

Transition Wilmslow Steering Group June 2014

18th June 2014, Upstairs Meeting Room, Friends Meeting House, 7.30pm

Present:

Karen Ashley; Nick Sissons; Imogen Calderbank; Heather Calderbank; Garry Olson; Andrew Backhouse; Jane Selva; Jean Hill; Pat Baker; Pippa Jones*, Anthony Jones; Denise Renshaw; Chris Frankland; Flo Collier

Apologies: John, Emma, Marianne

1. Minutes of the May meeting have been agreed and will go on the website. Comms Group to action. Comms Group will also edit our blog on the Trans Network site. Attention was drawn to an item on the Transition Network website on how to engage your Local Council.
2. Skill share Saturday 14th June: many thanks to Marianne and Emma for organising, everyone who came seemed to really enjoy it, any feedback re venue, timing etc? many thanks to Flo for sourcing the pedal powered smoothie maker!
Marianne would appreciate email feedback about the event and any suggested changes for similar events in the future.
Marianne has offered to subsidise the cost of hire of the Methodist Hall, Anita will pay the balance from TW funds.
3. Artisan market Sunday 15th June: another good event, plenty of smoothies, a great Family Bike Ride with Cycle Wilmslow, and Chris's collapsible story chair! See twitter and Express article.
4. Many thanks to everyone who supported both events with cakes and biscuits, transporting stuff and generally organising.
5. Next Event: Wilmslow Show Sunday 13th July. Garry and Amanda organising. Tasks identified: Smoothie bike needs to be picked up and returned. Maps of LCA area, photos for laminating, boards for display (Denise can laminate). Suggested interaction with visitors to stall - ask them to place photo where it belongs on the map. Rachel will update the TW leaflet, email suggestions to her, Pippa is putting together the Summer Newsletter.
Garry and Amanda will host a meeting on Monday 23rd to make arrangements. Contact Garry for further info if you can help.
6. August 2nd : 30th anniversary of discovery of Lindow Man: plans and help needed? Need to contact U of Manchester Press Office and Brian Stych at the Museum.
Pippa, Jean, Denise, Nick and Karen will form an organising group. Ask Andrew re singing.
7. NW Transition Conference 12/13 July Lancaster
8. 20s plenty: Cllr Topping has said that they are starting with a programme of getting schools to design posters, Flo is going to write a response detailing that without extending to residential streets there will be no impact. Also evidence that safer streets mean children walk to school which helps combat obesity.
9. Safeguarding Policy: document circulated, please comment, once agreed can go on website. Andrew will add in a section on getting permission for photos being used for publicity.

10. Energy Group update: Andrew has submitted a grant application for £9000 for more energy surveys, should hear Sept/Oct. This will fund a better thermal camera and getting more people involved and also pay Andrew for training volunteers.

Next Energy Group Meeting 26.6.14 at 7.30

11. Food Group update: Maintenance carried out at Orchards. Chris is happy for the Food Group to do the apple pressing at Styal Mill Apple Day in September and use it as a TW event. So prefer to do the Artisan Market in October - again featuring apple pressing when the apple supply will be better.

Next Food Group Meeting: Wednesday 2nd July meeting at Meriton Road Park Orchard for maintenance work at 7.30 and then at Denise's house.

12. E&P Group update: Landscape on Your Doorstep Project and Lindow Moss

Jean's report: An Inspector has been appointed to look at the Local Plan and local submissions, a meeting has been called on 24th July. The key issues are; Settlement hierarchy, green belt and the duty to co-operate. Central Government is inviting submissions for sites for new Garden Cities. This could fit in with identifying Crewe as a possible site under the Settlement Hierarchy heading.

Lindow Moss: A second workshop with key stakeholders this time. Further meetings also to build coalition with Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Jean will be raising this in her upcoming meeting with Cllr Don Stockton, Jane has collated workstreams for the workshop and will identify the key stakeholders.

Message from John: *Jean is co-ordinating a series of meetings on coalition building and we agreed that Cheshire Wildlife Trust are key here as a potential lead partner. Jean will be able to update you this evening.*

The profile raising events will be the Wilmslow Show (July 13th), the Dawn Walk to commemorate the discovery of Lindow Man (August 2nd) and the Lindow Moss Day School at the Guild (October 18th). We will aim to progress the coalition building to a point where we could make an announcement about the proposed Lindow Moss Partnership at the Day School on October 18th.

We agreed that at the Wilmslow Show we will aim to major on our work on the 'Landscape on your doorstep' and the 'New Vision for Lindow Moss' in particular. I'm meeting with Garry and Amanda on Monday evening (June 23rd) to start preparing for this. We will also want to give a rounded view of what Transition Wilmslow is about and that needs to be reflected in the display material. People have commented on how attractive our stall was last year with its greenery etc. Jean is going to co-ordinate the rota for the day and I expect to be available myself for most of the day.

We all liked your ideas for the Dawn Walk on August 2nd and most of us will be around to help with that. I think Anthony will lead on that this evening.

Environment and Planning will use the September Artisan Market Stall and there will be a bike ride.

13. Finance Update:

14. **Comms update: Message from Pat:** including Transition network

website

The Comms Team are pleased to report that our website account with Wordpress has been renewed for another year. The actual domain name, transitionwilmslow.co.uk, has to be re-registered every two years. Our thanks to Lizzie Henshaw for doing this last month. She has continued to be the point of contact.

Using DropBox has made it easy to share documents, posters and photos for use on the website and posters.

Despite our postings for TW events on the website, Freegle Community, twitter and FaceBook - in addition to posters displayed at Sainsbury, Wilmslow Library, WTC notice boards and at several shops this is not encouraging people in the numbers we would like. It has been suggested we ought to try a more direct approach by being in touch with local churches (Katy Thomas, minister of Wilmslow Methodists is willing to act as a contact), and Scout and Guide groups. Other suggestions welcome.

A "Welcome to Wilmslow a Transition Town" board on a roundabout with wild flower planting was suggested.

Our next meeting is at Pat's house Saturday morning 21 June.

15. Earlams Community Store: <http://www.microgenius.org.uk/project/styal-village-community-store-amp-cafe-limited-trading-as-earlams-22>

Closing date for shares 20.06.14. Applications and business plan will be circulated.

16. Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving: <http://www.skiptonrg.co.uk/>

we have the opportunity to apply for £500 grant, closing date 31st July. Lindow Moss or Landscape on your Doorstep projects could qualify.

17. Transition Network Newsletter contributions: John and Jean, Andrew, Flo offered to write something
18. Generic transition leaflet for distribution: Rachel will bring a copy along: review and then get large numbers printed cheaply. Chris has offered to do some printing.
19. Summer newsletter: Pippa will write and get printed in time for Wilmslow Show
20. Contact with other organisations to raise awareness: Pippa talking to URC supper club June 24th, any other contacts? Email contacts with Churches, U3A etc? any other suggestions?
21. Food Group Allotment: *We're looking for volunteers for this Saturday, 3pm to come to the allotment on Lincoln Road, Wilmslow and help us make raised beds. The plan at the allotment is to make raised beds over the summer with a view to planting fruit bushes in the Autumn which we can then share the harvest from in the future. Any help would be gratefully received .*
22. **AOB**
The Wilmslow Business Group website is being revamped. Flo is in contact with Bethan Phillips
Flo is also continuing with organising the 12 monthly challenges for the Wilmslow Parish magazine. June is water, July will be reducing food waste.
23. **Date of next meeting: Weds 16th July 7.30 (Green Drinks Tuesday 8th July)**