

MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING 2nd November 2010 AT THE SHIRE HALL, LLANDEILO

Present: John (chair), Katka, Gerry, Sue Weaver, Anson, Steve B
Apologies: Tim, Colin

Matters arising

WI – Tim was due to make further contact. **John to email Tim, contact Ruth Watkins. Carmarthenshire Community Challenge.** Applications are being encouraged. Another meeting will take place.

Alexis Rowell

Alexis is the author of “Communities, Councils & a Low-Carbon Future: What we can do if governments won't”. He has made contact with most transition town groups in the UK offering a talk about the themes in the book. He recommends that local councillors are invited to these talks. Transition Lampeter are having a meeting with him on 2nd December.

We decided to postpone our AGM until January or February. **Gerry will contact Alexis** and invite him to Llandeilo, and we will aim to make this meeting the AGM.

Training meeting with Looby

Those who had attended agreed that the meeting had been useful. Gerry and Steve both supported trying the 6-hat process, and in fact this was used to decide how to deal with the imminent AGM and the invitation to Alexis Rowell.

Reports from groups

Heart and Soul – next meeting will be on November 24th at Llwynbwch

Energy – the next meeting is postponed awaiting an update to Anson's report. **Anson will contact Tim** to discuss.

Permaculture – next meeting will be on 7th November at John and Steve's.

New Economics – Gerry reported that:

The bank account for the Community Union is being set up.

The group agreed on a proposal to take a more positive and proactive involvement in the political process.

The group discussed setting up a not-for-profit social care service provider and bid for contracts from the council.

The next meeting will be on 23rd November at the Shire Hall.

Hemp – Anson reported that he has 12 interested farmers in South Wales. At the last meeting there was a presentation from the managing director of Hemp Technology in Suffolk. Hemcrete is their biggest market – then car components (BMW) – then horse bedding. Seed is used to make 'Good Oil'. The group is looking for sites for trial crops. Ideally 100 – 500 acres is needed, and the crop will have to be shipped to Suffolk for processing. There will be a further meeting in November.

Allotments (CyD) AGM took place in October. There are new initiatives to work with disabled people. 27 people are on the waiting list for allotments. A solstice party is being arranged and TL2 is invited to take part.

NEXT MEETING 7th December at the Shire Hall...7.30pm. All welcome.