

TLT Steering Group 14th July 2014

Present: Lucy Muir (chair), Cllr Chris Carmichael, Joe Botting, Geoff Greaves, Di Greaves, Hilary Macaulay, Sally Bramhall, Nick Talbott, Alan Macnaughton (SWEA)

Apologies: Peter Coleridge, Diana Berriman, Ali Lloyd Jones

SWEA – REW project

The Chair welcomed Alan to the meeting.

Alan gave an overview of the REW scheme, which applies right across Wales. Alan's work covers the SWEA area which includes parts of England as well. His role involves working with community projects that measurably reduce carbon – the larger the project the more likely it is that SWEA can become involved.

SWEA can help with producing "Opportunity reports", for example when there is potential for energy saving investment in community-owned buildings. SWEA could help with surveys and preparing business cases for investment in changing energy installations. But support is also available for any scheme that can show carbon reduction, for example by changing energy or resource use habits.

Alan expects that in the future SWEA may be putting more resource into schemes that support domestic take-up and opportunities for community energy generation.

Action: Nick to add Alan's email to the TLT Discussion list

Arising from minutes of June meeting

Timebank: Di is currently acting as liaison but would like to involve someone else.

Action: volunteer to be invited to take on the coordination role in monthly news update.

Stephanie Bradley's Transition Tales was greatly appreciated.

Action: Di to check that Jane Bles gets added to repair café mailing list

Social Meeting programme

July meeting: Agree to show Forest Garden Year film

Action: Nick to make arrangements and provide Lucy with publicity info.

August meeting: Provisional - Alan Macnaughton will talk about REW and related programmes.

Action: Nick to liaise with Alan to confirm

September meeting: Andrew Twigger - Emergency Planning and Local Resilience in Powys.

Action: Di/Nick to liaise with Andrew.

October and future meetings – SOUP? Anita Lear – animated eco films? Elan Valley Biochar project?

PTLCC liaison

PTLCC Conference update: The conference will be jointly run by PTLCC and the Transition Network REconomy team and will be held on Saturday 17th October 2015 in the Metropole Hotel. Mary Mellor is confirmed as the keynote speaker.

A Winter Training programme is being agreed. It will include THRIVE training for mature groups.

Action: Di to circulate a summary of training proposals.

Slow Sunday events

Trosnant – 18 people attended, including many who have not previously attended Transition meetings.

Action: Nick to enquire where people heard about the event

Repair Cafe update

There has been good local paper coverage for the café this weekend.. Preparations for the anniversary event include opening with Town Crier and cutting the cake by the Mayor at 3:00pm.

Action: Joe to remind fixperts to bring a demonstration piece to work on during the event.

Eco Homes event

Funding has been agreed for the project. The main work is for TLT to identify more properties that can be included in the list of homes to visit.

Action: Nick to make contact with suggested contacts: Jan & Dave, Heather & Kelvin, Mag Richards, Bob & Judy, Nick Salt, Robby Gibbins, Geoff & Di (Ventrolla Windows), local builders

Community Orchard proposal

Joe introduced the proposal. The current status is that PCC are in principle willing to consider the concept subject to identifying a lead organisation to take a lease and manage the project long term. RWT would support but do not want to be the responsible body.

Hilary stated that Friends of the Rock Park would probably be willing to be lead organisation to manage the project.

Di reminded the group that TLT's current constitution would not allow it to take on a lease and recommended the "Community Orchards Handbook".

Agreed: that TLT is willing to support the project though can not act as lead organisation.

Action: Joe and Lucy to attend meeting with FoR to discuss further.

Event list circulation

Agreed that job opportunity from Riversimple can be included in monthly event list to members.

Agreed that the newsletter and/or the website might carry appropriate advertising as a service to members.

Action: Nick and Di to draft a proposal for consideration at August steering group.

Town Council update

Chris reported on a number of issues including the newly re-opened toilet block and refurbishment work to the Grotto.

AOB

Regeneration Plan

Sally and Di are meeting with Chris Jones (formerly with Miller Research) concerning the Llandrindod Regeneration plan and in particular the lakeside area. (Arranged by Jude Boutle)

Action: Di to circulate a copy of TLT's response to the original consultation in 2013.

Spa Town Trust

An invitation has been received for TLT to participate in discussions on a new business plan for the Trust. We were unable to attend the first meeting due to it clashing with the Steering Group meeting and are awaiting an invitation on another occasion.

Green Man Garden

Sally asked for a help with weeding and managing. There is some fruit to collect. Compost

materials will need to be taken away. There is still a need for a proper sign for the garden.

Agreed: to issue invite to TLT members on Sunday 26th at 11:00am.

Agreed: in principle to fund a sign for up to £50.

Action: Sally to seek design proposal.

Meeting closed at 9:35pm. Next meeting 11th August.