



Transition Town Haslemere

Minutes of Meeting 12th April 2010

Present: Clive Davidson (CD) (Chairman), Naomi Clarke (NC), Ann Finlayson (AF), Susan Ryland (SR), Adrian Wimbush (AW)

Apologies: Sue Stathers (SS), Nick Prandle (NP), Owyn Prandle (OP), Melanie Odell (MO) Julia Roxan (JR)

Matters arising from last meeting minutes –

- CD attended the Transition South East Conference in Brighton, around 100 people attended this one day event, items of interest included:
 - **ecomodo.com** - a website that allows people to lend and borrow “everyday things”. Worth investigating for TH.
 - Local currency – learning from experiences in Totnes, Lewes and Brixton which have their own local currencies.
 - Transport – importance of setting up cycle and cycle maintenance training as well as pushing for cycle lanes etc.
 - Honouring the elders – oral history, putting stories onto websites, children visiting elder citizens and interviewing them.
- Issues raised by the SG included
 - personal tax implications using **ecomodo.com** **Action:** CD to contact **ecomodo**.
 - TH need to watch and monitor how the local currencies work but in the mid-term what can we do to promote and encourage the spread and use of Haslemere Rewards?
 - Transport Group already talking to WBC, recommended that this group attend the WBC Market Stall event to push cause. **Action:** NC to contact group.

Green Fair Review

Successful in terms of visitors (550 attended vs. usual Saturday museum attendance of circa 150). Positive verbal feedback. Maggie Barlow reported “it was good to see something with heart in Haslemere”.

Need to get feedback from exhibitors and stall holders. **Action:** NC and JR

- ECO crafts and face painting were very successful.

- More than £100 taken in café.
- Post the SG meeting feedback has been received from retailers some of whom did not feel the event was well enough publicised, were critical of the venue and who felt that the sales achieved did not justify their presence. Other retailers were supportive and successful.
- Woolmer Hill School have asked TH to assist them in gaining their Silver ECO award.
- Sustainability consultant for Haslemere Museum and the museum curator have asked for assistance in energy reduction. Sandy Polak will conduct an audit.
- Local film maker has offered services to document/film TH events. **Action:** CD to follow up

Improvements discussed include:

- More and better promotion.
- Better links with haslemere.com **Action:** AW to follow up
- Programme of events to be published early on the website and newsletter.
- Better integration of retailers, eco stands and interactive displays.
- More activities for Children.

Review to be prepared for website and newsletter, slide show to be incorporated into webpage. **Action** NC and AW

Beacon Hill

SR invited TH to talk to the Beacon Hill community, many of which supported the recent very successful Earth Hour celebration. CD, NC, and AW to attend. **Action:** SR to firm up on date (from 4/5, 11/5 and 18/5).

Earth Hour news to go onto website with picture if possible. **Action** AW and SR

Financial Update

AF reported that the TH account stood at £692 in credit and that TH had received a grant of £200 from Haslemere Town Council to be used for facilities.

It was agreed that all monies, including those donated and put aside for specific Working Group purposes would be held centrally by AF. **Action:** AF to contact OP re Land Lease donation.

It was agreed to reimburse AW £100 so that the TH gazebo now becomes the property of TH.

Next meeting will discuss in more detail funding and distribution of funds **Action** CD and AF

Food Festival

Our presence in literature. **Action:** NC to contact MO

Transition Haslemere Evenings

Press release required. **Action:** CD

Maddy Harland poster required. **Action:** AW

Poster and leaflets to go to Museum, Library, Haslemere Health Foods, Haslemere Hall and Roundhurst Farm. **Action:** AW

Working Group Feedback

Energy and Transport Working Group

Feedback forms and monitors have been returned from Camelsdale. Sandy P is conducting analysis.

Next trial suggested for Beacon Hill School.

Group are investigating Transition Together (www.transitiontogether.org.uk/) for future project

Land Share Working Group

Successfully up and running at Roundhurst Farm, Kids planting day was a success.

Digger now scheduled to work in poly tunnels

Public liability insurance still under investigation.

Imbhams Farm project continues under discussion.

Schools Working Group

SEED offering one free place for Haslemere teacher at the National Sustainable Schools Conference. **Action:** AF to send details to AW for posting on website.

AF advised that she would have to stand down as Leader of the schools group due to pressure of work.

WBC Market Stall Event

Confirmed for April 22nd (18.00 – 21.00).

TH will join with Godalming and Farnham on joint stand.

Need to encourage SG attendance at this event. **Action:** CD to email SG.

Charter Fair May 3rd (13.00 – 17.00)

Discussion on content for TH stall. Agreed to ask face painters to attend (**Action:** NC).

Agreed to ask SS to prepare eco bags in advance with instructions on how to make them and if possible to attend stand and make more. **Action** AW to contact SS

Juice carton wallet was discussed by agreed not enough time to organise for Charter Fair. Potential for Food fair.

Volunteers needed for stand, recommended that three TH members are on stand at any one time. **Action:** CD to email for volunteers

Farmers Market

Need volunteers to Sunday May 2nd.

FM have offered "charity" stands to opportunity to sell tea and coffees at FM on a rotating basis; urn and cups supplied, charity to provide consumables. TH support this. AF offered use of fold away chairs

Herald Column

Agreed that next column would be on schools. **Action:** AF to send draft to CD by 24th April.

September Museum Space

Agreed that we would ask schools to develop their views on sustainable Haslemere as central focus for display. **Action:** NC to progress

AOB

Rob Hoskins visit on June 7th to Godalming, need to publicise. **Action:** CD and AW.

Next meeting

Monday 10th May 7.30pm Haslemere Town Hall