

TLT Steering Group Meeting – November 10th 2015

Present: Peter Coleridge (chair), Sally Bramhall, Joe Botting, Hilary Macaulay, Nick Talbott

Apologies: Cllr Chris Carmichael, David Strachan, Lucy Muir

Actions from October minutes

Nick/Di: Action to report on advertising via TLT website and email lists is still outstanding

Social Meeting programme

November meeting: Permaculture short films

Action: Peter to ask Angela to lead discussion

January 26th: PTLCC conference video - One Planet Development

Action: Nick to produce promotional material

February 23rd:

Agree to invite Ray Wood to talk about “The web of life: why biodiversity matters” or Charlotte Spring to talk on “Food Waste”

Action: Sally to approach Ray and Charlotte and confirm with whoever can make the date

March 22nd:

Agree to invite Peter McFadyan, Mayor of Frome, to talk about “Flatpack Democracy”

Action: Peter to check availability for March

Arising:

Protomax plastic recycling - could Boys and Boden (or other local company) do something similar to recycle plastic film waste that is now having to go to landfill?

Action: Peter to find out more about the plant needed for producing the recycled sheets to see if it could be done on a local scale. Steering group to consider how this could be taken forward. (Assistance from Jasper Roberts so set up local recycling plant?)

Other ideas for meetings/speakers

Satish Kumar – Recent book: “Soil, Soul and Society”

Stretton Climate Care – Nick to follow up what they can do.

War on Waste - Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall – Food waste programmes

Community Opportunities Report

The report was welcomed. All opportunities identified were agreed to be appropriate and desirable Transition activities. There is concern about where the resource can be found to take the ideas forward. Need to find other local people/organisations to take up the ideas.

Agree to keep this on the agenda for future meetings.

Repair Café update

Noted that there is a willingness to hold events in the interim until for full Repair Cafe resumes in April 2016, but that currently no-one is able to commit to lead on the organisation of an event.

The future of the Rock Park building remains uncertain. Should this not be available, consider use of the Co-op alley as venue (alongside other possible locations).

Action: Joe to email RC group to consider interim event in February.

Community Orchard update

Joe, Lucy and Hilary recently had a very useful 'brainstorming' meeting with Jude Boutle, and Jude is trying to put together a list of emails of local businesses and organisations for our email mailshot inviting sponsors. She also intends to sponsor a tree, an apple "The Champion", when she comes back from Costa Rica.

Hilary produced draft press release and wording for a poster for consideration by Joe & Lucy.

Two planting sessions have now been done. A "Sponsor a tree " scheme is being set up.

Need to arrange a compost bin construction session (Nick can provide a number of suitable pallets.)

Action: Joe to get info for November "update" to Nick.

PTLCC update

Action: Nick to approach Alan / Sally for updates.

Action: Nick to circulate info on transition training dates

Refugee situation

Peter will continue to monitor the situation and in particular how other communities are providing support.

TLT AGM

Agree to hold the AGM at the start of the regular steering group meeting in February.

Other urgent business

Agree to include info on Dol-llys housing co-op vacancy in November "update".

Action: Joe to provide form of words to go in the "update" on encouraging more TLT activists.

Action: Sally to provide info to go in the "update" on a proposal to run the Herb Garden Café as a community enterprise.