Bigbury Island Assembly Notes

Splits into green (leafy) and energy/infrastructure projects.

Need separate groups to focus on each of the above.

Local actions and pressures are key, no use just waiting for top down measures.

Use statutory authorities for the tasks they can do best e.g. setting up legal entities etc.

Sustainable South Hams for networking, aim to work with Parish Councils on blue print for community engagement. **Sign up Parish Council**

Biodiversity

Jonathan Smith: Scilly Organics and Farm Net Zero (Cornwall)

Farmers and landowners are crucial in managing habitat (wildlife corridors, hedgerows), carbon sequestration, and local food production.

Need to engage with local farmers and landowners find out what is happening already.

SHDC Sustainability Fund -**discuss with Cllr Taylor**

Links with farmers**: need local contacts**

Link with DWT. NB Avon Valley Project led by Lynne Kenderdine.

 Representative of DWT community team to visit this month. Discuss work on the Erme.

Energy/Infrastructure

Peter Brown: Yealm Energy Community. Example of provision of solar power to provide energy and feed into circular economy. **Invite to meet with us**

Als Parker: Devon Energy Collective- Potential for increased community owned energy, including more onshore energy. Build –Own- Benefit

New project for REGEN funded by DCC to identify sites- requires 5+ acres of available land.

Advice on grid capacity for electric charging. **Invite to meet with us**

Mark Hodgson: Co Cars -Electric vehicle car club "Creating Space for People"

Potential site in Modbury. **Would carry out survey for us, ask Parish Council to invite.**

Other points from informal discussions: Domestic energy use: costs and making homes more energy efficient. Infra-red cameras to capture picture, could possibly borrow from other council. Useful to give visual feedback but as part of process- advice on what to do. Needs partnership with e.g. South Devon Energy advisers.

Water quality: Representatives from groups including Till the Coast is Clear but not focussed on in this assembly. How to approach/publicise the issue. **Discuss at Mod WAG meeting with reference to the Erme.**