

Minutes of the TL2 Steering Group Meeting on 16/03/2009 at The Angel

Present: Sue Weaver, Rhiannon Rowley, John Gaffney, Steve Brown

Apologies received from: Gerry Gold, Isabel Lovelock

Minutes from 16/2/2009

An amendment to the paragraph on 'Financial Matters' was proposed **and Steve will circulate it to members who attended that meeting.**

We would like to express heartfelt thanks to Jo Horsley for all her support and advice. We hope that we could call on her again when appropriate. **Steve will write to Jo to convey this.**

Meeting with Rhodri Thomas of Cynnal Cymru at the Civic Hall, 19th March

Detailed arrangements for equipment and refreshments were made.

Meeting with Grenville Ham of BBNP at the Civic Hall, 30th April

This date has been agreed with Grenville and circulated to the group and published online. **Steve will inform The Post and organise a poster and further publicity with Owain and Eva.**

Further talks etc

Rhiannon is in touch with Aled at Menter Cwm Gwedraeth about a presentation on Zero Carbon Communities. The film 'The Age of Stupid' should be given a showing in Llandeilo. A showing at Tregib, with a discussion opportunity, would be a very good idea. Steve is registered with the production company for information when the film becomes available for screenings to community organisations.

Transition Wales

A midweek meeting of Welsh transition groups in Hay-on-Wye during the Hay Festival is expected to happen. The exact date is currently unknown.

Pete Seeger is retiring as chair of Transition Wales. Nominations for a new chair have been invited. It is thought that the chair should be bilingual.

Martin Fitton would like to give up his communications role. Anyone wishing to take over that role should contact Steve or Rhiannon.

Talks to outside groups

Rhiannon spoke to about 40 people in Capel Isaac this month.

Rhiannon has spoken to the chair of Wales WI. A group from Glamorgan WIs are interested in visiting Llandeilo to find out more about us. They will contact Rhiannon with a proposed date.

Name change

It was proposed at the last New Economics Group meeting that the name of this group might be changed to something that makes it clear that we are linked to the Towy Valley as a whole and not just to the town of Llandeilo. Steve felt that Transition Towy Valley / Cwm Tywi would better reflect our membership and the area that most of us see as our 'bioregion'. Sue thought that we should wait until we are better known. In any case we were unable to make a decision with just 4 people present.

Subgroups

Allotments – the site is ploughed and will soon be harrowed. Plots can be claimed by the end of March.

Permaculture – the group is involved in a Seed Sway and Open Day at Ffairfach Primary school on 29th March.

Heart and Soul – at the March meeting, the group swapped tales of the winter and agreed that gardening was the best antidote to despair.

Natural Health and Wellbeing – next meeting on March 20th will involve a visioning exercise.

New Economics – regular meetings are taking place. The next is on March 23rd.

Diwylliant a Iaith – **Rhiannon will contact Dan about the next event for this group.**

Lampeter Energy Descent Plan

TT Lampeter have used funding to employ someone who is beginning the task of drawing up a plan. It was felt that we should invite him down to Llandeilo once he has settled into the role.

Pantycelyn school

The New Economics group felt that they could make a contribution to the campaign to save Pantycelyn by pressing for due consideration to be given to : the effect on the community of losing its only state secondary school; and the environmental impact of bussing children to Llandeilo from as far as Llanwrtyd. Rhiannon, who was herself a pupil at Pantycelyn, believes that it is very important that sixth formers be given access to a full range of subjects and courses. No decision for the wider TL2 group to support the campaign was made.

Summer fete

Heart and Soul was keen on the idea of a summer fete with a number of stalls including the opportunity to throw green custard at a climate villain. This could fit in with the Seize the Day gig. However, it may be too late to get this organised. It really needs someone to volunteer to drive this forward, if it's going to happen.

The next meeting will be held at the Angel on 20th April at 7pm.