

Transition Wilmslow Summer Newsletter 2017

Welcome to our summer newsletter! There's lots going on in Wilmslow, and we are always very pleased to hear from you with suggestions as to what we might do to make Wilmslow a more sustainable community. Do follow us on social media or contact us directly via email.

Upcoming Dates:

All details are on the diary page of our website.

Saturday June 17th 10-4: We are joining with The Artisan Market , Cycle Wilmslow and the Quakers, with support from CEC, in the Wilmslow Great Get Together. This is a national initiative in memory of Jo Cox, aiming to bring communities together. So come along to our stall at the Market, contribute your Great Get Together selfie to a Wilmslow GGT artwork, wear red and white gingham if you dare! And demonstrate that we are One Wilmslow. **Join us on a Family Bike Ride, 2pm from the library (registration from 1.45pm).** Free!

Saturday June 24th 10-1:

The Other Side of Lindow Moss walk: all details in the diary page of the website with Eventbrite registration. Starts at The Plough and Flail Car Park 10am prompt and returning there at 1pm. Lovely walk across parts of the Moss you may not have seen before: do join us.

September 7th 7.30pm:

Steering Group. Please join us to help formulate our plans for 2017-18

Sunday September 24th 2-4pm: Tree Walk. Details will be on our diary page.

Saturday Nov 4th: Foraging with James Wood. Details will be on our website.

Friday 24th November 7.30pm Wilmslow Guild: The 2nd Transition Wilmslow Lecture: Professor Chris Baines Wildlife Gardening and the Wider Green Landscape. This is a great opportunity to hear the incredible Chris Baines, writer and broadcaster, talking about wildlife gardening and urban greening. Booking details will be on our diary page and on the Wilmslow Guild website very soon.

Energy Group:

The energy group will be undertaking house and business surveys again in the autumn and winter, so if you want to save energy and keep those bills down have a free survey! Contact us if you would like one.

The energy group organised an open meeting in March with Andrew Backhouse, Colin Farrelly from CEC and Mike Rance from Go-Lo Macclesfield.

Food Group:

The community garden in The Temp has been enlarged significantly and looks fantastic: do take a look! We have had lots of brownies, rainbows and beavers helping with planting, and it has been wonderful to share our enthusiasm for growing things with so many enthusiastic young people! In January we held a pruning day at our mini orchard in Meriton Park and our fruit trees in the Carrs look great. Let us know if there is anywhere else in Wilmslow you think would benefit from more fruit trees, or whether you have any advice for us as to how to get more people growing. The Community Garden will be part of this year's Wilmslow4Gold submission.

Foraging Events:

We organised another foraging event with James Wood from totallywilduk.co.uk in The Carrs in May. It was lovely to see so many people, particularly young children, enjoying a summer afternoon in the park with James, who is incredibly knowledgeable about plants and what we can do with them. We finished with a fabulous picnic of nettle soup...amazing to see children tucking in with such enthusiasm to something green with bits in! We have got another day with James planned on November 4th; this will be an all day event seeking out mushrooms. Booking details will be on the diary page of the website.

Wilmslow Walks:

We were lucky enough to get a grant of £600 from CEC's participatory budgeting scheme for a programme of Wilmslow Walks. The money will pay for our public liability insurance with some additional funds for printing and publicity. So far we have taken two brownie packs across Lindow Moss with another walk planned this month; we have organised a Handforth walk with the Time Out group in July, and our Lindow Moss walk on June 24th. We will have another tree walk in the autumn. Let us know if you can think of other groups who might enjoy a guided walk.

Environment and Planning:

Our E&P group have responded to a number of iterations of the Local Plan.

We will be responding to the Neighbourhood Plan collectively when it is out for consultation in the summer. Let us know if you would like to join us. We will be formulating our response on the basis of three cross cutting themes: climate change, health and wellbeing and disabled access.

Lindow Moss:

We have responded to further amendments to the Lindow Moss planning application, and hope that it might finally be heard by the Planning Committee this

summer. Our main concerns now are about how the community would be involved in the governance of a restored Moss (if that goes ahead) and who will eventually take on ownership. Restoration of the Moss would be an extraordinary opportunity for Wilmslow.

Tree Group:

We are planning another tree walk on 24 September (details will be on the website) and continue to work with other groups in Wilmslow to raise the importance of trees and green space in our town.

Communications:

In any group, getting the message out is vital. If you have ideas about how we could be more effective as a group, please let us know!

General Election 2017: Congratulations to everyone who stood as a candidate: it can't be easy and we are grateful for your service.

Paris Agreement: Donald Trump has announced he wishes to withdraw from the Paris Climate Change agreement. The only other countries not signed up to this agreement are Syria and Nicaragua (the latter because they feel Paris does not go far enough). It is heartening to see the very strong response of international leaders to this announcement and also the response of many civic and business leaders in the USA. The Larsen C ice shelf in Antarctica is about to break off, and it is predicted that the arctic will be ice free by 2040: so this is a real issue and there is no time to lose.

Please get in contact if you would like to join us or have suggestions as to how you would like to see Wilmslow develop as a more sustainable community.