

AGM Transition Exmouth December 9th 2021. 7.30pm via Zoom

Present : Nicky Nicholls, Mary Sage, Adrian Toole, Peter Brain , Jane Habermehl, Mike Rosser, Liz Oram, Jo Swift, Simon Pardoe, Roger Causely, Jen Wellington, Tim Dumper , Jan Gannaway, Angela Mynard, Catherine Causely, Olly Davey, Elinor Scott, Bay Leahy, John Petty

Mins 2020 : Accepted - proposed JG , seconded MR , unanimously accepted

See 2020 minutes at <https://www.transitionexmouth.org/meetings>

Chair's report :

### **Chair's Report for Transition Exmouth AGM**

Transition Exmouth have had another productive year, despite the ongoing pandemic and another lockdown in early 2021. We wish we could have met more of you, run the events we had planned and been able to reach out to the wider community in person – but we took the time to strengthen our online presence through a new, easier to navigate website, did some seriously impressive fundraising, and continued to meet on Zoom and Teams.

The Transition Town network exists to support communities to work towards life beyond fossil fuels. In Exmouth we are working hard to provide a strong, supportive network to local eco-based groups. We are pleased to have strengthened our relationship with Plastic Free Exmouth this year and loved being a part of their amazing Plastic Free Festival outside Sideshore in the summer.

Our successful “bounce forward” funding bid enabled us to support the set-up of the much dreamed of Exmouth Library of Things. This is a stand-alone project, housed at Littlemead Methodist Church and run with love and dedication by Bianca and her team of volunteers. This is exactly the model which we as Transition Exmouth want to continue to replicate – supporting and funding projects to get off the ground. More of this in 2022.

The Bounce Forward fund also enabled us to run a pilot eCargo bike delivery service . ExeCargo was Angela's inspired idea , and she worked tirelessly to bring her dream to life. Thomas Wheeler had been planning a green delivery service using a hybrid vehicle, and the combination of the ExeCargo bike and Thomas's website and enthusiasm to build up a business seemed the perfect match . A self-employed rider organising the professional deliveries alongside volunteers riding for community groups looked like a great model , and Adrian led the volunteers in doing collections for the Food Bank. We were all devastated to hear that Thomas's health was failing and he was no longer able to continue with the project. Angela's determination saw the trial to the end , but one of the things we

learned from the pilot was that running a delivery service is a full time job! When the opportunity to obtain match funding from Devon County Council's #backthefuture fund came up, we re-wrote the ExeCargo bid to fund shared e-cargo bikes for use by Exmouth's businesses, Community groups and individuals. We would like to thank Exmouth Cycles who made the trial bike available at a peppercorn hire fee, and who are now in discussion with us over running the bookings and maintenance for the new ExeCargo scheme.

You won't have failed to see the Exe Cargo kickstarter appeal over the autumn. After a successful trial of an eCargo bike last year, we aimed high to try to buy two eCargo bikes of our own. The community and local councils came together and we raised over £13,000. Amazing! Work is now moving forward to buy the bikes, set up the hire arrangements and promote this to local businesses as a more sustainable delivery model.

When EDDC issued a notice that they could no longer afford the upkeep of all their toilet blocks, TrEx saw an opportunity! We have long hoped for a small community space to act as a hub for all the eco and climate activities in Exmouth. Could the toilet blocks at the Imperial Rec be what we have dreamed of...? Conversations are moving fast between us and the Town Council regarding the next steps. We have a wonderful artist's impression and an excellent name... "Call of Nature". I hope that this time next year I will be telling you all about how we came together as a community to create and open this amazing resource. Watch this space!

