



Transition Buxton (TB) Members Meeting 13th February 2018
Poole's Cavern School Room

Present: Veronica Hawthorn (Meeting Chair), Charles Huff, Ann Evens (Ben's wife), Iain Hawthorn, Jean Todd, Martin Willey, Peter Crook, Keith Wood, Ann Wood, Mark Gwyn-Jones, Ben Ford

Apologies from: Jean Ball, Sue Read, Ben Evans, Gill Bordman

1. Veronica welcomed all to the meeting.
2. MG-J came from Matlock to read a poem he wrote 23 years ago called Plastic Man which was very well received.
3. We had a wide-ranging discussion on plastics. MW suggested again that the council could be asked to make more of the waste bins dual purpose, recycling/land fill..
4. Project and Group Updates:
 - a. Awareness Raising Group
A talk on molten salt thorium nuclear reactors on 26 Feb @ 19:30 at 10 Burlington Road. The next film will be 'We the Uncivilised' which is a film about a year-long road-trip a couple made around Britain in search of a sustainable life style. It will be shown on 8 March. There will be a stall on the Market on 8 April. A plant swap on 2 June.
 - b. The Serpentine Group had a seed swap recently. It was in rather poor weather so attendance was not great. Some discussion ensued about the proposed taking over of the Serpentine land by the Council. They have a 6 month stay of execution.
 - c. Other Updates
 - a. Electric car charging points – BF spoke about his Leaf car. The new models can drive for about 170 miles on one charge. Some concern was expressed about the resale value of these cars as new battery technology rapidly makes them out of date but BF thought they would be fine as there are actually far fewer components to wear out than in a conventional vehicle.
 - b. The Repair Cafe is still on hold. Jean Ball is meeting with someone from Essex who may have some ideas which could help.
 - c. Domestic Energy Check service – IH and BW have conducted another energy survey.
 - d. Solar Installation Projects – The Rugby Club feasibility study is being written at the moment. And VH updated us on the potential progress with Waterswallows.
5. Community Orchard – AW, on behalf of Ben, brought some documents for us to sign up to say we are happy to be/continue to be wardens. Janet Miller has said she is happy to help occasionally if asked. BF suggested a meeting of volunteers would be a good idea.
6. MG-J told us of a new search engine (like Google) called **ecosia.org** which donates money to plant trees with every search.

Dates for your Diary - forthcoming activities, meetings, etc.

- **26 February @ 19:30** A talk on Molten Salt Thorium Nuclear Reactors at 10 Burlington Road
- **Saturday 17th February**, 8.00 pm, Green Drinks, The Old Sun Inn (17th of every month)
- **8 March @ 19:30: Film.** will be 'We the Uncivilised' in association with the University in the Dome.
- **13 March**, Members meeting: Faith Johnson who works for National Parks will come a talk to us about Peak District Environmental Quality Mark.
- **14 April 09:00 – 16:00**, Awareness raising stall in the Market
- **2 June**, Plant swap.