



NEWSLETTER

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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SEAFRONT LIGHTS!



EVIDENCE OF TTE's growing influence in the town comes with the welcome news that Exmouth's old seafront lights are to be replaced by sustainable LED lighting. And TTE – which first suggested the eco-option to the town council – is delighted that the bright idea has got the go-ahead.

Exmouth Town Council (ETC) has earmarked £13,000 for new, sustainable lighting on the seafront. The old lights – which were energy inefficient, expensive to run and required repairs – have already been switched off. New lower-powered LED lighting, ideally powered by renewable energy sources, could be decorating Exmouth's promenade as early as 31 May.

'Once the LED lighting is in place, sustainable power supplies will be looked at, be it small wind turbines or solar panels,' says Exmouth Town Clerk John Wokersien. 'TTE will be included in this process to help us obtain the most environmentally effective solution to continued attractive lighting on the seafront, with the lowest energy required, powered in the most sustainable way possible.'

ETC's decision follows funding cuts by East Devon District Council and suggestions from TTE members to the town council that the lights could be replaced with an inexpensive and sustainable LED system. 'The seafront lights are synonymous with Exmouth,' says Paul Strange, TTE's press officer. 'Making them function in a sustainable and energy-efficient way could help the town refocus on how it presents itself to visitors, and to reposition itself within the brand of Tourism South West.'



MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE...

It may look like an April Fool's stunt, but there's a serious message in this giant bottle that seems to have washed up on Exmouth beach. In fact, it's a water butt designed by Wayne Hemingway, and it's being used by Creative Exmouth's Roger Gibson and Exmouth Community College students to promote its forthcoming Endless Bottles art installation, which poses questions about our consumption and subsequent disposal of plastic bottles.

EXMOUTH MASTERPLAN

ARTHUR WHITE writes:

I ATTENDED two workshops in March, hosted by LDA Design, the consultants appointed by EDDC to facilitate the next stage of Exmouth regeneration. This concerns the following sites in the town centre:

Royal Avenue:

The area from the lorry park and railway station to the Imperial Recreation Ground, incorporating Camperdown Depot, the rugby ground and the sports centre.

London Inn:

The car park at the back of Magnolia Centre, incorporating the Jewsons site and probably the existing Post Office sorting depot.

Six aims were identified and discussed.

These are:

- To strengthen the local economy.
- To protect and maximise benefit from the natural setting.
- To enhance and capitalize on the qualities of the built environment.
- To ensure quality of life for the local community.
- To promote low-carbon sustainable living.
- To broaden Exmouth's appeal to visitors and investors.

Whilst the fifth aim screams Transition Town, the detailed objectives of most of the aims pick up many relevant issues such as local employment, Exmouth's unique environment, improvement of local transport access to the town centre and provision of a sustainable transport interchange near the town centre.

I would encourage all members and supporters of TTE to visit the Masterplan website and be proactive with adding comment and suggestions during this planning stage. We have a real opportunity to have some influence on what happens next!

Register your views on the Exmouth Masterplan by logging on to the website and completing the questionnaire at: <http://www.exmouthmasterplan.co.uk/questions/>

Please send any pictures, news or diary entries for the May issue to: delia@themyrtlehouse.plus.com by 20 April

ENVIRONMENT

SAVE OUR SEAS!

FROM OCTOBER 2010 Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) will be set up as shadow organisations to replace the existing Sea Fisheries Committees from April 2011. They will promote healthy seas and shorelines, champion sustainable fisheries, and support industry by managing inshore fisheries resources out to six nautical miles. Through the IFCAs, everyone who uses or impacts on the marine ecosystem through leisure or their work will be given a say in how it's managed. They are looking for people from a wide range of interests with local knowledge – including commercial fishing, sea angling, conservation, recreational and tourism, ports, marine research, marine heritage, and other industrial interests in the sea.

The closing date for applications is 12 April. For more information please visit www.ifcamembers.co.uk or phone the recruitment team on 01256 383669.

BEYOND COPENHAGEN: THE OUTCOME AND WHAT NEXT?

THIS CONFERENCE on climate change was organized by the Exeter and District Branch of the United Nations Association-UK and held on Saturday 20 February at Jurys Inn, Exeter. Seventy concerned members of the public listened to three expert speakers who gave their views and then participated in group discussions. For a full report, please contact Noel Harrower: n.harrower@btinternet.com

LOCAL RESILIENCE

MADE IN EXMOUTH

LOCAL CRAFTS and produce will be highlighted at a Made in Exmouth sale to be held at the Wesley Hall in Tower Street on Sunday 6 June. The event has been organized by Exmouth Ceramic Group as part of the Exmouth Festival, and any profit from table hire and refreshments will go towards supporting ECG's courses for adults with learning disabilities. To hire a table, please contact Mo Martin on 01395 273945.

EVENTS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TTE IS hosting an evening on the theme of local food on Monday 26 April. The event will be an informal opportunity for Exmouth people to explore what food is being grown and sourced within our community, and to share what local people are already involved in or would like to do to enable Exmouth to becoming more sustainable in our future food needs. During the evening we will be looking at a range of local food areas that will include:

- Community gardens
- Allotments
- Farmers' Market
- Garden sharing
- Education growing projects
- Food cooperatives
- Local food events.

