we need to do globally. The content needs to be updated to include mention of fracking, climate emergency etc. Various options as to how to display this material were discussed, e.g. NOBO boards, but these would not be durable enough for outdoor use. One option is a set of A2 laminated sheets which could fit into a portfolio.

4. What else could we be doing?

- Go Green at home Day similar to 2009 – it would be nice to hold another of these events, but this would require a group to take on the organising.
- Charles Huff recently visited the Recycling Centre at [Shotton](#) where our recycling goes to. Another visit could be organised if there was sufficient interest.

6. National and Regional Transition/Environmental News

- Benjamin mentioned the 'Fully Charged Live' event (an Electric Vehicle and Clean Energy exhibition) at Silverstone on 7th-9th June (see [here](#)).

7. Any other Business

General meeting:- Numbers attending important for voting. Offers of homemade goodies (how about something vegan?) - please volunteer to [Jean](#).



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Diary Dates:-

Wednesday 24th April, 11.15am, **John and Gil's Monthly Workshop**, Successional Sowing, Serpentine Community Farm.

TBC - Saturday 4th May, 10am, **Connie Refresh Session**, Connie's car park, West Road.

Monday 6th May, **Buxton Spring Fair** – we will have a stall, contact Ben (benjevens@outlook.com) if you can help.

Wednesday 8th May, 7.30pm, Talk on: **Tasty Alternatives to Reduce Meat and Save the Planet**, Sue MacFarlane, United Reformed Church, Hardwick Square, free/donations welcome.

Tuesday 14th May, 7.30-9.00pm, **Transition Buxton General Meeting**, Poole's Cavern.

Friday 17th May, 8.00pm, **Green Drinks**, Old Sun Inn (17th of every month).

Saturday 18th May, 2pm, **Flowerpot people with Funny Wonders**, Green Man Gallery.

Sunday 26th May, 1-3pm, **Flowerpot people with Funny Wonders**, Serpentine Community Farm (see [here](#)).

Wednesday 29th May, 11.15am, **John and Gil's Monthly Workshop**, Choosing what to grow, Serpentine Community Farm.

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June, **Buxton Garden Trail**, the Serpentine Community Farm will be 'on show'.

Tuesday 11th June, 7.30pm-9.00pm, **Transition Buxton Members Meeting**, Poole's Cavern School Room, (Members Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month, except July and August. May is the General meeting and December meeting is a social occasion).

Saturday 15th June, **Plant Swap and Street Collection**, Turners Memorial.

Wednesday 26th June, 11.15am, **John and Gil's Monthly Workshop**, Herbs, Serpentine Community Farm.

Sunday 14th July, 12 noon to 4pm, **Summer Thyme**, Festival Fringe event, Serpentine Community Farm.

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