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Transition Town Haslemere – Cllr Matthes

News from Transition Haslemere (TH) are that they continue to meet back at The Mill, Shottermiill Road, for green drinks. Find them in the Garden Room at the pub from 7.30pm first Thursday of each month. Here's more....

Reapplication for cycle stand grant



TH will be taking their application for a grant to install cycle stands around the town back to Haslemere Town Council at the meeting on Thursday 23 September. They have responded to the council's concerns and have garnered further evidence of support from a wide variety of businesses, organisations and individuals.

Notable tree walk



Last Saturday, as part of the Haslemere Walking Festival, Chair Clive Davidson led this 2 hour walk visiting fastigiated hornbeams, giant redwoods, swamp cypresses that show their knees, a magnificent cedar of the Lebanon, a 350-year old oak and many other notable and unusual trees – all within a mile radius of Haslemere town centre.

Otter visits Haslemere



In the TH newsletter this month Andy Rothwell reports on an exciting result of Haslemere Biodiversity Project's riparian mammal monitoring programme:

"A lovely surprise was waiting to be discovered on the monitoring raft positioned at Hammer Bottom on 16th August. An otter spraint (dung) was found on the raft lid. It was approximately three weeks old, consisting entirely of fish bones from bullhead and stickleback.

It is likely that it was a transient animal exploring the vast range of its territory. It may be a juvenile looking to set up its own patch. Many streams have been in spate as a result of heavy rains. In such conditions otters will often use smaller tributaries and upper reaches of river systems to find food. Only time will tell if the otter will stick around."

Food festival

TH will have a stall at the Haslemere Food Festival. Among the offerings will be ice cream, olives, veg, pies, beer, wine and gin, as well as a bar and live music. Save packaging by bringing your own bags. 10am-4pm Saturday 18 September on Lion Green.

If you'd like to know more, get involved or receive the monthly newsletter, email info@transitionhaslemere.org

TRANSITION HASLEMERE – a brief reminder...

Transition Haslemere is a local voluntary group taking action on **climate change** and the **long-term sustainability** of our environment for ourselves, our children and the generations to come.

We are part of the international Transition Town movement that encourages communities to come together to develop local practical solutions to the challenges of climate change and sustainability. The key characteristic of a transition town initiative is that it comes from the **community**.

Haslemere Active Travel / Haslemere Health Group – Cllr Weldon

Haslemere Active Travel.

The group have replied in full to the questions raised at the last council meeting about their grant application, and have resubmitted that application.

Together with Cllr Robini, they are consulting with Surrey Highways to improve pedestrian access across Tanners Lane, to benefit both the residents of Redwood Manor, and pedestrians going to or from the station.

The data sub-group have almost completed initial training with the necessary software, and will soon begin actual data collection for submission in support of an LCWIP (Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan) grant funding application

They are continuing to work with local community groups to build support for a 20mph speed limit across the town.

They have been in contact with NHS Property Services about cycle racks at the Health Centre and the hospital, and have found them to be supportive. They will also be discussing with NHS Property Services the need to create an off road path for pedestrian access to the Health Centre along Church Lane.

For Haslemere Health Group, there is nothing to report. The group has been dormant since their chairman suddenly resigned a short while ago, from the post and from the group. There has been nothing done to find a replacement, and email discussion among members has suggested it may be time to disband.