

## MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 AT THE ANGEL, LLANDEILO

Present: Tim (chair), Colin, Sue Weaver, John G, John Cox, Ellie, Steve B  
Apologies: Gerry, Anson, Rhiannon

### Matters arising

Llandovery Partnership. Martin Golder has produced a draft report which **Steve will circulate**.

There was a discussion about whether we should produce a similar document. Tim thought that we need a one page document that sets out what we're about – a mission statement or similar. The press won't be interested in anything longer – but nevertheless, such a document should come out of a longer and comprehensive plan.

Tim asked what our involvement with the Llandovery Partnership should be. John G said that we should be establishing lines of communication, offering the benefit of our experience and establishing what opportunities there are for collaboration.

### Reports from Groups

Food and Farming – 2 meetings have taken place. The group will be meeting on the second Monday of each month.

Objectives: 'To promote local and sustainable food production'; 'To link farming and community'.

The group decided to establish a Llandeilo Food Festival as its first project.

Contact with the mayor revealed that such a plan was already underway. F&F sent representatives to a meeting with Menter Bro Dinefwr, Tywi Afon yr Oesoedd and CCC (tourism), and the Festival is set to go ahead on 11 Sept in Dinefwr Park, with input from all of these organisations. The Home Farm allotments should be included in the day's events.

Other ideas around a community food shop, a local food directory, and a garden share scheme are under discussion.

Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Energy – Inaugural meeting took place on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

2 decisions were made – to produce a plan for a feasibility study to measure energy use in Llandeilo, and formulate how that could be reduced; and to start a practical local project generating energy sustainably.

Gerry will apply to Environment Wales for a grant.

Permaculture – meets at Coed Marros for a day of fruit tree grafting with Chris Evans 21/02/10

On 7/3/10 there will be a Seed Swap event at Home Farm, in association with CyD and Tywi Afon yr Oesoedd, 12 – 4pm.

The visit to Denmark Farm will be on 26/6, to be confirmed.

The Permaculture Group would like to take out a group membership of the Permaculture Association UK. The steering group supported TL2 paying for this.  
**John to talk to Gerry about this.**

New Economics – No meeting in January or February. The next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Heart and Soul – no meetings in January or February.

Transport – John Cox has unfortunately been in poor health since the start of the year, and has not been able to arrange a meeting for a new Transport group. Tim suggested that for now the area of Transport could be rolled in with the Energy group, and this was agreed.

#### Grants

John G reported that Katka (CyD) had informed him that Cymdeithas y Cynnal had £250 available, and would welcome an application. F&F may apply.

#### Hustings

Steve B mentioned that the Civic Hall was holding a booking for us for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April, but said that he thought that a weekday night would be much better. The Civic Hall has no weekday nights available. It was agreed that ideally it should be a Wednesday or Thursday. John G suggested the Rugby Club. Colin has a contact there and agreed to pass this on to Steve. 21<sup>st</sup> April is our favoured day.

Ellie requested that the meeting should start at 7 pm.

The format should be a 5 minute address from each candidate followed by Questions and Answers, with a chair.

NEXT MEETING March 15th at the Angel...7pm. All welcome