

TLT Steering Group Meeting - 8th March 2016

Present: Lucy Muir (chair), Cllr Chris Carmichael, Geoff Greaves, Hilary Macaulay, Peter Hack, Flo Greaves, Joie Parris, Lis Talbott, Nick Talbott, Alan Fay, Sally Owen

Apologies: Sally Bramhall, George Watts, David Strachan, Peter Coleridge, Joe Botting

Arising from February Meetings

Agreed that all actions from the February meeting would be dealt with under later Agenda items

Social Meeting Programme

March meeting.

Posters for the talk on Natural Beekeeping were distributed.

Action: Nick to correct leaflets and arrange distribution.

April Meeting.

Sally Bramhall had attempted to contact Charlotte Spring but had not had a response.

Action: Sally to continue attempts to make arrangements with Charlotte

May meeting.

Tools for Self Reliance (TFSR) have confirmed that Ian Jones will speak on 24th May.

Agreed that scope for links between TFSR and the Repair Café should be investigated.

Action: Nick to check with TFSR whether they have any established contacts with other groups in this area,

Future meetings.

Joe and Lucy have offered to give an updated talk on climate change, for perhaps June or July meeting.

Sally Owen was be invited to give a talk about medicinal and culinary uses of plants. Perhaps linked to a "Slow Sunday" herbal walk?

Action: Sally Owen to respond to invitaton

Action: Joie to look into films that are available. All to consider possible speakers.

Time taken to prepare and serve drinks at the start of meetings.

With larger numbers at social meetings, the delay starting meetings is becoming an issue.

Agreed to offer a reduced range of drinks and provide more assistance to Sally for making drinks.

Action: Lis to ask on Freegle for catering size teapot.

Greeting people on arrival at meetings, and increasing engagement with TLT activities

Agreed: Lis and Joie will greet people on arrival. All to engage with new visitors.

Repair Café Update.

The increased charges for using the Rock Park and building works make this venue unavailable for the early part of the season. The Celf Centre wish to support the Repair Cafe and have offered the use of the building for a concessionary rate of £12 per session (plus £10 deposit). The Celf Centre has therefore been booked for April, May and June Cafés.

Action: The Repair Café subgroup to organise a leaflet distribution in the areas around the Celf Centre. TLT will fund printing. Chris, Sally, Joie and Hilary volunteered to assist with leafleting.

Action: Repair Café group to meet to agree keyholders for Celf, plan for volunteer recruitment, arrange printing of household leaflet and to organise distribution.

Community Orchard

Financial arrangements are being made through Friends of Rock Park. The group is researching local sources for fruit trees. Local businesses have been approached for sponsorship yielding 15 sponsors so far with more expected. The Town Council have provided grant of £500 for signs.

A launch event is planned provisionally for the end of March. Assistance with catering is sought.

Action: The Community Orchard subgroup to provide details of the launch as soon as possible.

May Fair

The Metropole has been booked at a concessionary rate. The Fair will be in the two large front rooms to the left of the reception. A stallholders list is being produced and invitations will be issued. The Youth Market have agreed to take an area which they will manage and will provide music.

The new Pavilion group will be organising the Food and Beer Festival this year and have agreed to continue to jointly promote the two events.

Agreed an initial budget of £400 to cover publicity and venue costs

Action: Geoff to establish a working group.

Action: Nick to circulate task list from last year.

Pull-up display stand

Agreed to fund printing of banner for the "pull-up" display.

Action: Nick to draft design including photos of what we do. David Strachan to be asked to advise on production and advise if recycled plastics are available.

PTLCC Update

Alan described the Arwain funding streams which will provide £5 million for Powys over 5 years. Funding can meet revenue costs but not capital.

Action: Nick to circulate links/information with minutes.

PTLCC Winter School

Sally Owen reported on the three workshops. THRIVE, Real World Economics and Permaculture for Transition Organisations.

Action: Nick to circulate info from Real World Economics.

Action: Lis to circulate project "checklist".

Agreed to try a "how are we feeling" exercise at start of next meeting. (Lis to lead.)

Agreed to arrange a special session around THRIVE / Personal Resilience to involve steering group members (but open to all). Consider involving MIND.

Action: Joie/Geoff/Lis to come up with proposals for a session to share their learning from the Permaculture for Transition course with the Steering Group and to include material on Personal Resilience perhaps with input from MIND. (This to be a special meeting, not combined with a regular steering group meeting.)

Introduction to Permaculture

Lis reported that the first course had been fully subscribed and that a second course arranged in response to the demand in April is now also fully booked. PTLCC agreed to provide a guarantee against loss to TLT for running the course. The first course actually yielded a small surplus.

Proposal by George Watts to establish Monthly Permaculture group

Agreed that the proposal be supported and the George's offer to initiate the group be warmly welcomed.

Action: George to lead work to establish the group along the lines proposed.

Liason with Mighty Conversation and Timebank

Flo reported back on the initial Mighty Conversation meeting. 40 people attended. Ideas for better joint working were discussed. Nick and maybe Flo will attend the next meeting on Thursday 10th.

Action: Flo to send the "ideas list" generated by first meeting to Nick to circulate with minutes.

A meeting has been arranged by Sam Evans on a Powys-wide Time Credits Visioning Day on Thursday March 17th. The meeting will be facilitated by SPICE, a UK-wide social enterprise that helps organisations to work collaboratively. Nick will attend. Others are welcome to do so.

Action: Nick to circulate meeting details and report back.

TLT Twitter account

No steering group members present felt they could take this on.

Agreed to ask if anyone is interested in the March-April "Update", and to close the account if there was no interest.

PAVO Briefings

Agreed to ask David to continue reviewing, but only to circulate information that is directly relevant to TLT activities.

Community Opportunities Report

Action: Nick to convene separate meeting to discuss community energy project. The group to see if any projects could be taken forward under the LEADER programme (Arwain).

Calon Cymru request for letter of support (Rhiw Las One Planet Development)

Agreed. The steering group unanimously agreed to write a letter of support along the lines suggested in the initial draft.

Agreed that the issue also be raised with our AM, Kirsty Williams

Agreed that the subject be included in the March-April "Update" and individual members be invited to write in support as well.

Action: Nick to circulate draft and ask for response.

Re-wilding

Peter spoke about the scope for much more natural forest in the Mid Wales area, and in particular the Elan Valley area.

Perhaps reintroduction of red deer and fallow deer – a great potential tourist attraction.

Action: Sally Owen agreed to introduce Peter to Calon Cymru project. Peter to be included in initial group to look at scope for projects funded through Arwain. Nick to provide contact details of the Town Champion.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm. Next meeting at 7:30pm on April 12th in the Herb Garden Café.