

Notes from the TTW Steering Group meeting 15th January 2014

Present: Pippa Jones (chair), Anthony Jones, John Handley, Chris Frankland, Pat Baker, Garry Olson, Flo Collier, Anita Willoughby, Denise Renshaw. Jean Hill joined us following the Wilmslow Trust Meeting

Apologies: Andrew Backhouse, Philip Valentino

Updates by Pippa on activity since November Steering Group:

- Pippa posted a Christmas message from TTW on the Transition Network site and was acknowledged by Rob Hopkins
- Pippa has put together a newsletter outlining TTW's activities in 2013. Once Jean and John have completed the section on Environment and Planning and the LCA this will be ready for printing and handing out at events, emailing to the general mailing list and attaching to the website.
- Energy Group: Following Andrew's meeting with Wilmslow Town Council they wish to endorse the energy saving work by displaying the Town Council logo on the leaflets and are encouraging Wilmslow residents to have energy surveys done. Andrew also spoke to the Wilmslow Business Group and offered free energy surveys and 4 businesses took up the offer. Wilmslow, Handforth and Cheshire East Councillors again endorsed this initiative

The Energy group meet again tomorrow 16th January

- Chris Frankland did meet with teachers from Wilmslow High School following on from the last Steering Group to discuss their plans for a garden adjoining the new Inclusion Unit, emails were exchanged and Pippa has written to them. There has been no feedback as yet.
- Pippa ran through the events calendar for 2014, she and Pat will have a further meeting on producing a printable version. John is leading an 8 mile walk for East Cheshire ramblers along the Dean and Bollin valleys ending on the Carrs and is prepared to lead a similar walk for TTW. There is also interest in walks being organised for people with mental health problems.
- There will be an AGM in February. It is hoped that TTW members will attend and be prepared to take up roles in the group.

The accounts will be produced in a form that can be examined by an external examiner.

- Community cinema: An email has been received informing us of free, mystery film nights to be run in the upstairs room of the Park Tavern, Macclesfield. More detail is available from the website www.entropyevents.com Garry Olson also had news of the police running film nights in a high school to keep the teenagers off the streets and wondered if this was a model we could pursue.

Environment and Planning Group John gave a summary of work being done to pull together the LCA work

Jean and John have had to devote a large amount of time to their input to the CE Core Strategy document and expect to be involved now with the new Group set up to focus on the project to restore Lindow Moss.

Chris Hills and John have now finished grouping together the photographs taken on the LCA walks according to routes and character areas. These will form a pyramid of one view broken down into increasingly detailed shots.

John has spoken to Countryside and envisages the photos and material collected being used in four different ways to validate the work that has been done and to support future proposals.

1. Initially an exhibition of the photos which could then be produced in a form that could be easily moved from venue to venue (Denise will get a ballpark figure for having retractable display panels printed)
2. A leaflet explaining and illustrating the exhibition
3. A more detailed booklet, as this would use ordnance survey maps we will not be able to charge for this
4. All of this to be linked with the website.

Thought needs to be given to the audience to be targeted. Suggestions were made about publications that might be interested. Styal Mill is interested in mounting an exhibition of the work.

John estimated that at least £5,000 would be needed to carry this out to a professional standard and is looking at possible ways of funding it. Chris suggested that if there was a main sponsor smaller local businesses might be interested in making up the balance if there is acknowledgement of their contribution.

The aim will be to have the exhibition ready for the Wilmslow Show in July.

John and Chris Hills are giving a talk to Wilmslow Photographic Society on February 26th at the Guild as the Society is very interested in their collaboration. He will let us know if it is open to the public.

John has again collaborated with Manchester University, and a group of final year students have been assigned to look at the whole of the Lindow Moss Area and report on whether it fulfils the criteria to be regarded as a Strategic Green Infrastructure Asset. It is currently not listed as such in the CE Core Strategy

Lindow Moss Project

This has now evolved as a separate group. Anthony will lead with John's support and Jean will provide admin support.

There have been 2 meetings so far including the meeting on January 7th with Tony Evans and Rob Sawyer from the Saltersley Common Preservation Soc.. At this meeting the Stakeholders were identified and the pathways required to achieve the groups aims. These are to restore the ecology and hydrology of the Moss, stopping the peat extraction and preserving its historical significance. This would maximise its potential as an educational and recreational resource ,drawing in tourism, increase the biodiversity and its function as a carbon sink.

A meeting with local and CE councillors is planned for February to hopefully get them on board.

When the MU students submit their report on the Green Infrastructure Asset a presentation and workshop will be set up for stakeholders and interested parties, to find those prepared to commit to the project and identify work streams. Flo has agreed to facilitate this and once areas requiring specific expertise are identified will see if ARUP is able to offer support.

Tony Evans and Rob Sawyer gave a summary of the extensive work they have already undertaken on behalf of the Saltersley Common Preservation Soc. and their anxieties that CEC have not fulfilled their obligations to protect the hydrology of the area and the protected wildlife species. They are keen to join forces. Since this meeting Tony Evans has reported that Richard Gardener from Cheshire Wildlife Trust has been in touch. The Trust may be interested in purchasing the peat extraction area from Croghan Peat, who have approached them. Croghan Peat are seeking planning permission for 14 houses on the area which they currently use for offices, plant storage etc.. This would appear to be part of their exit strategy. There will be a public exhibition to present their plans at Ned Yates Garden Centre from 1600 to 2000 on Friday 24th January and 1000 to 1400 on Saturday 25th

Food Group

In December 3 new apple trees donated by Chris Frankland were planted at Gravel Lane to replace trees that had been damaged or died and a Transition Town Wilmslow sign put up at the Handforth Meriton Road orchard. The group now needs to address how, if the community garden is going to be extended, adequate man power to maintain it is to be found and also how it can be funded.

Jean joined us following the Wilmslow Trust meeting. She had made contact with Tim Pinder from Cheshire Peaks and Plains who would like to come and talk to the Steering Group at a future meeting.

Date and time of next meeting. this will be the AGM, commencing at 7.30 at the Quaker Meeting House (upstairs) on Wednesday 19th February.