



Transition Town Haslemere

Steering Group Meeting Minutes 8th November. 2010

Present: Ann Finlayson, Adrian Wimbush, Clive Davidson, Caroline Gowing, Sue Stathers, Nic Prandle, Susan Ryland, Nikki Barton, Sandy Polak, Audra Ryan,

Apologies: Lesley Banfield, Melanie Odell.

DONM: 29th November, Town Hall 7.30 (NB Change from advertised date)

1. Minutes of last meeting agreed

2. Design Statement

CD and AW attended meetings to represent TH on October 6th (Georgian) and November 1st (Weyhill Methodist Hall). Next meeting at the Devil's Punchbowl Hotel on Nov 16th. SG members urged to attend.

Discussed procedures over resident who had string objections to 20mph suggestion. Agreed that this should be treated in the same way as feedback from the open meetings and evaluated along with all feedback received.

3. Transport Questionnaire

Transport questionnaire analysis need to be done and given to Design Statement TH team – **Action AW**

4. Woolmer Hill

AF reported back on Woolmer Hill assembly talks. Agreed that we should offer them full support in their quest to have a biomass furnace to create their power. AF to email Bursar - **Action AF**

5. Schools Group

SS to set up schools group and co-opt members as required. Suggested Woolmer Hill sub-group should initially include SS, AF, CG, SP and AR – **Action SS**

6. Landshare

NP reported that the Landshare Group wanted to continue at Roundhurst for 2011 despite concerns over plot size and location. They are working on improvements including a growing and cropping plan.

7. TH 2011 Objectives

Agreed that 2011 TH objectives would be publicised and will help to let the public know what we are doing.

An overall objective will be set for each of the following areas:

Schools – **Action SS**

Landshare – **Action NP**

Energy – **Action CD/Group**

Transport – **Action CD/Group**

Communications and Events – **Action AW**

All Groups to report back with objective at next meeting.

8. Christmas Market

Need to establish if we have stand or use Farmers' Market layout – **Action CD**

TH stand to offer:

Mulled Apple Juice

Free Apples – **Action SS**

Spot the hamper with adult and children's prize

– **Action AW (grid and promo materials)**

– **CD (Cowdray Park hamper)**

– **SP (Children's ECO gifts)**

ECO Bike – **Action SP**

Christmas lights

- **Action SP (inverter)**

- **Action CD (battery)**

- **Action AW (Lights)**

Newsletter to call for volunteers to man the stand – **Action AW**

9. 2011 Events

Agreed that we should have a range of events (not grouped as TH Evenings) and that we should if possible link with other Haslemere Groups.

Venues would be spread and include more "sociable" sites. Museum has been expensive and is cost prohibitive for 2011.

Suggested events included:

- Bluebell walk and picnic at Inbhams Farm
- Spring vegetable planting – Questions and answers with Landshare and others
- Talk by Dr Mamdouh Salameh
- Food event in connection with National Trust at Swan Barn
- Sustainable Harvest Picnic @ Imbhams Farm

The organisation of the event was discussed and it was felt that individuals should take responsibility for individual events rather than a single person organising the whole programme as per this year. To be finalised.

10. **Website and Newsletter**

AW reported that new website was ready to be released pending the arrival of the composting video. Agreed to go live as soon as possible – **Action AW**

Newsletter - St Barts Waking Bus – **Action NB** (email AW)

11. **AGM**

Formal notice was given of the AGM to take place on Monday January 10th before SG meeting. – **Action AW** (Newsletter)

12. **Other Business**

Weyhill in Bloom requested a donation from TH for bulbs etc. Agreed that we had insufficient funds but would publicise in newsletter – **Action CD** (email AW) **and AW** (Newsletter)

The Steering Group accepted, with regret the resignation of Naomi Clarke as Deputy Chairman on her departure for Scotland.

On behalf of all of Transition Haslemere and indeed Haslemere itself the Chairman thanked Naomi for all the hard work, energy and enthusiasm she had given in setting up, building and promoting Transition Haslemere. She will be missed and we wish her all the very best in her new life in Scotland.