

# Annual General Meeting of Transition Exmouth

Glenorchy URC, Exeter Road, Exmouth | Thursday 26th January 2023 | 7.30pm

- 1. Present:** Nicky Nicholls, Mary Sage, Jennifer Wellington, Jan Gannaway, Angela Mynard, Simon Pardoe, Adrian Toole, Carol Jay (via Microsoft Teams), Tim Dumper, Peter Brain, Andy Lock, Glenda Huggons, Josh Astley, Aurora Bailey, Brian Bailey, Mike Cooke, Simonetta Cooke, Prue Yeoman, Peter Jeffery, Zoey Cooper, Jane Aston, Vicki Rogers, Lesley Stacey-Marks, Rob Howells, Anne Bentham, Doreen Sandham, Jenny Newman
- 2. Apologies:** Mike Rosser
- 3.** Nicky Nicholls welcomed all to the 2023 AGM of Transition Exmouth, the first in-person AGM meeting since 2019!

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the 2021 AGM. Proposed by Brian Bailey, seconded by Angela Mynard and approved by members present.

- 4. Chair's Report 2022:** Nicky Nicholls gave an update to members of what Transition Exmouth had achieved or were working towards in 2022, as well as new and ongoing projects planned for 2023:
  - Hosting Green Drinks – Ordaloca, Ixora Energy, Exmouth Food Network (now Mushroom), Exeter Community Energy, Exmouth LETs, Seagrass
  - Celebrating the water bottle filling stations up and running! Part of the 10 Point Plan with ETC
  - Launching ExeCargo – bought the bikes and started hiring via Exmouth Cycles
  - Exploring being a part of the 20's Plenty speed limit campaign
  - Setting up and rolling out our first Active Travel Day in April
  - Challenging planning applications – specifically around energy efficiency, sustainable transport, biodiversity net gain & light pollution. Including a lot of publicising of the East Devon Local Plan
  - Continuing to promote all the amazing work of our partner organisations – eg Plastic Free Exmouth – beach cleans, Tidelines, the Repair Café, Devon Wildlife Trust, the Exmouth Tree Project and the Library of Things
  - Playing an active role in ETC's COLP and Climate & Ecological Emergency Working Party
  - Joining ESCAPE to help protect our river, estuary and beach from pollution and sewage dumping
  - Partnering with ETC on the Eco-hub project - liaising with Zoey Cooper, their new officer
  - Forming Mushroom in partnership with Exmouth Food Bank and Open Door & Vicki Rogers
  - Forming the River Exe Transition Partnership, with Transition Exeter and Sustainable Tiverton and winning a Transition Network grant for this work
  - Working with Sarah Kersey from My Low Carbon Life CIC in Exmouth, to help move us forward with our governance model.

- 5. Treasurer's Report 2022: Mary Sage gave an update of Transition Exmouth's finances for 2022:**

Summary of Accounts for period 1st January to 31st December 2022.\*

<b>Opening bank balance</b> as at 01/01/2022	<b>12905.25</b>
of which:	
Core income (membership & donations)	641.53
Fundraising/project income (Execargo)	12263.72

<b>Total income</b> , of which:	<b>5097.39</b>
Membership & donations	777.39
Transition network funding (Call of Nature)	4320.00
<b>Total expenditure</b> of which:	<b>11721.68</b>
Core expenses:	<b>372.90</b>
Public liability insurance	294.40
Publicity/travel expenses, etc	78.50
Execargo expenses:	<b>11348.78</b>
Bikes & accessories	9956.71
Publicity/artwork, etc	392.07
Loan repayment	1000.00
<b>Closing asset for the period</b> (= bank balance as at 31/12/2022) of which:	<b>6280.96</b>
Core assets	1046.02
Execargo	914.94
Transition network (Call of Nature)	4320.00

*\*Please note: A change of approach has been introduced for this accounting period, as compared with previous years in respect of the following:*

- 1) *The accounts been prepared for the calendar year, rather than from the date of the AGM.*
- 2) *Cash and PayPal income have been phased out as separate items, and subsumed into membership and donations income, and are represented as part of the bank account income.*

Mary Sage, Treasurer.

*I have carried out an independent examination of the annual accounts of Transition Exmouth for the calendar year 2022, as presented above. This included checking the payments and receipts against bank account entries and, where necessary, seeking further explanations and clarifications from the Treasurer on queries arising. I confirm that I am satisfied that the accounts form a true representation of the financial situation of the organisation for the period concerned.*

Simon Spencer, 24 January 2023.

In addition, members were made aware that the Umbrella Committee Group had suggested to cancel the Transition Exmouth PayPal account as it was costing Transition Exmouth money to use and not many members paid using this method. Members were happy with the decision so the PayPal account will be closed.

Members were asked to approve the Treasurer's Report. Proposed by Tim Dumper, seconded by Simon Pardoe and approved by members present.

**6. Election of Officers and Umbrella Committee Group: Members present were asked to vote to elect the following Officers and Umbrella Committee Group –**

- Nicky Nicholls standing for Chair
- Mary Sage standing for Treasurer
- Carol Jay standing for Secretary
- Simon Pardoe, Tim Dumper, Angela Mynard, Jennifer Wellington, Adrian Toole, Jan Gannaway, Mike Rosser and Zoey Cooper standing to be on the Umbrella Committee Group

Proposed by Brian Bailey and seconded by Adrian Toole the above members were elected by members present.

Nicky Nicholls made members aware that there is one vacant space available on the Umbrella Committee Group should any other member wish to join at a later date.

**7. Proposals: Members present were asked to vote on the following two proposals –**

1. Transition Exmouth should become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The meeting authorises members of the Umbrella Committee Group to draw up a new constitution in order to become incorporated. To be approved at an Emergency General Meeting in the Spring, 2023.

Proposed by Nicky Nicholls, seconded by Adrian Toole and approved by members present.

2. At present, the constitution states that members "must live or work in Exmouth". Proposed to change this to "live, work or have links with Exmouth".

Proposed by Jennifer Wellington, seconded by Brian Bailey and approved by members present.

- 8. New projects for 2023:** Members heard two short presentations from Zoey Cooper, Exmouth Town Council's Climate Officer, and Vicki Rogers from Mushroom on new projects going on in Exmouth and how Transition Exmouth are helping with them. Zoey spoke about an Eco Hub for Exmouth and Vicki about Mushroom, a project helping to reduce food poverty in Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton and Woodbury (which also includes using and distributing surplus food that would otherwise go to waste).

**9. AOB**

1. Nicky Nicholls extended an invitation to all members to join the Umbrella Committee Group at a Midsummer Gathering in the Meadow at Point-in-View Church, Summer Lane on Saturday 24th June, 2023. More details to follow.
2. John Astley gave a brief update on the East Devon Arts and Culture Strategy. More information can be found via his regular articles in the Exmouth Journal or on the East Devon District Council website.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm.