

*Environment Plymouth 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018*

# FEEDBACK



Many thanks to Coral Smith and the team from the Wembury Marine Centre who hosted our nurdle hunt and rockpool ramble on the 16<sup>th</sup> August...and to everyone who turned up to enjoy it !

The Feedback from July 2018 was adopted with no amendments

Contact Jackie on [young.urbanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:young.urbanagenda@gmail.com) for more info on all EP matters

## *Our Next Meetings*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September :**

**10am for networking**

**10.30am start**

10am for a 10.30am start. Upstairs at the Oggy Oggy Pasty Shop, 161 Armada Way. We welcome Harry Barton from the Devon Wildlife Trust to discuss the links between Dartmoor's habitats and wildlife and the City.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October :**

**10am for networking**

**10.30am start**

Upstairs at the Oggy Oggy Pasty shop, 161 Armada Way.

Plymouth's Trees

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm**

Venue and topic to be agreed

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10am :**

A Year of Plastic Action

Venue to be announced.

## *What's On ?*

### *Green Book Club :*

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Babbage 002 at the University. 6.30pm to 8.00pm. "The New Wild – Why Invasive Species will be Nature's Salvation " by Fred Pearce. Discussion hosted by Dr Alison Smith.

### *Drowning in Plastic :*

A PERFORMANCE

## DROWNING



Photo courtesy of Laura Joint

in  
PLASTIC

*Near Smeatons Tower on Plymouth Hoe*

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 12, 1.30, 3 + 4.30pm**  
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

Come and join in!

See Plymouth Against Plastic on Facebook for more information



## *Our Very Own 'Seaside Special'*

### *Nurdle Hunting and Rockpool Rambling at Wembury on 16<sup>th</sup> August*

Sorry for the lack of photos.....they wouldn't download properly !

We weren't disappointed with our visit to Wembury for this month's meeting. The threatened rain held off, it was warm and sunny and great fun. Wembury's long established protected status makes it one of the best beaches in the South West for rockpooling and it really helped having the team from the Wembury Marine Centre to guide us through the rocks....many thanks to Coral and the team...and to Doug Herdson for his insights too !

We started with a 20 minutes 'nurdle hunt'. Nurdles are the tiny pieces of plastic that are then processed in to plastic products but, unfortunately, together with biobeads that are used in water treatment, they frequently turn up on beaches; mingling with the sand. Wembury beach appears to be lucky. We were told that not many nurdles have been found there but we still managed to find a few. Next time we may visit Bovisand or Jennycliff where the problem is much worse. To those who inhabit the marine environment, nurdles can look like food so they are often ingested. Whilst looking for the nurdles we also undertook a beach clean; finding all sorts of plastic items from cigarette butts to ropes, netting, packaging and carrier bags – all in various states of degradation. Sadly we also found a deceased compass jelly fish !

Moving on to the rock pools we were rewarded with a huge variety of life – the anemones, fish, crabs, molluscs and seaweeds that all contribute to this amazingly rich environment. One particularly lovely find was a Snakeshead Anemone; its green arms coloured by the algae that it supports. We also found juvenile Gobies (fish), 'pea crabs' and shrimps. It was very enlightening and great fun and it really emphasised how important it is to keep the blue environment free of plastic and other forms of pollution. We will be doing this again !

## *Our GDPR Policy !*

Here's the formal page ! Following its introduction in May, a Data Protection Policy for the Activities connected with Environment Plymouth was needed. This is based on a trusted version from a partner network and has been included here as this newsletter goes to everyone on the email list.

" This policy covers the mailings we undertake in co-ordinating the Environment Plymouth network and its associated Working Groups and campaigns. It includes the organisation of meetings, workshops and field trips, co-ordinating responses and sharing outputs, and supporting the individuals and organisations which share our objectives. Environment Plymouth is a not-for-profit strategic network. This data protection policy describes our approach to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); it includes the following elements:

