



## Transition Town Haslemere

*Meeting TTH Steering Group 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009*

Present: Lesley, Ann, Clive, Adrian, Debs, Naomi, Terry, Nik

Apologies: Sue Stathers, Melanie Odell, Phil Valentino

### **Issues arising:**

Skills audit, not yet taken forward. Agreed need for a simple template to collect data on peoples interests and skills. Simple Qs: what areas are you interested in? (provide checklist); what would you like to offer? (cover both skills areas, and ways of getting involved eg mentoring, providing professional advice etc). Action: to be discussed at future meeting.

**Farmers market:** request from Adrian to ensure email addresses collected are legible.

### **Feedback for TT training:**

Naomi provided an overview for the group (inspiring, great for meeting other members / learning and practising new methodologies , background to TT movement etc). We have a CD with resources should anyone like a copy – Adrian volunteered to make copies (or we could provide loans for direct copy to PCs to save resources!).

Ideas discussed during training:

- Already have a clear plan for the next 6 months – need to start thinking about 'unleashing'. Agreed that this should be celebratory – possibly a party in Spring (mid March/mid April) – Clive to check with Melanie to see how her diary is. Naomi talk with Maggie re: using barn again.
- Potential to run a talks series next year (poss monthly)
  - could tie in with working groups
  - clive suggested museum as venue possibility – will follow up
  - will take a donation to help with fundraising
  - potential to link to WWF inspiring positive change series as already secured some big names
  - Ann offered to approach Jonathan Porritt; Tim Jackson
  - Sandy Pollack also suggested as potential speaker
  - Lesley will follow up with self sufficiency group in E Hampshire
  - Other names: Maddy Harland; Joyce di Silva; Andrew Darnton, Dave Elliott
  - Agreed to create a list of ideas and post on website – Naomi will check how the technology works for this so that we can all access doc / creating a members area

### **Meeting with Surrey CC/ Guildford Environment Forum**

- Debs sent presentation to Clive/Naomi for onward circulation
- Lesley Harding (SCC Climate Change manager) great contact – open to idea of meeting with Waverley TT – Debs to initiate
- Interesting facts and data for surrey – they also have local data we could have access to which would be v useful.
- Terry volunteered to write up notes re: energy saving on PCs etc

## **Meeting with Waverley**

Feedback from Adrian:

- 30 people – 6 from council – 2 from Haslemere, remainder from Farnham & Godalming
- Groups presented what they had been doing & major concerns
- Split into 3 groups: looked at how Waverley could help; how to engage people; specific projects
- Waverley informed group that there was no money available, but they could help with resources
- Agreed to meet again in 3 months

## **Fundraising**

- Naomi has spoken with coordinator for co-op community funding: currently in pilot phase so not available in our area... yet.... But worth keeping in touch (could get up to 300k per project)
- Debs mentioned the new climate change challenge fund (circulated by email): one to follow up with SCC as need civil soc: government partnership
- Also discussed possibility of donors campaign – would need to identify movers and shakers to do this
- Also agreed would be useful to pull a partnerships strategy together (going beyond funding)
- Group agreed that we shouldn't become obsessed with fundraising but focus on getting projects started – need something to sell! And also to maintain our own resilience.
- Waitrose green tokens: Clive down as contact. Waitrose take into account local requests so Adrian encouraged group to complete form suggesting TTH as good cause and hand in.

## **Land Share:**

- Roundhurst have agreed to TTH having access to 1 acre incl use of poly tunnels, however there is an agreement which needs looking into. Lesley will pass onto legal friend who will be able to advise us.
- Imbhams farm may also offer space
- Food mapping – CPRE – great to work in partnership: we should look out for other opportunities. Local food project nearing completion. Data will go off, report expected in Feb 10.

## **Education Group**

- Ann considering starting up an education group; Sue also keen to work on this
- Agreed as a starter Ann, Sue and Clive should meet as precursor to meeting with Woolmer hill head: Clive to send Ann her contact details

## **350 party**

- Invites going out tomorrow by email: agreed invite should be text only and make it clear that info does not need to be printed to gain admission. Discussed need for a footer on our emails to encourage people to think before printing. Action – Adrian
- Folks should reply to say if they are coming, and will be allocated a number by us. We will maintain a register and tick people off on arrival.
- 120 is the limit for numbers: Adrian took details from those from steering group wishing to attend.
- Schedule: Clive & Naomi to welcome folks; Adrian registration.
  - o 6-6.30 Band

- 7 talks (Clive 2 mins; Ann 10 mins; student 10 mins?)
  - 7.30 photo shoot
- All steering & working group members to wear badges so that people can come talk to use easily. Colour coded relating to subjects of interest – suggested as people register they could put the approp colour sticker on to facilitate networking
- Naomi will procure a sustainable banner & putting together cork board of photos (incl 50 ways to get involved) etc for the event.
- Ann to get flipchart, pens etc – more to be discussed at next carbon footprint meeting
- Adrian talking to melanie about inviting town council members

### **Energy**

- St Barts agreed to do energy monitor challenge as part of 10:10 campaign. 10 families & school for 1 month.
- Clive: funding and expertise for wood fuel, turbine and anaerobic digester
- Ann: event on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: the wave. Gathering in London to keep pressure on Govt pre-Copenhagen.
- Raised beds at St Barts: want someone to look after them. Lesley will see if ken interested.

### **Website**

- Now live
- Suggestion that more pictures needed
- Terry volunteered to help out
- Also need to progress members area to enable groups to update docs etc

Next meeting: 7.30pm 2 November, Town Hall