The event will be held at the Telfer Centre, Exmouth Community College (Gipsy Lane site) from 7.30-9.30pm on Monday 26 April. Admission is free (donations towards refreshments welcome). Copies of the Local Food Guide will also be on sale for £1. For further information, or if you are involved in a local food activity that you would like to be included (e.g. Schools Project, Garden Sharing or Local Food Event), contact TTE Events Coordinator Craig Jolly on 07777 670473 or cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com.

ANY QUESTIONS?

PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY candidates for East Devon will be put on the spot at an 'Any Questions' evening to be held at All Saints' Hall, All Saints' Rd, Sidmouth, at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14 April. Sidmouth Vision Group have invited the PPCs from the five major parties – Conservative, Green, Labour, Liberal Democrat and UKIP – to take questions from representative groups and members of the public. All welcome. More details from Jeremy Woodward: jaydoubleyou@onetel.com.

DIG IN!

GARDENERS MAY be interested in two one-day training courses offered this month by the Community Council of Devon.

6 April in Exeter: Simple soil science, plant growth, cropping techniques, plant raising and an introduction to fruit.

27 April at Bicton College: Safe use of common garden machinery (strimmers, hedge trimmers and lawnmowers) and hand tools (spade, fork, rake). Details from Gail Hickson, 01392 383443 or gail@devonrcc.org.uk.

GROUPS

LETS GO!

EXMOUTH LETS could soon be up and running, if sufficient support can be found.

A godsend for families struggling with the economic downturn and an effective way to rebuild local resilience LETS (Local Exchange Trading Systems) allow members to pool their skills and resources by trading goods and services without spending money. Instead of pounds and pence, the Exmouth system will use its own currency – the Cackle. To ensure equality, all services will be valued at the same hourly rate.

The Town Council has recently approved in principle an application for funding the group's start-up costs. Most of this grant will be spent on creating a sophisticated interactive website that will allow members to manage their own accounts online. However, in order to qualify for this funding, Exmouth LETS needs to recruit more people, especially those with accounting and fundraising experience, to sit on the core group.

'LETS groups are working well elsewhere in the country and around the world,' says Delia Pemberton, Chair, Exmouth LETS. 'We believe Exmouth LETS holds enormous potential to benefit our town and feel it would be a great shame to let this opportunity pass us by. So LETS make it happen!'

If you're interested in standing as an officer for Exmouth LETS, please contact Delia at exmouth.lets@yahoo.co.uk.



XCICLE

The next Xcycle bike ride will be on Sunday 18 April, when members are hoping to explore the other side of the estuary, using the Starcross ferry. There are still some TTE high visibility cycle vests available at £6.99. Details from Elinor: elinor.scott@phonecoop.coop

DIARY

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Fridays 9, 16, 23 and 30

EXMOUTH COUNTRY MARKET 8.30-11.15am, Wesley Hall, Tower Street.

Saturday 10

SIDMOUTH COMMUNITY MARKET 10.00am-12.30pm, All Saints' Hall, All Saints' Road, Sidmouth.

Details: 07973 137592.

Sunday 11

GREEN WALK Explore Exmouth on foot. Details from Gill: earthsky@tiscali.co.uk.

Wednesday 14

EXMOUTH FARMERS' MARKET 9.00am-1.30pm, Imperial Road Car Park. Contact David:

twobrocks@talktalk.net, 01395 260119.

ANY QUESTIONS 7.00pm, All Saints' Hall, All Saints' Road, Sidmouth. An opportunity to quiz Prospective Parliamentary Candidates for East Devon. See Events for details.

Sunday 18

XCYCLE BIKE RIDE Meet Exmouth swimming pool 2.30pm. Contact Elinor for details:

elinor.scott@phonecoop.coop.

Saturday 24

OTTERY COMMUNITY MARKET 9.30am-12.30pm, The Institute, Yonder Street, Ottery St Mary.

Details: www.sustainableottery.org.uk

Monday 26

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Local food event hosted by TTE. 7.30pm, Telfer Suite, Exmouth Community College (Gipsy Lane site). Free, donations for refreshments welcome. See Events for details.

Tuesday 27

EXMOUTH BAZAAR 10.00am-1.00pm, Wesley Hall, Tower Street. Recycled childrens' clothes and local crafts. Details: kim.roper@mac.com.

TRANSITION TOWN EXMOUTH
www.transitiontownexmouth.co.uk

To build Exmouth's local resilience and independence from fossil fuels,
and to reduce its carbon emissions by a process of energy descent



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF TRANSITION TOWN EXMOUTH

Name.....

Address..... Postcode.....

Telephone..... Email.....

I support the stated aims of Transition Town Exmouth and hereby apply for membership.

Signed..... Date.....

There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Please make cheques payable to Transition Town Exmouth.

Please return completed form to TTE, c/o 231A Exeter Road, Exmouth EX8 3ED