



TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

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February 2019 Newsletter



Orchard Group 2019 Plans

Following a very successful 2018 when we completed the orchard and wildlife trail and installed information tiles at five key orchards, the [Orchard Group](#) met in January to agree plans for 2019. To date we have planned orchard care events (23rd February, 2nd March, 16th March) and activities, participating in the [Chepstow Walking Festival](#), supporting [Chepstow Apple Day](#) and creating a family event in one of the orchards. If you'd like to help with any activities, email Marcus via orchards@transitionchepstow.org.uk.

Food Group Future

After 10 years, the [Food Group](#) is taking a break. Some of our key activities will live on as [Apple Day](#) involvement and the town planters upkeep will move under the new enhanced [Orchard Group](#).

Thank you to everyone who has made the group and its projects so successful. If we come across interesting local food projects and news we will continue to share these via the Transition Chepstow [Facebook](#) site and newsletter.

Transition Chepstow Annual General Meeting

*Monday, 11th March 2019, 7.30pm
Regency Room, The Beaufort Hotel
St Mary's Street, Chepstow*

All welcome to a brief report on Transition Chepstow's activities in the past year, plans for the future and election of [Steering Group](#) members and Officers. you would like to take on a role in the Steering Group for a year, please contact info@transitionchepstow.org.uk by 5th March 2018.

Walking the Chepstow Orchard and Wildlife Trail

Saturday, 27th April 2019, 2pm

Meeting at Tourist Information Centre

Transition Chepstow members can join this walk for free in this year's Chepstow Walking Festival. Visit walksinchepstow.co.uk for details and booking.

Energy Network Meetings

Interested in sustainable energy? Join us for an [Energy Group](#) meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at the Beaufort Hotel, in Chepstow. Upcoming dates: 6th March and 3rd April 2018.

Contact: energy@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Wales

Read the consultation and submit your comments by 4th March 2019 on the draft climate change adaptation plan for Wales at <https://beta.gov.wales/climate-change-adaptation-plan-for-wales>.



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Chepstow Litter Summit

More than 70 people attended Litter Summit organised by the [Plastic Free](#) Campaign and the [Litter](#) Group, working with Chepstow Town Council at the Drill Hall in Chepstow on Thursday 17th January 2019.

There were keynote presentations from Wayne Dixon and Koda - Ambassadors for Keep Britain Tidy, Jemma Bere - Keep Wales Tidy, Gill Bell - the Marine Conservation Society and Sue Parkinson - Monmouthshire County Council.



The main part of the meeting was separate discussions in three groups that contained a mixture of people and addressed the same four questions:

- Why does littering occur and what do we know about litter in Chepstow?
- What can be done to reduce the amount of material that is regularly littered?
- How can we encourage people not to drop litter and how can the recycling and safe disposal of waste be made easier?
- How best can we follow up to see what progress, if any, has been made?

A key conclusion was that litter in Chepstow is everyone's responsibility and if we want to live in a cleaner and healthier environment we all have to take action. We hope to take the recommendations forward in a number of areas, including working with the Town Council and Monmouthshire County Council to improve the management of litter bins, and with schools, businesses and local community groups to help remove litter from our streets and open areas.



We are planning to participate in the [Spring Clean Cymru](#) campaign that is being led by Keep Wales Tidy. Between 22nd March and 23rd April we hope to have a number of activities to reduce litter in our town and to make it really welcoming for visitors, especially those coming for the Walking Festival starting on 24th April.

If you would like to help or for more information please contact either Chepstow Town Council or Plastic Free Chepstow at: plasticfree@transitionchepstow.org.uk.

You can also read a detailed [report of the Chepstow Litter Summit](#).





January Litter Pick

On Saturday, 19th January we held the first of the monthly [litter picks](#) for 2019. A total of 13 adults, including Councillor Paul Pavia, and three children came along on a drizzly morning to clear litter from Piggies Hill and the surrounding streets. The group collected five bags of general waste, and recycled two bags of cans, three bags of plastic and one of glass, not to mention a street sign, an old umbrella, a very large wine glass and a traffic cone!



"It's really good to see so many people turning out for the first litter pick of 2019. We left the park in great shape and I hope it stays that way - I hope it will make people think twice before they drop drink cans or crisp packets. A number of people stopped to tell us that they regularly pick up litter there and I hope others will do the same. Litter is the responsibility of all of us."

Graham Eele
Plastic Free Chepstow Coordinator

Join us for the next Transition Chepstow and Plastic Free Chepstow Litter Pick on **16th February at 10 am** - we are meeting at Tenby Lane car park in Thornwell.

