**ATT meeting Thursday March 9th 7.15pm**

**Abergavenny Community centre**

**Agenda**

1. Waste reduction PROJECT/EVENTS developments (Mary Ann S/Simon B)
2. Update on *Enhance Environment* + *Moving Around more easily* (TC/TA 5 year plan) *(Includes update on Usk/Llanfoist bridge)*
3. JUST FOOD *Manifesto*/Well being submission + Events. (Pamela Mason)
4. Affordable Housing (Grove Farm?) (report back Steve Harris)
5. IE/Community Orchard update/ Community supported Agriculture sites?
6. Aber Cycle group events + Update Community Energy (Fraser)
7. Showing of first chapter of the DVD Film *Demain.* followed by discussion: (there are five chapters)

A.O.B:
Digital information in Town Centre:
The Town Hall Hub? Flat Packers? Fair Trade fortnight events
Give and Take event: May 13th

Mary Ann Swanson

How to advertise? How to organise? Who will help?
Give & Take!
Brought to you by Abergavenny Transition Town

Saturday 13 May 2017 11am – 2pm
At
The Abergavenny Community Centre
Park Street, Abergavenny NP7 5BY
No money will be charged for any items.

Things to bring: Household items including books, CDs, DVDs, toys, sports gear, bric-a-brac, and small items of furniture.
We won't accept: Broken items in need of repair, food, toiletries, medicines, tyres, sharp or dangerous objects, and upholstery without a fire safety tag.

Items to be given should arrive between 9:30 – 11:00
Any items left after 2 pm will be donated to charity.

Dealers, please be considerate:

For more information, please contact Mary-Ann Swanson
Swanson.maryann@gmail.com

Give & Take
Free community event

Abergavenny Community Centre
Old School House
Park Street
Abergavenny NP7 5BY

Saturday, 13 May 2017 11:00 – 2:00

9.30am to 11.00pm Bring along something you don’t want
11.00 to 2:00pm take something you do want

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## Give and Take Event Abergavenny

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Give and Take Minutes

• **Agreed:**
• Venue: Abergavenny Community Centre: Date: 13 May 2017: 11:00 – 2:00pm
• Delivery of items given: between 10:45 – 11:00 (or within a reasonable time after)
• No specific recommendations of what can be given – just reasonable items
• No specific recommendations of what cannot be given – but we will keep an eye out for anything considered too problematic
• Disclaimer at the event to say that no electrical items have been tested
• Tea/Coffee/nibbles table because it is a nice thing to have
• Posters to say no money charged for anything, no trade (As this is a community event we would prefer that those who would sell-on not scoop everything up at the beginning. If they come at 1:30 it may be a different story)
• Advertising to begin approximately 1 month in advance of the event
• Leaflet drop in the housing area around the Community Centre
• Volunteers: Approximately 7 will be needed on the day to help with set up/take down, traffic management, moving items, general helping and the tea/coffee area. Not all volunteers may be needed during the entire event. People can volunteer now but a formal call will not go out until the beginning of May as it is too early for most people to know their schedules.
Give and Take minutes contnd.

**Actions:**
- Mary Ann S to follow up with MCC regarding funds for posters/leaflets.
- Mary Ann S to follow up regarding clarification of MCC help to clear up after the event.
- Patrick to approach the Chronicle and Abergavenny Now regarding advertising when appropriate.
- Patrick will ask Harry if he would like to design the posters/leaflets.

**FoE + ATT (Jeremy and Mary Ann S):** campaign on returnable bottles; links for others who want to get involved.

Haf Elgar haf.elgar@foe.co.uk & Bleddyn Lake bleddyn.lake@foe.co.uk of Friends of the Earth are contacts.
Enhancing the Environment

One ‘theme’ group on the Town Council /TA
Five year plan project

Abergavenny
One sub-group focussing on public realm projects using ADF proposals as starting point.
Another sub group focusing on urban design briefs for key sites in the community.
Above, public realm priority for sub-group work: Frogmore street
Below Urban site brief priority: Tudor Street/castle Street
Need commitment from MCC Mark Hand and Roger Hoggins to work with us.
Bus station/ ATS Site

A key site at the entrance to Abergavenny: Work/retail units
A development currently under discussion with the MCC Planners
LLANFOIST /USK PEDESTRIAN – CYCLISTS BRIDGE

A late alternative submission to MCC by Team Abergavenny and Robin Tod (see next page)
Proposal from Robin Tod & Team Abergavenny:
Why not widen the existing bridge upstream (installing a 3 meter wide pavement for pedestrians and cyclists on down-stream side), given bridge history and need to sort the de-trunking A40 through town plus cope with increasing traffic from growing Llanfoist developments.

