

Transition Wilmslow AGM February 19th, 2014

Present: Jean Hill, John Handley, Garry Olson, Chris Frankland, Marianne Broadgate, Pippa Tyrrell Jones, Jane Selva, Denise Renshaw, Andrew Backhouse, Helen Lederer, Anita Willoughby, Flo Collier, Stuart Redgard

Apologies: Rebecca Segal, Pat Baker, Anthony Jones, Clive Bassil

Appointments

Chair – Pippa Tyrrell Jones

Secretary – Helen will maintain the membership list and send out mailings to our 180 members – sending out a round up of the year rather than a monthly newsletter and keep the website up to date. Denise happy to be minute secretary. We could slip in small black and white events slips with latest events?

Treasurer – Anita Willoughby who we ask to be added to the list of signatories for cheques.

We ask for Eric Laot and Hannah Bate to be taken off the list of signatories for cheques.

Social Secretary – No one appointed at this time.

Comms Person & Publicity Coordinators - website and social media – We'd like Rebecca Segal, Flo Collier and Pat Baker to meet to see how we can get these things more coherent like accessing the mail box. We are reminded of the value of having clear aims of Transition on the website – being sustainable, helping the local community/economy and saving energy. We need to take out the term Peak Oil for now.

Review Finances

We are in surplus and we need to get our finances into order so we can get grants.

Councillors raised issue of charitable status, and Rachel has had a lot of information on how to set it up. Stuart has information on it – huge advantages on gift aid, but brings a lot of financial restrictions and requirements. Hexham Transition have set up a limited company and do not recommend it.

Andrew has drafted a bid for Awards for All for the Energy Group, and Jean is talking to the town council about money for the Landscape character assessment.

Review of Future Events

Artisan Markets – Energy Market – in April on Easter Sunday for food, June – Lindow Moss project, Sept - ? food and possibly, November – energy. Pippa will ask Rob if we can have a family bike ride on the April, Jun and November, and we could switch to March 16th to support the go wild bike ride. AB to ask Denise Wilmslow Show – Garry and Amanda Sunday 13th July organizing it.....ideally on landscape character assessment – wanting something visual. Flo will find out about the bike smoothie maker.

Landscape Character Assessment – is there an Exhibition potential? It's the main item for the next steering group.

Film Nights – Jeremy Irons “Trashed” next week, and “Dirt, the Movie” in March, and “Making an impact” for April 29th. Then restart in Autumn.

Flo asked if we want to take part Climate Week – 3-9 March with a climate week challenge. We felt it was short notice. It was then asked if we should take part in Earth Hour on March 29th 8.30pm-9.30pm? And encourage the town to do this? Could we get it in to schools? Flo would try and do this bit. We could circulate earth hour to people to encourage us all to do this and like the idea.

www.earthhour.org

Review of current groups and projects

Food Group – had a meeting in January and need to develop the side that distinguishes us from Incredible Edible – to encourage people to grow their own food and fruit, and working with other groups to do this. E.g planting fruit and nut trees in a corridor through Wilmslow, develop more links with Food for Macc direct, use the Apple day at Styal as a Food Group event, more skills in jam and chutney making...to be alert to the possibilities of walls being available for vertical growing. They are struggling to develop the Gravel Lane site and need to renew effort to get neighbours to the site getting involved. Links developed with Ashdene Primary too. Lots people came to the plant swap and refreshments at Gravel Lane with the reopening of the swings.

Environment and Planning Group - has done a huge amount of work to build up the LCA – and have talking about “the Landscape on your Doorstep”. Last night they talked to Town Council and all 4 local County Councillors who seem very supportive. Jean and John are going to build up relations with Councillor Don Stockton who is the cabinet lead for planning. Could still be usefully put to Handforth Parish Council. Also a lot has gone into the development strategy for Cheshire East; and the core strategy was published yesterday. Now on hold as more energy is going in to the Lindow Moss Group.

Lindow Moss Group – Flo is going to facilitate a workshop on the evening of 3rd April at the Quaker Meeting House. Councillors Gary Barton and Wesley Fitzgerald very positive about the work of this group and they are going to work with Saltersley Common Preservation Society, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, council, and others.

Energy Group – Started working with businesses, and done about 34 houses since last February with energy surveys. Chris Daniel and Rebecca Segal now using the thermal imaging camera as well as Andrew and able to do surveys. Helen too is keen to learn how to use it. Andrew is on a Local Area Partnership Energy Group which is helping do things like put in for Awards for All and other developments like electricity monitors into libraries.

Any other business

- 1) We would like to thank the Quakers for the use of their building, which we much appreciate.
- 2) Helen will think about what might be done to raise money at the Artisan Market instead of the raffle as it was not as effective as the Tombola.

Date of next meeting

March 19th Steering Group at the Quaker Meeting House