

MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING 17TH August 2009 AT WHITE HORSE,
LLANDEILO

Present: Gerry (chair), Rhiannon, Sue Weaver, Colin, Ben, Richard, John, Steve B
Apologies: Steve H, Sue Wakefield, Pete

Cynnal Cymru AGM

is combined with a meeting, also involving the Institute of Welsh Affairs, on 'Life Change in One Planet Wales'. This takes place at the National Botanic Garden on 25-26 September (Friday and Saturday).

A booking form is at http://sustainwales.com/home/downloads/agm2009/cc-sw_agm_en.pdf (the cost for the Saturday, *which wasn't known at the time of this steering group meeting*, is actually £35).

Interreg bid

Rhiannon reported that Martin Fitton has started work on the bid. Gerry reported that Anson has volunteered to be part of the specialist TL2 subgroup to deal with the bid.

Transition Wales

Although the autumn meeting in Blaenau will go ahead, more pressing is the need to deal with a request from a representative of the Prince of Wales to be given a tour of local transition activities. If this goes ahead it is likely to be in late October. Transition groups other than ours will be invited to participate.

Age of Stupid

There was a discussion about how discussion could be facilitated. Rhiannon suggested that people could write down their ideas about Climate Change before the film, on blank cards. Gerry thought that after the film we should discuss what we can do in Llandeilo. He also thought that a further AoS event for local businesses would be a good idea.

Sue will facilitate an activity in pairs after the film and will decide on how the evening will work (i.e. which of these ideas will be used).

Colin thought people could be given a list of simple things they could do to reduce their Carbon footprint (*Steve volunteers to do this*).

Steve to ask Owain for help with poster design, then to email posters to allow other group members to help with putting them up.

Steve to organise bookstall with Cygnus.

Steve to contact Green Shop to get other materials including Paul Mobbs stuff.

Steve to invite the council.

Steve to contact Radio Carmarthenshire.

Gerry to find out if an email list for the Chamber of Commerce exists.

Ben to contact Looby and Chris for a Permaculture display.

John to contact Katka and Mags to ask for Allotments info to be available.

Sue to have publicity for the Carbon Conversations course ready.

Sue to bring coffee, tea, pens, Post-It notes as required.

Gerry will be cashier on the night.

In Transition – the film

This will cost us £70 to hire. Unseen it isn't worth it. From 01/12/2009 it will be available for free download (actually on a 'pay what you think it's worth' basis). We will watch it then and then decide whether to use it at a public meeting.

Carbon Conversations

Starts 23/09.

Sue will co-facilitate with Jessica Griffin.

Sue will write some publicity which Steve will circulate to the mailing list, and posters which she will email out to be printed off and distributed for display.

AGM

Will provisionally be on Thursday 26th November.

350.org

An international day of action on the theme of '350' (the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere, in ppm, that is considered 'safe', i.e. probably would not raise world average temperature by more than 2C compared to the pre-industrial era).

Steve to circulate a link to the website. Everyone to consider whether we should take a 350-related action on that day – 24th October.

Skills-sharing

Sue and John will get together to plan a taster day – February 2010? Steve suggested that the programme should get off the ground before spring, since people will have less time for this kind of thing in the summer.

Meeting with Rhian Owen, Carmarthenshire Energy Agency

Sue, John and Steve met Rhian. Sue has contacted Mike Blofeld from the Llangadog Community Centre about a possible project to improve the energy efficiency of that building.

Reports from Groups

Allotments (CyD): There is a waiting list. A small number of untended allotments are being reassigned.

H & S A midsummer adventure quest took place in June.. The next meeting is on September 1st.

New Economics Pete has offered to take on the Credit Union project since Patricia is involved with family matters. The next meeting is on 7th September when Duncan Ress from the Co-op will be speaking.

Permaculture Looby and Chris have announced dates for the full PC Design course to take place in and around Llandeilo this autumn/winter.

Food and Farming Sue has been in touch with Alice Davies who is keen to get involved again.

AOB

The Dryslwyn shop is setting up an internet café with help from the BT Community Connections programme. They have also applied to take part in a BBC 'village SOS' programme.

NEXT MEETING September 21st at the White Horse...7pm. All welcome