Before the railway bridge came to Abergavenny, there was a tram-road bridge next to a narrower road bridge. The Tram road bridge was eventually lowered and joined to a widened road bridge. (see photos next page)
Two bridges joined?
Real pinch point for cars

Widen bridge upstream
£4-5 m² project

Google earth image taken at time of Eisteddfod installation

New pedestrian/cycling bridge
£1.0m project?
Minutes of Discussion

• Cyclist /pedestrian bridge comes under special Active Travel Act budget which seeks to improve movement for pedestrians and cyclists around the town. It’s specifically **not** a budget for improving car movement.

• Pinch-points for cars may be roundabouts either side of bridge rather than the bridge itself. Would widening the bridge sort it and make a pleasanter environment for pedestrians and cyclists? Maybe needs proper traffic light junctions in each case.

• Level of economic disruption to town as bridge would need to be closed for many months to construct a widened bridge.

• Sorting out the de-trunking of A40 through town has been debated for 25 years. Still no nearer resolution. Requires Welsh Government Highways substantial funding. Can or will MCC want to take on maintenance of the de-trunked A40 through town.

• **Lesson to be learnt** from process to-date on pedestrian bridge: The voluntary Magor station campaign group **Magor station** lead on all the process. MCC engineers service the group. Maybe more ATT members will need to step up to the plate in straitened time to move such projects forwards!
March 1st

JUST FOOD EVENT: Abergavenny Community Centre. Meet the Fringe
JUST FOOD EVENT March 1st: Abergavenny Community Centre. Aine Morris, Food Fest new Director presents her thoughts on the ‘Fringe’
• **Minutes:**
  
  Pamela Mason described the March 1st event attended by a myriad of food activists groups in the community.
  
  **JUST FOOD** Draft Food manifesto for Wales circulated written by Mary-Ann Brocklesby and Jeremy Gass.
  
  Positive constructive response to a lively fringe by new Director of Food festival.
  
  ‘*How to guide*’ for the Fringe would be available from Festival office.
  
  Fringe events would be incorporated in all digital and printed publicity.
  
  Suggested that **Manifesto** needs urgently next layers of possible priority actions to make it more than a well meaning wish list.
  
  Food Manifesto could act as framework against which to decide most effective fringe events for Festival.
  
  **Other food related events going on:-**
  
  A) Agri Urban group visit to local Farms: Pamela Mason reported on visit and will be writing up notes to be circulated also through ATT
  
  B) Fair Trade fortnight events currently in progress.
a Just Food event - free entry

FOOD, WALES & BREXIT
Wednesday March 22 - 7.30 - 9.00pm
Abergavenny Community Centre

Talks and discussion by Pamela Mason and Catherine Fookes about the impact of Brexit on our already broken food system.

Is there an opportunity to build a better future for:

Social justice - Health - Environment
Trade - Farming - Diet
Grove Farm, Gypsy Lane Llanfoist
Outline Application for 120 houses: Approved
• **Innovative Housing delivery for affordable homes**

  A new report produced by the Welsh School of Architecture for Welsh Government was launched Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th} February 2017 in Cardiff. PH attended.

  • WG Report can be accessed at: [http://orca.cf.ac.uk/98055/](http://orca.cf.ac.uk/98055/)

  • Report had been sent by ATT to Ben Jones of Grove Farm development. Steve Harris on behalf of ATT went to discuss

• **Minutes**

  • Open response from Ben Jones: He is considering many options.
  
  • ATT asked Steve Harris to pursue further through small progressive housing association connections to seek possible serviced plots for self-build affordable housing.
IE EVENTS

• **Sunday 2nd April 2 - 4 p.m.** Moving the Brewery Yard beds to the Orchard:
  
  • Meet in Brewery Yard (below the Town Hall, lower car park). Beds are situated near the rear of Newland Rennie Estate Agent building.

• **Orchard and IE beds Work parties will be held throughout the spring and summer on the 1st Sunday in each month from 2-4 p.m.**

• **AGM Saturday 20th May 12.00 midday in the Orchard**

Brewery Yard IE bed to be moved

IE beds in Castle Street car park, Byefield lane car park and Station Road surgery have been planted with soft fruit for lower maintenance
Future of Llanfoist Allotments?

PH to make enquiries at allotments as to lease conditions and how long to run.

“Gardiners World”
Painting by David Inshaw
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DVD:
CHAPTER ONE........

Minutes
First chapter (of five) were shown at meeting.
Focus ‘Agriculture’:
Next meeting will show Energy chapter.
WHAT TO WATCH what not to watch..... on ‘Demain’ first chapter on agriculture?

