



Transition
Haslemere

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

26th September 2011

Present: Clive Davidson, Caroline Gowing Anne Finlayson, Adrian Wimbush, Sue Stathers, Clive Ardagh, Melanie Odell

- 1 Apologies Adrian La Porta
- 2 Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Suppliers on the web site – it was agreed that suppliers may be listed on the TH website, with the following provisos. They must supply a statement of sustainability every year and have a reciprocal link to TH. This page would also encourage people to shop locally. CD to draft an email and send to Julianne Evans President of the Chamber of Trade and request that it is circulated to Chamber members.. Organisations and schools may also be included.

Roundhurst Open Day had been very successful especially the “Guess the Vegetable” game. It was thought that we might better link to TH aims in the future.

Hoppa – AW reported that a survey was required to assess the need. This would be promoted through Haslemere Happenings, SWT would be asked to circulate to season ticket holders and perhaps a survey on the station.

Scything – no feedback had been received – MO to follow up

Well Dressing – MO, Tamara Davidson and Jonathan Foster to meet and move forward with Museum, WBC, SCC and HTC. Aim to hold the event during Food Festival 2012.

Inbhams Farm Open Day had been good with the smoothie bile making 17 smoothies. 5 picnic tickets were also sold. ALP to talk to Maggie Barlow regarding the wood clearing in readiness for a bluebell walk in the spring.

It was also noted that Ian Baldwin's wood clearing project would be advertised in the next newsletter.

3 Reports from Community Groups

- a Veg Growers – a white board was now in place for incoming vegetables and plans were being made for 2012.
- b Energy and transport have not met
- c Schools have not met, but Shottermill were known to be very active.

4 Sustainable Harvest Picnic

Will be from 5-8pm David O'Brien will provide music free of charge from 7pm and members would try to find other bands to fill the earlier slot.

Food and drink is bring your own although AW will be providing hot apple juice. Thermos to be requested from SP. (CD to email).

The Granary have been asked to supply bread made from MB's flour or donate their own. MB will provide apple crumble at 50p per dish.

It has been agreed to pay MB £85 for the hay bales and the toilets (due to arrive Saturday morning) will be £50.

AF to run games – string greens – in 4 groups towards the end of the evening 7.30pm.

Pumpkin drawing (AW to provide pens) and carving with a prize for the best pumpkin (AW to rob daughter of her cow torch. Horseshoe throwing and apple bobbing (provided by MB) will also go on throughout the evening.

MB will talk about new products and welcome to the farm.

CD to meet and greet and make speech of thanks at end of evening.
Competition for food less travelled.

Decorating the barn will start at 4.30pm on Friday – put out hay bales and tables, decorate rafters with greenery – please bring as much as possible. AW to bring gazebo and be responsible for signage and cash on gate. 37 tickets sold – 2 email reminders will go out and it was agreed that the event will now continue. AW to email details to MO to be included on haslemere.com.

SS volunteered to assist.

5 Sustenance cultural heritage and food project

CA explained this education awareness project to include oral history from older generation. A budget of £93K had been planned and would include SEEd, Stories 4 Change, TH and Haslemere Educational Museum. The project would include children, interpretive boards, film and book. It is planned to engage the community in our cultural and natural heritage looking at the past and forward to the future to enable us to understand and protect our local heritage.

A pre-application had been submitted and a reply is expected in 10 days. TH agreed to be involved and MO to set up a meeting with HEM to discuss their involvement, particularly the local archive and education departments.

- 6 Green drinks will continue at the Georgian to recognize their support with offering a venue for events. It was considered to be quiet and central, although the atmosphere was not always ideal. Outreach venues may be considered in the future.

- 7 It was agreed that TH would take a stall at the Christmas market free of charge in exchange for 2 helpers at both set up and take down. Farmers' Market – AW, CD and AF to man the stall and to include the smoothie bike.

Apple pressing will be held on Saturday at Swan Barn.

CD mentioned that his bother in law is starting a Transition group in Bideford, Maine, in USA and twinning will be considered – perhaps also with Kosovo – maybe something for Earth Hour.