



## Minutes of AGM and TH Steering Group 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 , Town Hall

### **Present**

Clive Davidson, Tarquin Henderson, Owyn Prandle, Phil Elliot, Adrian Wimbush, Jane Devlin, Clive Ardagh, Sue Stathers, Melanie Oddel, Ann Finlayson, Caroline Gowing, Nikki Barton

1. Previous Minutes were accepted.
2. Follow up actions to previous minutes
  - a. Adrian to produce Christmas market "lessons Learned/checklist" which will include not doing Xmas Cards next year! Not a money spinner overall.
  - b. Official Thanks from Xmas Market Team to Transition Haslemere was noted. Thanks also to Adrian for Xmas Cards
  - c. Incredible Edible Todmorden – link to video to be added to website – **AW**, **AF** to write article about speech.
3. AGM
  - a. **Chairs Report** ,  
<http://transitionhaslemere.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Chairs-Annual-Report-2012-01.pdf>)
  - b. Main activities last year, awareness raising, start of green drinks, garden group, hoppa bus involvement. Thanks to Adrian for Website work, Ann for Treasurer. Thanks to Caroline as deputy chair.
  - c. Treasurers Report to be completed for 30 January meeting. Current balance £291 in credit.
  - d. Officials Election.

Clive Davidson re-elected as Chairman. Ann Finlayson re-elected as Treasurer. Caroline Gowing re-elected as Deputy Chair. Adrian Wimbush re-elected as Communications officer. Caroline and Adrian to be set up as official bank signatories.

- e. Official thanks to Clive Davidson noted from Steering Group.
  - f. Next AGM set for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013
  - g. AGM Closed
4. Discussion on Wood Fuel elements of Sustenance
- a. Summary of funding proposal. Idea is to survey "typical houses" in our area, draw up recommendations that would be widely applicable within our area and to look at the suitability of wood as a sustainable fuel for our area.
  - b. General agreement that we should proceed with the application and allocation of funding to ReEnergise who will undertake the work. Discussion around local woodland management and woodburners - we need to show how financially viable wood burners are. Payback on larger systems is usually more attractive. Renewable Heat Incentive in October will hopefully make this more attractive. We want to answer questions such as "How many people are already using wood burners?" , " Where are they sourcing fuel from?"
  - c. 10 Houses need to be identified (suggestions were noted but not published in these minutes) Individual who made these suggestions to contact the people in question and let Owyn Prandle know the contact details.
  - d. Led on to a discussion of what Phase 2 of the project and funding application might be. General brief to be: "What are the best things Haslemere could do to reduce its carbon emissions and increase community resilience?". Dependent on funding success, OP to circulate a suggested brief to the group to get consensus. Community heating, energy useage and sourcing for our area, social justice and local economic benefits were all mentioned. Specific note made that this should not be a way for people who can already afford investment in say solar panels, to get them even more cheaply. Totnes Nuts <http://www.transitiontowntotnes.org/Food/TotnesTheNutCapitalOfBritain> mentioned as an example of leadership of a specific initiative.
  - e. Further discussion as to how TH might be involved in any subsequent Community Interest Company vs Charity vs Cooperative type of organisation. Options and governance of such a structure to be discussed at the next meeting. Discussions about how individuals can or cannot be paid from funding initiatives - general agreement that we should establish

rules around this that ensure transparency and fairness, while recognising individuals' efforts, interest and intellectual property. Further discussion at next meeting to be led by AF.

5. Next meeting we need to
  - a. discuss/define principles,
  - b. How will we make decisions on whether things sit under TH.
  - c. Governance and Decision making structure
  - d. What are the available structures that we could use Co-op/Community Interest Company/Charity/Ltd Company etc. Phil Eliot to distribute discussion document that he has on this.
  - e. Thanks were noted to OP & CA for work on this so far.
6. Original Sustenance Project discussion.
  - a. Funding application may well change. Agreement to hold off to see how we get on with funding app for wood fuel.
  - b. Specific Projects that we have been discussing were noted as
    - i. Oral Histories
    - ii. Local Food Web and follow up
    - iii. History of Food
    - iv. Local Craft & skill / Heritage Skills
    - v. Community Composting / Wood Waste
    - vi. Web & Film to capture & share knowledge on some or all of the above.
    - vii. Jane Devlin – (Chid Green) noted that they were Interested in skills exchange as they have already done some work on this.
    - viii. Museum to be informed that Sustenance project is on hold – Melanie Odell to inform.
7. CPRE – Food Mapping Exercise – Meeting proposed. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Evening. TBC. Venue to be booked. The Haslemere Initiative community partnership group may have funds to help support the event. They started Xmas Market, etc, and were initial CPRE contacts. Melanie will discuss with Haslemere Initiative. 6.30 kick off time tbc. Local food catering to be considered.
8. Screening of 2 possible films, to be combined with Green drinks

- a. "New Forest in Transition" Connecting to our food (20 mins)  
(<http://newforesttransition.ning.com/video/new-forest-in-transition-connecting-to-our-food-trailer>)
  - b. "Animate Earth" (45 mins film)  
([http://www.animateearth.com/Animate\\_Earth/the\\_film.html](http://www.animateearth.com/Animate_Earth/the_film.html))  
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuoJXelgFa4>)
  - c. There is a £50 screening fee. CA to discuss if this could be reduced. Likely screenings at March 8<sup>th</sup> Green Drinks for New Forest, then May for Animate Earth
9. Green Drinks venue to be varied around Haslemere premises. Alternate months at the George, but to try other locations to help spread the word and to acknowledge the Landshare groups comments. GreenDrinks Website to be used to publicise our Green Drinks.
10. Haslemere Society Invitation to present at their meeting this year. Agreement that we should accept the offer of a 10 minute slot. AW Format/planning & content to be agreed at next meeting.
11. Discussion of email asking for support from Shamini and James re: local Permaculture project. Email delayed for some reason. Agreement that we will ask them to come to February meeting to discuss their plan further. CD
12. AOB
- a. Dates for the diary
    - i. Charter Fair 7<sup>th</sup> May
    - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> July Jubilee – Do TH want to do a float – discuss at future meeting?
    - iii. Food Festival will be first 2 weeks in Sept. We will confirm our involvement at next meeting, possible local food skills ideas.
  - b. Hoppa Update, error on links used. Attempt to re-send
  - c. Note – Petersfield Bee Keepers Association course dates Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February & 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
13. Next meeting – Monday 30 January, 7.30pm Town Hall