Research couple: The pace of the challenge: END 4.23 **OK**

General/ music/ lets do something: travel the world and find out hopeful practice

8.31 Agriculture section starts

9.15 - 13.53 Detroit post industrial city and growing food 22.30 **OK**

14.30 – 18.48 Todmorden

18.50 – 19.55 Nick Grant outside Todmorden

21.00 - 22.30 French policy perspective on food politics **OK**

22.32 - 22.58 Indian women big company critique **OK**

23.00  24.03 French policy encore **OK**

24.05 – 30.16 Bec Hellouin : Permaculture Normandy **OK**

30.18 – 32.13 Food overview :END of agriculture section **OK**
Digital notice board planning application: note “potentially commercial advertising”
Digital dignitaries line up

County Cllr
Geoff Burrows

MCC deputy chair
Cllr Peter Clarke

ATT questions
Who sets the rules for content? If commercial which commerce?
Who is information aimed at mostly… Tourists, Locals?
Are there charges to put up information?
Who was allowed to tender for running content?
Why wasn’t ‘Abergavenny Now’ website administrator invited to run it?
Back to the Land with Kate Humble
Series 1: 1. Pembrokeshire

Kate Humble and Geetie Singh-Watson follow rural businesses through the year. Kate meets a seaweed collector who left an office job for a life working on the beach.

NEW SERIES
First shown: 8pm 7 Mar 2017
Available for 29 days

Healthy and nutritious food is actually cheaper to buy than junk food, according to a new report that contradicts the widely held belief that poor diets and obesity are directly caused by economic deprivation.

Published today by the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), *Cheap as Chips: Is a healthy diet affordable?* uses data from Tesco and Asda to compare the prices of 78 common food and drink products.

When measured by edible weight, the cheapest ready-meals, pizzas, burgers and sugary breakfast cereals cost more than £2 per kilogram, whereas typical fruit and vegetables cost less than that.

It debunks studies that claim that healthy food is more expensive, finding they use the flawed methodology of comparing food products by their cost-per-calorie.

Christopher Snowden, director of the IEA’s Food and Resource Policy Unit, said: “The popular belief that healthy food is more expensive is incorrect. The figures clearly show that healthy eating is no more expensive than unhealthy eating, so the government’s proposed sugar tax is unnecessary and will be regressive.”

Healthy food = cheaper food?
Or Free Market Think Tank offset to undermine sugar tax argument?
Food glorious food?
You can have too much of a good thing. And that’s a waste. Selina Juul has been credited by the Danish government for single-handedly helping the country reduce its food waste by 25 per cent in just five years. With her help Denmark has become one of the leading European countries in the fight against food waste.

By 25 per cent? That’s bananas!
Exactly. Ms Juul convinced Rema 1000, Denmark’s biggest low-cost supermarket chain, to replace all its quantity discounts with single-item discounts. Max Skov Hansen, a grocer at Rema 1000, said the retailer wasted about 60 to 100 bananas every day. However, after the supermarket put up a sign saying “take me I’m single”, it reduced the waste on bananas by 90 per cent.

The thrifty type?
Ms Juul moved from Russia to Denmark when she was 23 years old and was shocked by the amount of food available and wasted at supermarkets. She told the BBC, “I came from a country where there were food shortages, we had the collapse of infrastructure, communism collapsed, we were not sure we could get food on the table.” Her organisation, Stop Spild Af Mad – which translates as Stop Wasting Food – made all the difference and is recognised as one of the key drivers behind the government’s focus to tackle food waste.

So all the other Danish supermarkets followed suit?
“ ‘She was this crazy Russian woman that walked in the door, with a crazy idea about stop wasting food and she has come really far since,’ said Maria Nielson, the communications officer for Dagrofa, another Danish supermarket. ‘She basically changed the entire mentality in Denmark.’

What’s food wastage like in the UK?
It’s getting worse – Statistics from the Waste and Resources Action Programme show household food waste in the UK increased 4.4 per cent between 2012 and 2015, despite a target to cut household waste 5 per cent by 2015. That brings the amount of food sent to landfill in 2015 to 7.3 million tonnes, costing UK families £700 per year.

Valerie Browne
From bankrupt to pub of the year: how The George & Dragon slayed the odds

Hybrid hubs How they saved local services

The move towards pubs diversifying to become community hubs was given a large boost by the Prince of Wales in 2001, when he expressed concern about the widespread closure of key rural services.

Not-for-profit organisations such as Pub is the Hub were created to encourage pubs and community groups to get together to continue vital services formerly provided by village shops and post offices, often using unused store rooms.

Now scores of pubs across England, Wales and Scotland have become “hybrid venues”, offering not only food and drink but library facilities, internet training for the elderly, pop-up tea rooms and venues for dementia-friendly lunches.
So we can all relax, can we?

This should be discussed at the next ATT meeting
Has anyone read the Zero Carbon Britain report circulated recently?
No feedback received from ATTwidernetwork members on MCC Well Being Act consultation. Major opportunity missed.

Next meeting: Thursday April 13th