There has been so much more happening, from tree planting in schools, to a busy stall in the Exmouth Market (*thanks to Jane and David for running the stall, and to Jerry, the manager of the Market, who has kindly made the stall available to us free of charge*), Jane taking to the streets with her table to chat about Climate Change, continuing conversations around planning, lobbying the government re the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, joint work with Tidelines and along the Estuary projects, and of course our monthly Green Drinks (organised by Simon and with grateful thanks to Helen at Sundowners for opening especially for us on the first Thursday of every month). We took part in COLP meetings and advised the Exmouth Town Council's Climate & Ecological Emergency Working Party (now that the first 10 actions we suggested have been ticked off, we are helping plan the next stages). OurPlaceOurPlanet.org is on the homepage of ETC's website and publicised through the Town Council network. Angela has been editing and publishing regular blogs on OPOP. Jan has set up the Wildflower wardens, and Exmouth Wildlife Group helped with scything and raking to maintain the Littleham Churchyard for wildlife. Jan and Tim sit on the Transport Partnership and, along with Olly, have been busy with Active Travel day preparations & the GettingaroundExmouth website. We took part in Climate Conversations at Ocean with the Thelma Hubert gallery exhibition, had a stall at the Heart Foundation market, participated in the Big Autumn Clean Up Exmouth day (thanks to Liz for her work organising this), attended Stir to Action conference at Selgar's Mill (in person!) & the Transition Network What Next

conference on zoom. Our social media has been going out on Facebook , Instagram and Twitter thanks to Jen and Simon, and our newsletter now goes to over 300 people who have signed up, and is forwarded from these to the whole council and COLP networks – thanks to Carol for this.

## **WHAT A YEAR!!!**

Thanks go to the wonderful members of the Umbrella group who are stepping aside today: Catherine (who is now the EDDC Climate Change officer), Roger, Jane and David. Your time and dedication have been very much appreciated.

The Transition Name remains a hot topic of conversation. Whilst we want to stay true to our roots, we are also acutely aware that Transition is now a word much more associated with gender than climate. A recent survey about our name attracted 90 responses. 62% felt we should change our name, and 24% said if we do keep it, we must work harder to explain it! We will take this info, along with the possibility of setting us up as a CIC or charity and make decisions over this winter. We will keep you posted!

Thank you all for your support during this year. And maybe, just maybe, we will get to meet more of you face to face in 2022.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

### Elections

Chair Nicky Nicholls Proposed Carol Jay seconded Jan Gannaway

Treasurer Mary Sage Proposed Nicky Nicholls seconded Simon Pardoe

Secretary Carol Jay Proposed Adrian Toole seconded Liz Oram

Other members Proposed Tim Dumper seconded Jane Habermehl and voted in en block , unanimous.

Tim Dumper

Adrian Toole

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 Liz Oram  
 Jan Gannaway  
 Jo Swift  
 Jen Wellington  
 Mike Rosser  
 Angela Mynard

Next Year's projects : there followed a brief discussion on

ExeCargo

Call of Nature

Active Travel Day 30th April - volunteers needed on the day

Living Sea Wall / Floating Sea bin

Big Spring Clean 26th March - volunteers needed

Plastic Free Day

Treasurer's Report : Roger Causeley

### **TRANSITION EXMOUTH ACCOUNT**

Receipts and payments account for the period between AGM in December 2020, and AGM in December 2021. Prepared by Roger Causeley – Treasurer.

	2021	
	£	£
OPENING CASH BALANCE		93.46
OPENING BANK BALANCE		322.73
OPENING PAYPAL BALANCE		12.07
<b>Total</b>		<b>428.26</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP INCOME</b>		
Membership –bank transfer	287.00	
Membership – paypal	296.44	
<b>Total membership income</b>	<b>583.44</b>	

<b>FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>		
LOT (Library of Things)*	3400.00	
Execargo*	500.00	
Execargo crowdfunder	12263.72	
<b>Total fundraiser income</b>	<b>16163.72</b>	
<b>Total income (bank + paypal)</b>	<b>16747.16</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Expenditure – non-grant related:		
Public Liability Insurance	279.00	
Expenditure – ringfenced:		
LOT	3349.22	
Execargo	460.00	
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4088.22</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSET for the period</b>		<b>13087.22</b>
Cash		93.46
Paypal		308.51
Bank		12685.25

\*Transition bounce forward funding

I have examined the annual accounts of Transition Town Exmouth presented in December 2021, and checked the figures against bank account entries. I can confirm that they are a true representation of the financial situation of the organisation for the year 2021.

Signed : *Mary Sage*, Date: 30 January 2022

Proposed NN seconded TD unanimously accepted

4 9. Meeting closes 9pm.

