

Minutes of the TL2 Steering Group Meeting on 19/05/2008 at The Angel

Present: Isabel Lovelock (chair), Sue Weaver, Alice Davies, Rhiannon Rowley, Colin Foster, Anson Allen, Annie Davis Allen, Jo Horsley (Environment Wales), John Gaffney, Steve Brown

Apologies: Simon Bowkett, Gerry Gold, Edward Thomas (Mayor of Llandeilo)

Minutes from 21/04/2008

Agreed.

Matters arising

Jo said that the Expenses form suggested by Isabel needs revising since receipts are required with an expense claim.

The application for an EW startup grant had not been received in Cardiff. **Rhiannon and Jo will follow this up and complete another form if necessary.**

Finances: Gerry to report next time whether he has pursued accounting training with Amman Valley Enterprises.

Simon and Alice have not yet got together to arrange an Alternative Energy event. Alice is looking into funding from Antur Teifi.

The deadline was missed for applications for a stall at the Penlan Parc event.

Alice and Rhiannon are still considering whether we should have a stall at the Catalyst event in Carmarthen.

Rhiannon was interviewed for BBC Countryfile.

Alice has written an article for Gwlad magazine.

Policies

Steve circulated the TT Totnes Environmental policy. It was not considered suitable without changes. **Isabel will draft a mission statement and Jo will provide her with a template for a full policy. Isabel will then provide a new draft at the next meeting.**

Isabel will phone Anne to check on progress on a Volunteering policy.

Rhiannon will provide a simple statement of intent regarding the Welsh language.

Jo will send Steve a possible Health and Safety policy.

Steve will look at Equal Ops policies.

Party

Possible dates were discussed and 26th July was chosen. The venue is Gelli Aur. There will be local food and music. Annie and Sue are organising this.

Crescent Road allotment

Isabel will write to the Town Clerk to find out more.

Transition Training

Sue and Isabel reported that this had been excellent, inspiring.

PLANED

Jo will speak to them about whether they could put on a Community Action Plan event here. PLANED are Pembrokeshire-based. There, they stage events only where the local council has said they are willing for them to come.

Funding

Isabel had details of a scheme that could provide us with a £5,000-£10,000 grant for a single Arts-related project, that has to be innovative and ambitious. This would not fund wages. Jo

pointed out that Awards For All, which is a lottery scheme, could provide a similar amount of money and would fund wages.

Autumn event with Seize The Day

Isabel is waiting to hear back from them.

Allotments group

Negotiations with the planners are continuing.

Welsh group

Rhiannon has organised an event. On the 5th July at The Angel there will be an evening of stories and songs loosely grouped around a theme of how rural communities like ours used to work, and how the community has changed and goes on changing. The storytellers will include Canon Patrick Thomas, and there will be songs from Lynne Denman and Liz Evans. Admission will be £5, to include a supper of bread and cheese.

Rhiannon will be talking to the Fishguard TT group about how to involve the Welsh-speaking community.

Heart and Soul group

The 18th May meeting was poorly attended. The next meeting on June 18th will consider our oil-dependent society in the light of addiction theory.

Hemp group

Isabel made an offer of a trial plot. Up till now the group has been talking to a landowner on Gower.

Since the meeting Simon has reported that Ranyl Rhydwen is available and a public meeting has been organised. This will take place on 19th July.

Afallon

Following the meeting with Paul Davis, future events will include a pruning weekend and a trip to the Hereford Cider museum. Isabel would like to offer trees as presents as a way of getting sponsorship.

Permaculture group

Isabel, Jessica Griffin, Jess Proctor-Jones and John and Steve are all offering venues for meetings. There have not been enough people expressing an interest in a full Permaculture course for it to happen just as a TL2 course. John will talk to Chris Evans about other options.

Alternative Energy group

Simon's studies are making it hard for him to lead the group. Anson will talk to other people who could possibly convene the group for now.

AOB

At the next meeting a date should be set for the AGM.

Annie would like us to hold an event aimed at children.

The next meeting will be held at the Angel on 16th June at 7 pm. **Steve will book the room.** All are welcome to attend and participate.