

MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING 18TH MAY 2009 AT CASTLE INN, LLANDEILO

Present: Rhiannon, Sue, Colin, Gerry, Isabel , John,

Carbon Conversations

Sue interested in teaching this in the autumn/winter. It may be over 6 to 10 sessions and could be covered by Carmarthenshire council's community education programme.

Carrier bags

Rhiannon reported that this had been a successful highly visible tool in promoting sustainability in St Davids and would like to pursue it in Llandeilo. It would require 2 people at least to co-ordinate it.

"Age of Stupid" film on Friday 22nd May at Gelli Aur village hall.

Colin leafleted the village. There are no Welsh language posters available. Rhiannon to do the opening welcome with Sue. There will be a facilitated discussion after the film. John to speak to radio Carmarthenshire lady, TV presenter and sort Llandeilo posters. Colin to organize sheets to collect contact details of people who attend. Discussed showing it again in a larger venue – this would incur license costs of £30-£50. Suggestions were to show it as a film at the end of term at Tregib school to the students.

Hay on Wye "Transition Wales" meeting – 28th may 2009

John, Steve and Rhiannon attending but not representing TL2. We cannot vote a chair in as we don't have a consensus about involvement with Transition Wales..General airing of views about it the subject but nothing decided.

Interreg bid.

Rhiannon felt that we needed to make a decision about whether we want to take part in this as we may be blocking another transition town from being part of it by delaying our decision about it.

Several people felt that they knew little about it and so could not make an informed decision.

Rhiannon gave some history on how TL2 got involved with it. Rhiannon was asked by Patrick Holden/University of Lampeter if Llandeilo could be part of the bid along with 4 other towns in Wales and 5 in Ireland.

There was a brief discussion with TL2 about it and Rhiannon went to a meeting in Lampeter with representatives of the other towns and the people at the meeting felt that it would be good to make a bid for funding together.

University of Lampeter then withdrew as lead partner so the original bid was stopped, and a new lead partner was found (CCW).The bid is set to be made again in the Autumn. It is a three year project which may involve the employment of an "officer" for each town to oversee the development of practical sustainable projects and to co-ordinate sharing of research and information between the communities. CCW would help with administration.

Rhiannon felt that we needed to make a decision before the next meeting but others wanted more information about what commitment TL2 was making as the details seemed unclear. Rhiannon agreed to circulate a copy of the bid that had been written previously to give everyone a clearer picture and all agreed to discuss it online in the next two weeks and try to decide.

Reps from each town are to go to Ireland to a meeting in July. Rhiannon is prepared to go to get a sense of what the groups can do together, if she can fit it in with work.

Town Twinning

Rhiannon spoke about TL2 at the recent town twinning meeting and wondered whether there were potentials for joint projects with them.

Group reports

Allotments: all 61 allotments taken and 7 people are on the waiting list. No-one on the allotments committee likely to come to steering group meetings as John has resigned from it, though he invited people to come along and to stay in touch.

Economics: meeting about Credit Unions on June 1st at the Angel at 7.30 pm about spreading the concept throughout Carmarthenshire. There is also a WAG-supported proposal for a card-technology based pilot project to support local closed-loop economies. This results from a collaboration between a South African bank and software company now based in Swansea.

Permaculture group: 13th June meeting at Lucie's for hands on work and meeting.

Heart and Soul: meeting at Sue's to discuss skill-sharing workshop.

Also adventure game at Sue's on June 26th at 7.30 . Bring wellies, marshmallows..open to all.

Micro Hydro talk was a success.

Other events:

Steve has been notified of an event about composites for Renewable Energy i.e Wind Turbines to help develop business in this area. June 10th Swansea Uni at 6pm (Free)

NEXT MEETING June 15th at the White Horse...7pm. All welcome