

## **Minutes of the TL2 Steering Group Meeting on 22/10/2007 at the Civic Hall, Llandeilo**

Present: Alice Davies, Anne Van Mechelen, Anson Allen, Cathie Hasler, Dan Morris, Eunice Atkin, John Gaffney, Neil Keidan, Rhiannon Rowley, Simon Bowkett, Sue Weaver, Steve Brown

Apologies: Gill Wright (Waste group)

There was a period of introductions and open discussion:

1. Dan discussed the setting up of community allotments. 4 acres of land has been offered for this. He stressed the importance of making links to existing community groups – something he is clearly doing a great deal of himself, and commented that TL2 is not visible enough yet in the wider community.
2. Sue discussed how a Permaculture-based community garden might work, on part of this 4-acre site. She and others are keen to hold an introductory Permaculture course very soon, and it would be ideal to apply Permaculture principles to our own land as we learn.
3. Eunice deplores the waste in modern life - waste of talent and human potential as well as waste of materials.
4. Cathie may be interested in starting a TT group, or related group, in Carmarthen, where she currently lives, but for now will participate in this group.
5. Sue explained how the Ecopsychology group has been incorporated into TL2. She is looking for an appropriate name for Llandeilo's equivalent of what Totnes calls 'Heart and Soul'.
6. Alice and Simon explained that the decision on how the market hall in Llandeilo will be used will be made by the council soon, without a second round.
7. Anson is keen that we organise more high-profile speakers. Rob Hopkins will be speaking in Fishguard in March but could divide the visit between there and Llandeilo.
8. Dan thinks that at some stage we may need to define our boundaries in relating to commercial organisations, but Rhiannon said that commercial and voluntary concerns can work hand-in-hand.
9. Rhiannon is attending the launch of the Carmarthenshire Rivers Trust.
10. Simon is to talk to Tregib school about sustainable building.

The main business of the meeting was the formation of a new Steering Group to replace the last one. The mandate of the last Steering Group had extended only as far as setting up the Open Space meeting in September.

Simon thought that 1 or 2 people from each Open Space group should be on the Steering Group. Rhiannon pointed out that there were other roles that needed filling, and that some of those could not really be filled by those present. People with links to the town council, or with financial and planning skills, could usefully be added to the Group. So could media-savvy people, or representatives from the groups Dan has

been in touch with. Sue thought that anyone with energy and a willingness to contribute should be able to join.

By the end of the meeting a new core committee had effectively been formed. This consists of:

Dan	-	Allotments
Alice	-	Food And Farming
Anson	-	Hemp
Cathie	-	Education
Rhiannon	-	Transition Towns Wales
Simon	-	Alternative Energy/Building
Sue	-	'Heart and Soul' and Treasurer
John	-	Permaculture
Steve	-	Communications and Website

Additionally, it was suggested that –

Another representative of Food and Farming would be welcome, ideally Isabel Lovelock. **Steve will mention this to Isabel.**

Anne might liase with Dinefwr Green Group and The Green House

Tim Shaw might want to join as representative of the Transport group

**Steve will talk to Tim**

**Rhiannon will ask Gill Wright to join**

**Alice will invite Alice James onto the committee**

**Rhiannon and Alice will try to find a fundraiser who could join the committee**

Anne said that The Green House was kindly making available a part of their noticeboard for use by TL2 – indeed, The Green House is offered as a focal point for communication. **Steve will provide a short bulletin indicating the progress we are making, to put up in that space.**

Recommendations for the agenda of the next meeting were:

- Making roots in the community
- Funding
- A constitution

Simon invited **Eunice to bring something related to wasted resources.**

The next meeting will be held at the Civic Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm. **Sue will book the room.** All are welcome to attend and participate, not just those listed above.