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**Transition Exmouth AGM 2020**

**December 10th. 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present:**

Nicky Nicholls, Carol Jay, Catherine Causely, Roger Causely, Adrian Toole, Jan Gannoway, Simon Pardoe, Jane Habermehl, David Buller, Angela Mynard, Liz Oram, Andy Lock, Heath Nikels, Jen Wellington, Mike Rosser, Roger Gibson, John Astley, Jane Ashton.

**Apologies:**

Tim Dumper, Elinor Scott

**Election of Officers and Umbrella Committee:**

Nicky Nicholls is standing for re-election as Chair: Proposed by ES, Seconded by CJ
Roger Causley is standing as Treasurer: Proposed by NN, Seconded by JH
Carol Jay is standing for re-election as Secretary: Proposed by CC, Seconded by JG
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Adrian Tool: Proposed by AL, Seconded by JH
Jan Gannaway: Proposed by DB, Seconded by SP
Simon Pardoe: Proposed by MR, Seconded by RG

The following are standing for co-option:
Jane Habermehl: Proposed by RG, Seconded by AL
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Liz Oram: Proposed by CC, Seconded by CJ

The Town Council nominate a Councillor to liaise with the Umbrella group: Mike Rosser is the current ETC liasion officer and wishes to continue in this role.

**Approval of minutes of previous AGM**
Proposed by Andy Lock and seconded by Carol Jay. Unanimously carried.

**Chair's Report : Nicky Nicholls**

On the 13th September 2019 it looked like Transition Exmouth was drawing to a close and would be wound up at the AGM on the next day.  But that day Nicky, Catherine and Carol met for the first time and agreed that it would be a massive shame to let that happen.  All three of us agreed to stand for Transition Exmouth officer roles at the AGM. We were duly elected  - along with the majority of the team who had done such amazing work for over a decade.
No-one had felt able to shoulder the huge role which Adrian had recently played, but we felt as a team we could take his work forward. Thus began the next phase of this group dedicated to supporting the people of Exmouth to lead more sustainable lives.

Top of the agenda for the new team was to gather together like-minded people across the town and to hear their ideas for moving Exmouth forward towards a more sustainable, carbon zero future.  “Our Exmouth Our Planet” took place in November 2019 – we were thrilled that over 90 people (representing 40 different groups) came along, and the ideas flowed.

From the notes gathered at the OEOP event we were able to contribute a huge amount to the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group’s community consultation.

We also used the information from OEOP to create a 10-point action plan\* which we proposed the Town Council adopt as a response to their declaration of a Climate Emergency. This was duly adopted in December 2019.

Transition Exmouth plays a key role on the Town Council Working Party on the Climate and Ecological Emergencies.

Since January we have pressed on with supporting the Town Council in actioning the 10 point plan – the highlight of this being the writing, commissioning, creating and launching of a brand new joint website, [www.ourplaceourplanet.org](http://www.ourplaceourplanet.org).

Other highlights of our year include:

* A revamped monthly Newsletter
* Attending the exciting new vegan market at Ocean and meeting lots of new and interested residents
* Apple-picking for ourselves and for Exmouth Friends in Need
* Fridays for Future & XR demos
* Being a part of the Community Organisations Liaison Panel with the Town Council.
* Green Drinks every month see http://www.greendrinks.org/Devon/Exmouth (for list of speakers and venues this year).
* Wild Exmouth Pond Work and packing wildflower seeds
* Interviews on ExeAir and articles in the Exmouth Journal
* Joining the Exmouth Tree Team for the wonderful Tree Day in Phear Park
* Taking part in the ongoing vision for Queen's Drive
* Tree planting at St John’s Road, the cycle path extension and Point in View
* Hosting an energy Advice clinic for Exmouth residents
* Planning an exciting Active Travel Day in The Strand (on hold for now – but ready to go when restrictions are lifted)
* Jan’s fantastic new website encouraging active travel in the town: [www.gettingaroundexmouth.org](http://www.gettingaroundexmouth.org)
* Discussions and tentative first steps towards an eco-hub for Exmouth (including a lottery bid)
* Joining in with beach cleans and establishing mermaid walks on the beach
* Working with Plastic Free Exmouth and Beach Clean Exmouth for joint funding from Environment Agency
* Taking first steps towards establishing a “Library of Things” in Exmouth
* Plus of course all the other amazing groups and work which are members are a part of, all of which have run numerous events which we have highlighted in our newsletters

