

Minutes of the TL2 Steering Group Meeting on 21/04/2008 at Llwynbwch

Present: Isabel Lovelock (chair), Sue Weaver, Alice Davies, Colin Foster, Gerry Gold, Steve Brown

Apologies: Anne van Mechelen, Neil Keidan, Anson Allen, Rhiannon Rowley, Simon Bowkett, John Gaffney, Jo Horsley

Minutes from 17/03/2008

Agreed.

Policies

There were not enough of the people taking responsibility for policies to allow us to have taken discussion of policies much further forward at this meeting. Isabel has now mailed a possible Equal Ops policy to steering group members. Jo has seen and approved this document.

Reminders

Anne will take responsibility for a Volunteering policy.

Rhiannon will take responsibility for a Welsh language policy.

Steve will ask TT Totnes whether they have an Environmental policy we could use as a model, and check that we have a possible Health and Safety policy.

Template for an expense form

Isabel will circulate one (she has now done this).

Start up grant application to EW

Rhiannon has visited Jo to deal with this.

Finances

Gerry will contact Amman Valley enterprises about accounting training. He may be willing to take over as Treasurer.

Ideas for events

How to Save The World, a film from New Zealand. **Isabel will now pursue this.**

Annie Anson has offered to organise a local food event in July. **Sue will talk to**

Annie about this.

Seize The Day – since the meeting Isabel has reported that they are keen to do a gig for us in September, and Isabel wants to get the local band the Mordekkers, involved too.

Alice has discussed the idea of an Alternative Energy Day for farmers with Simon, but further discussion is needed. A September event in the Civic Hall is a possibility. Antur Teifi may offer funding.

As previously discussed, **Anson and Simon will arrange a Hemp event for July.**

As previously discussed, **John and Chris will arrange a Permaculture Open Day.**

Paul Davies' talk about apples is still on the calendar for **Thursday May 29th.**

Rhiannon is hoping to arrange a Welsh language cultural event for June.

We could have a stall at the centenary event of Parc Penlan. **Isabel will contact the council about a stall for Organics to Go which could be shared with TL2.**

We could share a stall with the Machinery Ring at the International Sheepdog Trials at Dinefwr Park.

On July 5th there will be an event at Carmarthen Showground called Catalyst, a Christian celebration for the diocese of St Davids. It may be appropriate for us to have a stall there in the Food area. **Alice will discuss this with Rhiannon.**

Gerry was due to attend a Transition Town event in Newtown in April which involved a panel discussion – he was to be on the panel. It was thought that a similar event could be held in Llandeilo – to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor of Llandeilo

Richard Wallace, the mayor, has been in touch with Rhiannon and has been very supportive. He will be added to the mailing list and invited to the next steering group meeting.

Offer of land

Isabel reported that councillor Hugh Towns has been in touch with her about offering us some land below Crescent Road, leased to us for a peppercorn rent. **John to discuss with Isabel.**

Publicity

Rhiannon reports that she has had several interviews by the media and will be interviewed with Dan for BBC Wales.

Alice will write an article for Gwlad.

Climate Change Community Event in Carmarthen 19/04/2008

Alice attended, and spoke to Jane Davidson, WAG Minister for the Environment. She has a connection to the area - her father lives at Gelli Aur – and is very keen on the Transition concept. She also spoke to PLANED, the Pembrokeshire-based community organisation who are experienced in engaging communities in development and sustainability issues. PLANED are running a training in Llandovery in May, and **Isabel and Ben will find out whether they would run an event for us and how much it would cost.**

Transition Training

This was fully booked and due to earn us £200 – £300. It was agreed that Sue should not have to pay to attend the training, since she was providing the venue and accommodating the trainers in her home.

Website and articles in The Post etc

Steve would welcome new material from subgroups.

The next meeting will be held at the Angel on 19th May at 7 pm. **Steve will book the room.** All are welcome to attend and participate.