**Teme Valley Environment Group AGM**

**7.30pm 23rd April 2013**

Reynolds Room, Knighton Community Centre.

**Present:** Yvie (Chair); Siggy (Treasurer); Penny (Social Secretary); Val (Secretary); Pam; Sheila; Tom; Moss; Anne Mary;

Elaine; Olive; Bernard; Angie; Cindy Lou; Charlotte.

**Reports from groups:**

Allotment (Pam)

Jenny, Nicky, Matt and Pam have strips on the TVEG allotment and will each now pay a contribution for the rent. John has agreed to continue to be ‘allotment holder’, as the Council prefer one holder. A work party is to be arranged to tackle jobs in the communal areas.

Knighton Tree Allotment Trust (Angie)

A copy of the latest KTAT report was passed around. Work at Weir Cottage 1 acre wood includes clearing and replanting and construction of a path. At Greenstreete, Llangunllo, a bio loo and a wood store have been constructed. The lower strip of Kinsley Wood in Knighton has been offered at a price but, at present, KTAT is not strong enough to take on more areas. 34 volunteers have been involved to date; more are needed as there’s loads to do. A treasurer is needed. There are 2 workdays per month. Funding from Environment Wales has provided valuable courses for woodland management and chainsaw.

Edible Knighton (Tom)

The planting of espalier trees at the back of the Com has been successful. Some branches have suffered damage from vandals, but may recover. The herb garden looks well and a map board is planned to make the herbs more accessible. Other plantings around town produced some fruit last year, so should be more this year. Further suitable sites for planting are under consideration.

Litter Pick (Sheila)

Loads of litter has been gathered by few pickers! Additional advertising is needed to involve more of the community. We can make use of the longer daylight hours with evening litter picks and the added attraction of a drink in the George after.

Monty Rivers (Sheila)

Monty Rivers is a community led project in the Severn Uplands (Northern Powys) supporting local community river groups undertaking environmental improvements in their area. This includes removal of invasive non-native species, art projects and litter picks. A very well supported evening with a representative from Monty Rivers was held in Knighton. A Teme River walk is scheduled for 3.30pm Wednesday 30th April. Meet at the station car park.

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Finance Report (Siggy)

Copies of TVEG Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 31st March 2014 were handed out. Siggy explained the report, which was agreed by all present. Siggy was thanked for her effort.

**Other Business**

* Anne Mary has use of a pasteuriser which requires 90 bottles. This could be used for group sessions for elderflower cordial, blackcurrant cordial, etc. AM will email TVEG members when the time is right for elderflower to see if enough people are interested, as commitment is needed.
* Charlotte is happy to continue updating TVEG website, but is unsure how to do everything. She will contact David Tollman for further guidance.
* Angie has a list of environmental films available from KLEEN (Kington Local Environment and Energy Group) and suggested a film show evening to attract new members.
* An events programme was drafted. (follows this report)

**Election of Officers**

Secretary: **Pam** proposed by Angie, seconded by Cindy Lou

Social Secretary: **Penny** to continue

Treasurer : **Siggy** to continue

Chair : **Sheila** proposed by Pam, seconded by Charlotte

**The AGM closed at 8.40pm.**

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TVEG Events

**April**

A Teme River walk is scheduled for 3.30pm Wednesday 30th April. Meet at Knighton station car park. We have arranged to meet with Lisa Barlow from the Monty Rivers Trust to walk the section of the Teme both east and west of Knighton. We will be looking at the river and discussing what might be practical to do in terms of improving the environment for both people and wildlife.    
   
**May**

Litter Pick 7pm Monday 12th May. Meet at Offa’s Dyke Centre. (Sheila)

Allotment work party midday Sunday 25th May.

**June**

Midsummer picnic on Knucklas Castle Hill Saturday 21st June. (Siggy)

**July**

TVEG stand at Rhos Market Garden Open Day. (Cindy Lou)

**October**

Film show at Knucklas Community Centre. Time and date TBA (Elaine and Yvie, assisted by Siggy and Val)