

TLT Steering Group Meeting - 8th November 2016

Present: Cllr Chris Carmichael (chair), Martina Holmes, David Strachan, Flo Greaves, Joie Parris, Geoff Greaves, Don Holmes, Gary Cowell (*for first item*).

Apologies: Hilary Macaulay, Peter Coleridge

Smart Meters project

Gary Cowell was welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of Smart Meters and described the awareness raising project that runs between now and Christmas.

"Smart Energy GB" is funding awareness raising to support the rollout of Smart Meters. Lightfoot have become a "partner" in the scheme. This will involve organising a series of events in towns round mid Wales. Gary plans to hold two awareness raising days in the Herb Garden before Christmas.

TLT are asked to provide help with promoting and running the events. On the days, this involves talking with people and getting feedback (by completing a simple form or providing more comprehensive feedback)

Provisional dates are Friday 25th Nov and Friday 2nd Dec. Joie is available for both days. Flo and Chris for 2nd Dec. Other volunteers are welcome.

Chris offered to circulate posters and make the Town Council aware of the scheme.

Actions from October minutes

Transition Town signage

Chris reported that the proposals should be discussed with the town clerk Jane Johnston with a view to proposals being taken to the Town Council.

Action: Nick to contact Jane.

Outstanding Actions:

Popup design/production – **Nick** to liaise with Repair Café group

School Liaison – **Nick** to contact Jo Chittenden re timescale and scope for assembly sessions

Refugee support - **Peter** to check scope for Llandrindod becoming involved.

Social Meeting programme

November - "*Growing more of our food locally*" (confirmed)

December – "*Mince Pies and Mulled Wine Social*"

Action: Geoff to confirm the date with Sally

January

Suggestion from Geoff – Film exploring issues with the Global Clothing trade

Action: Geoff to check suitability and establish screening fees and circulate recommendation

Future meeting ideas

"Food Assembly" - see <http://thefoodassembly.com/>

Action: Flo to contact and see if any Food Assemblies in range of Llandrindod would be

able to provide a speaker

Battery technology – home electricity generation and storage – low voltage – electric bikes.
Practical applications of technology in the home to save energy – now and coming soon.

Action: Nick to contact CAT to see if they have a speaker

TLT Annual General Meeting

Agreed that the AGM will be held on January 10th prior to steering group.

Action: Nick to issue formal notice of AGM.

Repair Café update

Martina gave the following summary of repairs to date:

Since its launch in July 2014, Llandrindod Repair Café has handled nearly 700 faulty items and 84% of these have been repaired, sharpened or rejuvenated. This truly a magnificent result and it's a great credit to all our marvellous fixperts and volunteers.

Items brought in for our sharpening service have halved, but the number of electrical items we handled for repair has increased by about 80% since last year.

Visitor numbers are a little down, but donations are keeping steady, with very similar amounts donated compared to last year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Noted that CELF have identified a storage cupboard for Repair Café to use which will become available early in 2017.

Community Orchard update

Flo gave an update on the successful tree planting on 22nd October and drew attention to the special planting day on Saturday 12th November which will include filming for a special music video to be released by singer-songwriter Emma Stevens next year.

Noted that 3 used park benches have been donated by the Town Council for the Pomarium which "Men in Sheds" have agreed to refurbish.

Mid Wales Permaculture network

Outstanding action: Nick and **Flo** to arrange a date with Sally Owen for the feedback on the Permaculture Gathering earlier this year.

PTLCC (standing item)

Agreed that TLT should develop some strands for action from the "What should we eat" conference.

Action: All to bring ideas for discussion at the January steering group meeting.

Community Opportunities report (standing item)

No discussion.

Other urgent business

None raised.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

The next steering group meeting will be a 7:30pm on Tuesday 10th January in the Herb Garden Café which will commence with the AGM.