Any report of 2020 can’t pass by without a mention of how adept we have all become on Zoom! We meet regularly on Zoom as an Umbrella group and in the summer, we managed a face to face socially distanced meet up in a meadow when restrictions allowed us.

If we can do all of this in a pandemic year, we’re pretty excited about what might be possible when Covid19 is behind up.  Onwards and upwards!!

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All above proposals unanimously carried by show of hand vote.

**SUBS:**

Adrian proposed that membership of Transition Exmouth is by the yearly payment of a nominal membership subscription. The subscription amounts for the membership year ahead shall be set by each AGM and may be paid at any time after each AGM. Payment of the appropriate amount after our 2020 AGM, shall confer membership for the 12 month period 01 December 2020 to 30 November 2021 and the same dates in following years.  It was proposed that subs rate can include a Zero subs rate.

Rationale: Clarifies the situation at the AGM, where previously, we would see people paying their subscriptions at the start and also at the end of the AGM with uncertainly as to who is a member qualifying to vote at the AGM.

AT’s proposal will set the 12 month period of membership to start on 1st December thus allowing for clarity at the time of the AGM which has always taken place late summer or autumn.

Proposed by AT and seconded by NN

RC proposed members must sign up 1 week before following AGM. Seconded by NN. Carried unanimously.

Discussion re work in last year and plans for the next:

* OPOP report CJ
* Active Travel day postponed due to CV19, it will run asap
Active Travel Exmouth group campaigning group for cycling and walking , reps on Exmouth Transport Partnership. Working on 1 way system on seafront, survey of residents, low traffic neighbourhoods, more cycle parking, work with 20's Plenty for lower speed limits (all towns in Wales now have this, also Holland / Denmark . Ask JG if you would like to join this group
* Library of Things - garage back Littlemead Chapel , 16th Dec we'll hear re funding (Transition Bounce Forward ) Rev Wayne Grewcock v keen to go forward - Bianca Davies is great co-ordinator for this project.
* Eco Hub proposal by DB has gone to Methodist Church elders (Littlemead), they love it, so much space ! We could build a community around a building - training support, FB survey on what people would like to see got lots of reponse and offers of help
DB has had a discussion with Lisa Bowman, ETC have no premises
John Astley interested in using hub for adult and community education - this is included in the proposal after early meetings
JA launching survey on adult education needs around Exmouth around Christmas
* Cargo Bikes Delivery : TBF £500 to hire bikes , or £5k bid for Totally Local Hebden Bridge group outline is in hand
* CC Farm School - gardens at Methodist Chapel available , maybe Guncliffe gardens - Shillingford willing to help, very positive that people are offering workshops
* Community Fridge - Emma Croft - at the library
David Poor involved Littleham Comm Fridge - mayor going there tomorrow morning
* JH Tree planting Exmouth Tree Project (SP) JH explored places to plant - permission to plant process has been long . Littleham, Marpool and St Josephs working with JH . Littleham has a field ready to go. Saving Devon’s Treescapes has offered trees , Positive People have offered, but we need to find places for them . Must nurture trees planted . SP & MR meeting ETC going to put TAFF to work with EDDC and find these places for planting .
MR Tree warden training by tree council avail - and grant avail £150 through Wild Exmouth

**Meeting closed at 8.32pm**

**Signed:**

 **Nicky Nicholls (Chair) Carol Jay (secretary)**