

Minutes of the TL2 Steering Group Meeting on 18/08/2008 at The Angel

Present: Rhiannon Rowley, Isabel Lovelock, Sue Weaver, Colin Foster, Jo Horsley (Environment Wales), John Gaffney, Steve Brown

Apologies: Gerry Gold

Minutes from 14/07/2008

Agreed.

Matters arising

Jo is meeting Usha Ladwa Thomas on 21/08/2008 and will reschedule a visit to TL2.

Isabel will circulate the revised expenses form.

Transition Wales meeting

Rhiannon attended the last meeting at Builth Wells on August 9th. It was well attended. A document from Totnes about the future of the network was discussed. This had been circulated only to 'official' transition communities, which upset some people. There seems to be a feeling that Wales needs its own communications network, independent of Totnes.

Information about Transition Wales has not been widely enough circulated in TL2. **Steve to circulate anything that he receives from Martin Fitton.**

The next meeting is on October 25th. There will be a session related to the Soil Association's new grow-your-own / allotments drive. It would be good if someone from the Allotments group would go. Steve to ask Katerina.

Interreg application

Rhiannon announced that Lampeter, Fishguard and TL2 were jointly putting together a bid for funding from INTERREG IV. The INTERREG IVC Programme is part of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective. It is a EU programme that helps regions of Europe work together to share their knowledge and experience. Launched in 2007, the programme will run until 2013. The programme provides funding for all regions of Europe plus Switzerland and Norway (regional and local public authorities) to exchange and transfer knowledge and good practice. Two main priorities are targeted: 'Innovation and Knowledge economy' and 'Environment and Risk prevention'. The bid would involve us and similar groups in Ireland.

Seize The Day

The concert will be postponed until February. It should be on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The idea of getting Swansea involved and having the gig somewhere in between was discussed – Llandybie, Ammanford? Alternatives to the Mordekkers as support band were discussed too. **Isabel will contact Jake Holyfield from West Wales Eco centre.**

AGM

(Since the meeting the panel has been formed – Adam Price MP, Peter Harper (CAT), Peter Davies (SDC), Bernard Llewellyn – Carreg Cennen, suggested by Alice Davies. Chair: Eleanor Jones). A revised budget for the funding application to EW will be submitted.

The AGM will be the focus of the next steering group meeting.

Steve will organise a bookstall.

Policies

Steve provided a draft Health and Safety policy. This was revised and agreed. It was realised that we lack insurance for volunteers.

Colin to investigate insurance available from BTCV.

We now have H & S, Volunteer, Environment, Equal Ops and Welsh language policies agreed.

Steve will make all of the policies, and the constitution, available through the website.

Summer Party

Sue reported that this made a profit.

Narberth

Chris Lawrence from the fledgling Transition Narberth group requested a visit from one of us.

Rhiannon will offer him dates.

Website

Mike Inglis is no longer able to host the website. The steering group expressed thanks to him for his generous free provision of the facility until now. It was agreed that we should offer him up to £25 for letting us have the domains. Colin kindly offered to host the website from now on.

Subgroups

Afallon has a start-up grant for the forthcoming pruning weekend, and for publicity. Isabel needs help. She is effectively running it alone. Sue will get involved – Steve offered occasional support – the Permaculture Group should be able to get involved too.

Permaculture (with Chris Evans) is organising a Forest Gardening course for the end of September.

Alternative Energy – we're not sure what's happening. **Isabel will talk to Gary.**

Heart and Soul Next meeting will be about story-telling. A Work That Reconnects workshop will take place in the autumn.

Hemp – nothing happening until after the event at the college at Gelli Aur on 26th October.

The next meeting will be held at the Angel on 15th September at 7 pm.