

Steering Group Meeting – 9th September 2014

Present: Joe Botting (chair), Peter Coleridge, Geoff Greaves, Di Greaves, Nick Talbott, Lucy Muir, Sally Bramhall, Alan Fay

1. Arising from minutes of August steering group

Funding

Joe investigated funding opportunities but both had expired.

Discussion of “Economics of Happiness”.

Was an opportunity missed to manage the discussion better? Consider a maximum of 45 minutes for films to be discussed in social meetings to allow time for discussion.

Agree to invite members to run “Slow Sunday” equivalents during the winter with a focus on films/books etc. To be advertised to all members, but held in private venues.

Radnor Fringe

Radnor Fringe donated space, for which the steering group records their thanks. The stand focused on Repair Café on Saturday, Freegle on Sunday and Knitting on Monday.

Slow Sundays

Action: Joe to propose date for “Earth History” walk.

PAVO training courses

David Strachan has agreed to review the PAVO material and advise on opportunities.

Action: Geoff to make appropriate email changes.

2. Social meeting programme: September and future meetings

September meeting – Judy Dennison – Food Security and using “Future Learn”

Action: Di to provide information on Judy's presentation to Lucy for publicity.

October 28th meeting - Jasper Roberts

Actions: Joe/Lucy will host the meeting. Peter to provide Di and Alan with resume and information on Jasper Roberts talk to go to PTLCC. Town Council to be invited. Other groups to be contacted – Green Party, FoE Wales, etc.

November meeting

Action: Sally to see if Simone can confirm, and let Peter know outcome. If Simone is not available Peter will invite Tim Coleridge for the 25th. If Simone confirms, Tim to be invited for January 2015 meeting.

Future possibilities: revisit Time Bank, Car share, Skills hub, Hebdon Bridge – community engagement/transformation.

3. Repair Café update

Guardian reporter is attending next session. Invitations have been issued widely.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Di, Martina and Alan have reviewed the feedback form in the light of the Transition Evaluation work. Any funding from the evaluation work will go initially to support the Repair Café project. Alan to be invited to the review meeting following the September Repair Café.

4. Other urgent business

Need to formally invite a new town council rep to replace Hilary Macauley who has resigned from the Council.

Action: Nick to check that Ron is on Activists list.

5. TLT Future Directions

The following topics were raised during discussions:

General objectives

Focus on projects that will make a difference

Spin off independent projects

Involving more of the community:

Work with / appeal to younger age groups

Work with schools – project based work

Work with young farmers groups

Engaging with other groups

Offering to support other groups' projects with guidance, funding, practical assistance.

Building basic skills.

Building community – helping introduce and involve people in activities related to Transition

Promote Permaculture principles

Potential project activities

Training directory

Car Share

Tool Bank

Facilitating interchange of services / skills / LETS type

Local currency

Local Enterprises, Community Companies

Energy generation – local energy company

Llandrindod Community Orchard

Local Food / Incredible Edible

Transition Streets

Organising and/or Promoting Events like May Fair, Apple Day, Alley Bash, Potato Day
Eco Homes day/week/weekend
Continue with successful monthly social meeting format
Continue to offer talks about Transition to local groups

Organisational Development

Transition Training – THRIVE
Communications review
Web Site strategy
Find a new name – something more obviously meaningful
Encourage more people to get involved in the organisation
Permaculture introduction for potential community leaders eg Town Council
Exchange visits/exchange of ideas with other Transition groups

Meeting closed 9.35pm