

## **Minutes of the TL2 Steering Group Meeting on 16/06/2008 at The Angel**

**Present:** Isabel Lovelock (chair), Sue Weaver, Gerry Gold, Rhiannon Rowley, Colin Foster, Jo Horsley (Environment Wales), Anne van Mechelen, Steve Brown

**Apologies:** Simon Bowkett, Gerry Gold, Alice Davies, John Gaffney

### Minutes from 19/05/2008

Agreed.

### Matters arising

Isabel has not yet revised the expenses form, but will do so.

The application form for a start-up grant from EW has got to the Cardiff office.

A PLANED event would cost about £8000. Isabel wondered whether PLANED could lead a Community Action Plan event facilitated largely by volunteers. This could be a much cheaper option.

Isabel will check the Town Council minutes to find out what is happening about the land in Crescent Road.

Isabel will pursue Seize The Day re dates.

### Usha Ladwa Thomas

Jo mentioned that Usha, from WAG, would be keen to attend the next steering group meeting. This has now been agreed and she has been invited.

### Policies

Isabel will pass a possible Volunteering policy to Anne for her to consider

Jo will send Steve a possible Health and Safety policy

Rhiannon has been having problems with formulating a realistic Welsh language policy. Jo suggested that we can state a desire to work towards equality of the two languages, with volunteers sought to aid with translation. Sue suggested that all posters for events should be bilingual. Rhiannon will bring a draft policy to the next meeting.

### Welsh cultural group

This had a successful meeting at the start of June. About 24 people came. Rhiannon would like to consider having a meeting open to Welsh learners in the autumn.

### Publicity

Rhiannon has spoken to 6<sup>th</sup> formers at Llandovery College. The college is interested in being a 'transition college'.

### Swansea

Gerry was due to be speaking at the inaugural meeting of TT Swansea soon after this meeting.

### AGM

We decided to aim to hold this at the Civic Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> November (*this date has proved impossible and a decision will be made on a new date soon*). We would like to have an 'Any Questions?'-style debate with a panel. Suggestions so far for people to invite include Adam Price, Wynne Davies, George Monbiot. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### Subgroups

Food and Farming had no June meeting. The Apple project has split off from Food and Farming and is doing well (50 people at Paul Davis' meeting, pruning training weekend and cider making organised for the autumn). Sue will call Alice to discuss the direction of this group, since attendance has been poor recently.

Colin has agreed to take over convening Hemp from Anson.  
Heinz has temporarily taken over Alt. Energy from Simon  
Permaculture will have another meeting early in July (now confirmed for 6<sup>th</sup> July at Isabel and Ben's)

July Party

Gelli Aur Village Hall July 26<sup>th</sup>. More discussion at the next meeting. Local food and music.

The next meeting will be held at the Angel on 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm.