

## **Transition Wilmslow Steering Group Minutes 21.5.2014**

Present: Marianne, Broadgate, Pippa, Tyrrell Anthony, Garry Olson, Denise Renshaw, Jean Hill, Chris Frankland, John Handley, Andrew Backhouse, Flo Collier , Rachel Corrigan

Apologies for absence: Jane, Anita, Pat

Observer: Felix Forster, A Masters Student from Vienna on an exchange in Manchester: Felix is writing a dissertation on the Transition Movement.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**
  - a. Not got round to contacting Cycle Wilmslow.
  - b. Still waiting to change signatories on the bank account.
  - c. 'Landscape on the doorstep' is now going to be in the autumn.
  - d. Minutes once approved at the next meeting can go on the website.
  
2. **Transition network website** – the blurb on us is out of date, Pippa now has access editorial access. The Comms group should take this on– Pippa to talk to Pat. We think we should be also linked in to the Transition NW alliance website <http://transitionnorthwest.ning.com/>
  - a. We've been asked to contribute something to the Transition network web site and agreed to send something about the landscape character assessment, the energy group work with councils and LEAF, Lindow Moss, and the response on planning. AB to do one for the Energy Gp, Jean and John for theirs, and send to Flo for the Comms Gp to deal with.
  
3. **Transition NW Conference.** University of Cumbria., Lancaster Pippa and Marianne will try and go on the Saturday at least to this on the 12/13 July. Others welcome .
  
4. **Seedy Saturday** was a success. See write up on website. We need to have a first aid kit at events like this.
  
5. **Styal Community Shop**- shares are available le at £20/share and Flo will try and find out if they are being local in purchases and whether it would be appropriate to buy shares either individually or collectively. Could it be a drop off point for Food4Macc?
  
6. **Environment and Planning.**
  - a. TW submitted comments on the revised local plan on: Vision; Spatial Distribution; Settlement Hierarchy, Renewable and Low Carbon Energy, Green Infrastructure, and Green Belt
  - b. We have requested that we would like to present our views at the Inspection in Public in the Autumn.
  - c. Further research will need to be done to enhance any potential submissions re the overall spatial distribution of development and in particular our proposal to develop Crewe as a 21st century

garden city, where conversations with the Chester and Warrington LEP. We need to take Cheshire East with us and talk to Don Stockton and other councilors. George Osborne might be sympathetic because it makes the case for HS2 for the region and good use of money once people have talked to councillors.

- d. Next E&P meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

## 7. **Lindow Moss**

The New Vision for Lindow Moss

- a. A document has been drafted for this and it needs some reworking. John will circulate for comments, with a quick summary at the top including bullet points. Once Steering Group are happy with this it could go to participants in the workshop and then launch at the Wilmslow Show.
- b. A project planning framework has been put together too and the project is becoming too big for TW alone so need to form a Lindow Moss Steering Gp including Land Trust, Natural England and Cheshire Wildlife Trust.
- c. An important part of this will be a comprehensive communications strategy and an initial discussion would be held with Land Trust/CWT to explore setting up this group and the issues surrounding land ownership/future management . A meeting would be arranged with Adrian Fisher at Cheshire East Council to discuss the vision, and planning issues and TW's proposals for the area to be recognised as a Green Infrastructure Asset.
- d. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lindow Man: August 2nd Pippa has written to Open Country on Radio 4 and is talking to people at Manchester Museum. Pippa to forward emails from their PR people to John, Jean and Flo to action. Jean will also try Countryfile to reinforce the message. A dawn walk for 5.27am on August 2nd would be a different way to raise the profile. More will be planned at the meeting in June.

## 8. **June Artisan Market:**

We decided that because of other pressures we would only do the bike ride and registration from 1pm. AB to let Denise know.

9. **Wilmslow Show** – Garry and Amanda to set it up – with the emphasis on landscape. Pippa to send Val Poyser's email details to Garry to check what is booked. Lots of us are available to help. We do need to have something about the whole of Transition Wilmslow. Could the Comms Group revise the TW leaflet ensuring that the information will be relevant in the longer term so that we can do a bigger print run? We also need a newsletter, which Pippa will draft. Flo to try and get the bike powered smoothie maker.

## 10. **Skill Share:** Marianne is first point of contact.

- a. Date: Saturday 14 June Time: -1-4pm Methodist Church Water Lane booked Publicity: Flo will send to Express and wilmslow.co.uk.

Denise will make a skill share banner to go with the Transition Wilmslow banner.

- b. Help needed to find people to do particular crafts and to bring cakes with their own recipes alongside. Garry will send flapjack, Pippa, Jean and Anthony will make cakes, People need to gather elderflowers. There is a website on cool things to make. People could be encouraged to pledge to do things – e.g. not using bought wrapping paper this year... Love food, hate waste. Clean team will be contacted by Pippa. Denise to provide Food for Macc information, and there will be scarecrow making.
- c. Chris and Garry on how to build a compost heap and raised beds.

#### 11. Energy Group:

- a) Helen and Anthony have done carbon coop weekend training, and Anthony and Pippa's house will be open for the weekend organized by Manchester people.
- b) TW are putting in a bid to Awards for All for about £9000 to do more work on energy efficiency with the local councils and young people. For this we need to have a child protection policy and it needs to be as simple as possible. AB will draft one and draw on the Volunteering England website one as suggested by Flo. A "child protection" or "safeguarding" policy is a statement that makes it clear to staff, parents and children what the organisation or group thinks about safeguarding, and what it will do to keep children safe.  
It is considered best practice for all organisations working with children to have a child protection policy in place
- c) Transition Letchworth have gone for Charitable Incorporated Organisation status which they found was simple and effective for fundraising. It means the steering group members becoming the trustees and having an annual general meeting – which we already do. AB will look into and draft an amended constitution/suggestions for us.

- 12. **Pot Luck Supper** – 31<sup>st</sup> May at Chris Frankland's house. – 6pm onwards. Contact Pippa if coming.. Bring something you have made or grown. An opportunity to socialise, see the work Chris and Philly have done to make their home more energy efficient and what they still want to do following an energy efficiency survey.
- 13. **Finance:** Bank book is back with Rachael Corrigan as representative shareholder, Pippa Jones and I as other signatories. I can finally pay in seedy Saturday and film night moneys, maybe even get payment cheques drawn up as steering may determine

#### 14. **Date of next meeting** Weds 18 June 2014