- 1. Personal data held:** For routine formal correspondence we use email only. We hold the name, email address and in some cases organisation details of our contacts, with permission in our Members Directory. It is our policy to hold as little personal data as possible on our contacts and to make our policy and processes as transparent as possible. Permission to hold this information is sought via our Membership Forms.
- 2. Risk Assessment:** From our understanding of the GDPR regulations the data we hold would be a low risk information in relation to our contacts. The personal data held is not shared. Emails are circulated using the 'blind copy' option and permission to share is always sought.
- 3. Unsubscribing :** We have no desire to send people unwanted emails. If you wish to unsubscribe from the group please contact the Environment Plymouth co-ordinator Jackie Young ( [jyoung.urbanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:jyoung.urbanagenda@gmail.com) ) who will remove your details.
- 4. Subscribing:** From May 2018 onward all new subscribers to the network will be made aware of the Environment Plymouth data protection policy together with our Terms of Reference and Membership Code of Conduct.
- 5. Using social media :** Environment Plymouth operates two Facebook pages – one for general information (Environment Plymouth) and a members group that allows for discussion (Environment Plymouth Discussion Group). As these are essentially public networks a regular review is undertaken of posts. We encourage users not to share personal details on these pages – contacting the Co-ordinator if contact is required. We encourage healthy debate but posts that breach our Terms of Reference and/or Code of Conduct or are likely to cause offence will be removed and further action taken if required.
- 6. Other Questions** Should you have any other questions concerning our work and data protection issues please contact the data controller and we will try our best to help you with these.



## *FINANCES MATTER !*

First the good news !.....Environment Plymouth has secured a further £9920 from Awards for All to develop the network, support our campaigns and underpin the meetings, workshops, field trips and events we'd like to provide over the next year...so if you have any ideas for something we can add in to the programme

please let Jackie know !

**IMPORTANT ! : Although we can access and manage our accounts properly we are in desperate need of a Treasurer to keep an eye on the financial decision making within our Steering Group. It won't be an onerous role but it will be a very valued one. If you are interested please get in touch !**



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We will soon be sending out details of a talk by environmentalist Tony Juniper which is taking place at the University on the 5<sup>th</sup> October as a joint event for the Devon Wildlife Trust and the Sustainable Earth Institute.

Tickets will be £10.00

Luke Pollard MP is holding his second 'Brexit' Workshop on the 6<sup>th</sup> September (details are being checked).

Details of the Marine Conservation Society's Big Beach Clean in September will be circulated along with further details of events for Recycling Week in late September.

The Seafood Festival will be on the Barbican on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September.

If anyone has events they would like us to circulate please get in touch with Jackie on [iyoung.urbanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:iyoung.urbanagenda@gmail.com)



## Plastic Free Plymouth Waterfront

OK...we've got all sorts of things going on that, in some cases, will need your help (as Jackie is going to be on holiday!).

**Fresher's Week 2018** : Our chance to recruit a whole new bunch of Community Ambassadors ! Thanks to those who have let me know already but if anyone can help with the following events please get in touch as the details are being finalised.

**Plymouth College of Art & Design** : Two events on 6<sup>th</sup> September at Palace Court between 11.45hrs and 14.00hrs and 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Tavistock Place (main campus) between 10.45hrs and 14.30hrs.

**Plymouth University** : 18<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00hrs and 16.00hrs. Venue to be advised.

**University College of St Mark & St John** : Details to be confirmed but possibly the 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> during the day.

**Pioneer Workshops** : Two on the Barbican (places still available) and one at Plumer House (with Plymouth Community Homes) on September 11<sup>th</sup> (focused audience).

**Tuesday 4th September**, 10.30hrs to 12.30hrs, Upstairs at the Boston Tea Party on the Barbican, Plymouth.

If this is the workshop you'd like to attend then please click on the link below to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/plastic-surgery-how-to-go-plastic-free-workshop-1-tickets-48687827603>

**Thursday 6th September** between 3.00pm and 5.00pm, Upstairs at the Boston Tea Party on the Barbican, Plymouth. To book this workshop please click the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/plastic-surgery-how-to-go-plastic-free-workshop-2-tickets-48687882768>

**Community Events** : Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, St Budeaux Church Community Hall, Higher St Budeaux, PL5 2HN, 10.00hrs to 12.00hrs. With Plymouth Churches Green Action.

Watch this space and the Plastic Free Plymouth Sound Facebook page for more information : See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140911630099135/>