

## Minutes of the Transition Town Llandeilo AGM on 11/12/2008 at the Civic Hall at 7.30 pm

28 people attended.

Rhiannon introduced the evening and summed up the year:

**Main Events** since the Open Space 'launch' in September last year:

18th October 07: Power of Community film showing

17th January 2008: A Crude Awakening film showing

5th March: Talk by Ben Brangwyn

26/27 April: Transition Town training for Wales, Naresh and Sophie from Transition Network, attended by some of us and others across Wales

26th July: Summer celebration with bring own local food and amazing live music from own talent

30th October: Question Time panel

### **Theme Groups**

**Allotments** – Cymdeithas Y Dalar is attempting to re-start allotments in Llandeilo. It was constituted on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2008 and is a member of NSALG (the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners). We are negotiating about land at Home Farm and tenancy agreement with the National Trust is ready and waiting to be signed. The only remaining hurdle is the negotiations between the National trust and the planning department of Carmarthenshire County Council. We hope all problems will be resolved soon and we will be able to start preparing the site in January 2009; the National Trust has already upgraded the fencing. The interest in allotments in Llandeilo area is great and at the moment CYD has 60 members.

**Heart and Soul Group** started in January. We meet monthly and are primarily concerned with how it's possible to make the 'inner' transition that we are all called upon to make. We took responsibility for the summer celebration (having fun being part of an inner transition), and have put on a 'Work that Reconnects' workshop, based in the deep ecology work of Joanna Macy, in November, which attracted people from across South Wales. Planning more deep ecology events in the summer of next year. Have been asked to contribute something to the Small Nations festival in July.

**Food and Farming** gave birth to the Afallon group, which has held a talk from Paul Davis in the Civic Hall, tree planting at the school in Llandeilo (the English school) and there will be a pruning course in the spring. There are advanced plans for a community orchard)

**Energy group** - is not at the moment meeting. Needs new energy!!!

**Permaculture** - the Permaculture group first met in January of this year. A 3 day Introduction to Permaculture course took place in March. We are very lucky that our group includes two experienced Permaculture teachers, Chris Evans and Looby Macnamara. They ran our second successful course of the year, in Forest Gardening, which took place over two days in September. The group continues to meet every month or two, usually for a shared 'work party' at the home of a different member each time. We plan to run further courses next year.

**New economics** group has just started! Gerry Gold will be convening.

Icebreaker : Each person introduced themselves to their neighbours and discussed what Transition meant to them.

Sue presented the accounts : statement is attached.

### Election of officers

Sue Weaver stood down as Treasurer. Gerry Gold was proposed by Rhiannon Rowley, seconded by Steve Brown, elected by the membership  
Steve Brown was proposed as Secretary by Gerry Gold, seconded by Sue Weaver, elected by the membership.

### Missing subgroups activity

Steve Harris facilitated an activity in which participants discussed the groups that Transition Town Llandeilo most obviously lacks, and considered the links between some of the possible subjects for such groups.  
By the end of the activity three new groups emerged – Energy and the built environment, to be convened by Pete Arnold; Natural Health, with a group of possible convenors including Sarah Hyde, Alice Panton, and Bethan Morgan; and Water, Waste and Recycling, to be convened by Adam Margetts. Steve Brown will keep in touch with Pete, Sarah and Adam to help the new groups get started.

### Other offers of help

Pete Arnold also offered to start a ‘great reskilling’ programme.  
Eva Huw has kindly offered to help Steve Brown with publicity.  
Rhiannon reported that Sustain Wales and the Soil Association had offered to provide speakers for talks in Llandeilo.  
Sarah Hyde also suggested Grenville Ham as a speaker. Grenville is Community Development Officer for Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. It was agreed that a programme of talks to start early in 2009 was a good idea.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.