

Walking Festival (Cllr Dullaway) – Cllr Dullaway has met with Antoinette from Visit Haslemere and preparations are underway. It would be worth reminding councillors of the date but there is nothing else to report.

Transition Town Haslemere (Cllr Matthes) - I have been attending Transition Haslemere meetings for about two years so I was very happy to become Link Rep between HTC and Transition Haslemere!

Transition Haslemere has a level of involvement with several community-led initiatives that go on locally, not least of which has been the Critical Mass Cycle Rides that have taken place twice since May. These cycling events state the following aim:

‘We want everyone (including kids, teenagers, families and older folk) to feel able to cycle in Haslemere. .Cycling has great health benefits, and it is good for the environment. Yet it is poorly provided for and feels unsafe in Haslemere at the moment. We think if there is better, safer provision, more people would feel able to cycle in our lovely town.’

I attended both these uplifting Cycle events and on the first one was hosting Green Party MEP candidate Alexandra Phillips (now elected) – she brought her Brompton bike and joined in and even appears in the following short video of the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/624406354698317/permalink/629427827529503?sfns=mo>

Transition Haslemere raises funds for its activities by selling secondhand books at the monthly Farmers Market in Haslemere High Street. In June, it took its bookstall to the Farnham Sustainability Fair and I joined them for a shift on the stand where I was fortunate enough to chat with a number of interesting people. The Fair was fascinating, and I attended talks on biodiversity and wildflower areas, sustainable transport and cycling infrastructure.

I also attended Transition Haslemere’s monthly meet up which featured a talk from one of its highly knowledgeable members on Zero Carbon Britain.

A few weeks ago I went to the Love Haslemere Hate Waste launch and sat in the audience with Transition Haslemere members, the launch prompting much discussion of actions that could be taken to encourage reuse, renewing and recycling of plastics and other waste in our community.

Early in July, Transition Haslemere held its annual barbecue at Speckled Wood at Swan Barn. It was a warm, sunny evening in a stunning setting and I deeply felt how lucky we are to live in Haslemere surrounded by so much natural beauty. I am really glad to have this opportunity to be the link rep between Haslemere Town Council and Transition Town Haslemere and really hope that these two pillars of Haslemere life can continue to work together on projects in the future.

A couple more pics below.....



Haslemere Hall (Cllr Dear) – Haslemere Hall continues to be a success under the leadership of the impressive Howard Bicknell and his team.

There was a small financial surplus for the year to the end of March and the “Spend a Penny” lavatory refurbishment project has begun, with back of house work being now complete.

Work on the front of house WCs will start on 29th July, meaning that the August programme will be restricted and intervals between shows will be extended. The Hall will have some money from the Tesco ‘Bags of Help’ fund, although some additional money will be required to finish the job.

Other work going on inside includes redecorating dressing rooms and replacing blinds in the auditorium which are now out-dated. This will cost a good deal of money though.

The lack of signage on the building is being looked into although the old “Haslemere Hall” letters were removed before the rest of them fell off.

I have suggested that we could offer advertising space on our own toilet building if the Hall wished and this is being considered. They’ve had problems with their sign outside the old HSBC bank being vandalised, but this has now stopped.

Finally, please note that the Hall’s agreed a deal with the White Horse which will offer 20% off food and drink on production of a tickets for that night’s performance.

Beacon Hill and Hindhead Focus Group (Cllr Whitby) - The Beacon Hill and Hindhead focus group is to coordinate various activities in the Beacon Hill and Hindhead area. It is active in organising the village fete in September. Projects underway are the reduction of speed limits through the village, repurposing the telephone box and air raid shelter. Also looking at the placement of a post box within the village as our previous one had been taken away when Beacon Hill post office moved. Grover Garden clean-up is another project underway with the help from PGL.

Love Haslemere Hate Waste (Cllr Lloyd) - The LHHW launch event was attended by a full house at Haslemere Museum on 12th June, with great energy and engagement from all residents in attendance. Primary goal is to achieve “Plastic-Free Community” status under the Surfers Against Sewage scheme. Tesco have been contacted to host a “great unwrap” next month. After plastics, the ultimate campaign plan will be to focus in sequence on food, clothes, water and energy.