



Transition Town Haslemere

Minutes of Meeting 8th March 2010

Present: Clive Davidson (CD)(Chairman), Naomi Clarke (NC), Sue Stathers (SS), Nick Prandle (NP), Owyn Prandle (OP), Melanie Odell (MO), Susan Ryland, Terry Haines (TH)

Apologies: Adrian Wimbush

1. Matters arising from last meeting minutes –

-new column now in Herald, not printed as column (CD) will speak to herald about this but a great article by Nikki

-CD going to Transition South East Conference

2. **Green Fair**

a. Caroline Gowing to send out provisional rota so we can make sure everyone is in their optimal places, e.g. Nick and Owyn spend time on TH stand promoting landshare (NC to remind CG)

b. Caroline to inform us what she needs to set up cafe ((NC check with CG)

c. Camelsdale doing a display (NC to check with JS on times)

d. Melanie needs to know what to say in speech at 11am

e. Adrian to put together programme of day and send out to group so we know what to expect

f. NC to update plans and send out to everyone

g. Sue, Jackie and Terry will run the ecocrafts stall

h. NC to drop off posters on Monday to Melanie for sue and Melanie to put up around town.

3. Regarding **Earth Hour**, Melanie will contact pizza express about doing a candlelit dinner and all TH members invited (at own expense). MO will also contact Amalfi. TH will contact other Haslemere businesses

4. **Landshare** – congratulations to the landshare group for their very successful meeting on 25th Feb where 25 people turned up. It was agreed to start on Roundhurst and Imbhams farm and work has already begun. Roundhurst,

although further away, is accessible at the weekends and has had a good turnout of people clearing beds etc. Imbhams is only accessible through the week .

- a. CD to look into insurance and liability for these projects
- b. NP to look into getting cheap tools from Haslemere garden centre (as part of gardening club discount perhaps)
- c. NP to invite Herald up to take picture
- d. NP and OP to put together info for GF to get others signed up
- e. NC to lend NP and OP local food book
- f. Anyone can meet at roundhurst every saturday at 9.30

5. Energy and Transport group

- a. Decided that E&T group would not be responsible for more events as this is preventing projects getting underway
- b. LB and NB are meeting with Waverley Community Travel officer to discuss some ideas. Also investigating using the Hoppa bus to ease the commuter traffic to station.
- c. NC to bring info about Transition Together to next meeting
- d. NB wrote excellent article on St Barts participation in energy monitor challenge for Herald. Camelsdale now doing it and Beacon Hill might be next.
- e. Pay as you save scheme discussed. There are mixed feelings about this scheme in the group. A few lessons have been learned. TH must present facts when discussing external schemes and does not endorse the scheme. Several members are taking part in this pilot scheme and are meeting up to discuss.

6. Beacon Hill Susan Ryland attended the meeting representing Beacon Hill. Beacon Hill Focus Group set up a public meeting in Beacon Hill, where Susan gave a presentation on ideas for reducing carbon emissions and it was well attended with 90 people and lots of different ideas put forward. It was agreed that they would like to follow the transition approach and are currently investigating this. They would potentially like to be part of TH with their own projects where appropriate (e.g. community garden/allotments). SR will speak with the focus group at her next meeting to discuss having TH members coming to talk about transition Haslemere's experience. There is potential to work with youth groups and schools particularly

7. Charter Fair – TH is participating in Charter Fair. Details to be discussed at next SG and AF to provide cheque for £30 (CD to arrange)

8. Rob Hopkins - is coming to talk to WWF on 7th June, DN is organising a talk to TT's in Waverley in the evening. Venue being decided. Great opportunity for TH

9. Museum Display September – The museum has kindly offered us a display space for the month of September. As well as promoting what our working groups are doing and what TH is, it would be nice to have a visual display of some sort relating to transition/sustainability done by a school/schools e.g. photos, models, artwork. **SS** to take this idea to schools working group and investigate further. (CD) to put in agenda for next meeting. **Needs to be completed before summer**

10. AOB –

Programme with Maddy Harland (our April speaker) called the Edible Garden on BBC2 on 16th March - about permaculture

Next months Herald column will be about Landshare

Town Council has provided TH with a Grant of £200 for materials and equipment. Many thanks from TH

11. Next meeting Monday 12th April 2010