



# Transition Town Haslemere

## **Energy and Transport Meeting Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011**

**Taken by Adrian La Porta**

**Apologies: UC, CD, NB**

**Present : Adrian LP, SandyP, LesleyB, JeanL, Sylvie Coulthard, Nicholas Bosley**

### **1. Update from SG AGM**

- a. We discussed the notes from the AGM. We noted that we could still get Gift Aid without being a registered charity.
- b. Suggestions were made for the February Herald article: clean air for Haslemere, Eco Homes. The latter was the favourite: it was suggested that reference could be made to the ECOBUILD show which is in February and to the Ben Laws talk related to Swan Barn.

### **2. Objectives for the E&T group**

The objectives listed in the steering group minutes were discussed.

The favourite for Energy was to look at performing a number (tbd) of energy audits. Concerns were raised about incurring liability but it was felt that this could be managed. (Post meeting note). This ties in nicely with an offer for training on exactly this from Action Surrey. They've been doing this for a while.

A 'Green Deal' day was also proposed tying into an upcoming government initiative. We decided this was too far out and we would look at it again later.

The idea of a wood fuel coop for Waverley may also be pursued but won't be our primary objective.

For transport the idea of a taxi or car share scheme for Haslemere station had a lot of support. Lesley has made substantial progress with this already.

Several of the other transport proposals might be too dependent on local government which is not likely to consider new spend or revenue loss this year. Reduced or preferential parking for low-emissions vehicles might be tied into possible changes in parking in the town, however.

The group also supported the expansion of walking bus schemes as an objective.

### 3. **E&T meeting format and communications**

Alternatives to the Mill were proposed but none found to be more convenient and free. (Post meeting note: how about the Georgian?)

The use of Facebook and email conversations was discussed. Concern about increasing volume of email was expressed. We will give Facebook a try.

### 4. **Other business**

Sylvie C described the problems she had had with her neighbours' wood burner. This is now a legal dispute. We agreed that wood burners could be very useful but needed to be properly installed and operated.

Nicholas B raised concerns about the spread of Honey Fungus via contaminated wood chip and about 'Oak disease'. Both of these are killing trees in our area. These issues might not fit the remit of the E&T group but Adrian LP will raise them at the Steering group.

5. Next Meeting: Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Venue to be confirmed.

**Thanks!**