

Transition Wilmslow Steering Group September 17th 2014

Notes from Steering Group:

These are the notes for the meeting compiled by Pippa with additional comments in blue italics from the meeting.

- 1. Most important: email all your friends and work colleagues to vote for us in Skipton grassroots giving community awards: if funded, would give £500 to support mobile exhibition to support Lindow Moss work. Voting link on TW website or bit.ly/1roydHJ**
Pat has done some posters for display around Wilmslow. If dropped off at the Town Clerk's office he will display them on the Town Council notice board.
2. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Wilmslow Show and the Lindow Moss Dawn walk: both a great success! Thank you also to the Comms group for some sterling work advertising these events.
3. Coffee and cake morning at **9.30 on the 24th September** with Adrian Ramsay, the CEO of the Centre for Alternative Technology at the Quaker Meeting House to talk about Zero Carbon Britain, what individuals can do, and what CAT wants to do too all welcome
4. CEC Local Plan: Jean and John are attending the examination in public this month
5. Apple Days at Styal Mill. *Chris will welcome help from anyone who can drop in between 11 and 4 on the 27th and 28th. it will be an opportunity to promote TW events.*
6. Update from E&P Group: see below
7. CEC Waste Strategy: Pippa and Anthony went to CEC Waste strategy focus group on 2nd September. Surprisingly interesting! CEC have no plans for “wet” anaerobic digestion, they are looking at dry AD which would involve food waste in green bins with green waste.
8. Update from John: Trashed the Movie (that we saw early in 2014) is now on the Curriculum of the Environmental Studies students at University of Manchester. *John reported that the trial showing had a huge impact on the students and it is hoped will be rolled out to other courses.*
9. Film Night Update: next film is **Tuesday 30 September 7.15pm for 7.30 start:** Wilmslow Library “POWERFUL”
Next Film will be Weds November 12 7.30pm **Chasing Ice** note new venue

United Reformed Church

In preparation David and Denise Renshaw will arrange to familiarise themselves with the technology at the URC

10. Ecover washing up liquid: After watching Trashed and thinking about Flo's no plastic challenge Pippa has purchased 12 bottles of Ecover washing up liquid, bottle made from 10% plastic ocean waste and 90% post consumer recycled waste. Just ask if you'd like one: £2.50 a shot!
11. Charitable Status: Anita and Pippa are looking at the possibilities of seeking Charitable Status which would make it easier to get funds, does anyone know of a lawyer who could advise us (for free!)?
Andrew has contact details for Julia Sonander from Transition Letchworth <julia@sonander.org> who is happy to share their experience of registering with the Charities Commission.
12. Transition Network Conference: Pippa, Rachel and Marianne attended this conference in Lancaster in July. We came back with a lot of food for thought, in particular how we work more effectively as a group. A small "strategy" group has formed (Rachel, Marianne, Jane, Pippa and Marianne's friend Catherine). Anyone who'd like to join us is most welcome! There's a couple of films of the Conference on youtube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=100KIJRHa51 and Rob Hopkins talk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fg0JV21-4g
13. Anyone who would like to order lovely local food (veg, fish, cheese, yogurt...) from Food4Macc please let Pippa, Denise, Garry, Pat or Rachel know and you can join the Collection Rota
14. *Skill Share Feb. 14th 2015: Churches Together wish to host an event with TW related to sustainability and would like to have a Skill Share but hosted this time at the United Reformed Church and advertised through Churches Together as well as TW. Marianne is happy to lead again.*
15. One year in Transition: offer of a talk: An email from Hayley Spann offering to talk about a course she has just completed with the Transition Network that is targeted at young adults between the age of 20 and 35 called One Year in Transition. It offers guidance on finding paid work that we are passionate about and correlates with our core values, especially when it comes to making the transition to a low-carbon future. I've attached a leaflet with a bit more information and this is the website <http://www.oneyearintransition.org/> and the contact for the course leader Isabel Carlisle isabelcarlisle@transitionnetwork.org.
It was thought best if Hayley would give a short talk on one of the film nights, probably November "Chasing Ice" where we might get some younger people in the audience.

Group Updates:

1.

Planning and Environment Update

Public Hearings for the Inspector's Examination of the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy commence on 16th September and will finish on 31st October. 15 specific matters were identified by the Inspector for review. Transition Wilmslow will be speaking at 5 sessions between 16th September and 1st October covering: Vision and Strategic Priorities; Settlement Hierarchy; Spatial Distribution of Development; Green Belt and Safeguarded Land and Open Countryside and Sustainable Environment. We are not participating in the discussions on specific sites in Wilmslow and Handforth. We believe that we have made sufficient comment on the principles of development in these areas in our submissions on the Vision, Settlement Hierarchy, Spatial Distribution and the Green Belt. We will however be attending the discussions on 22nd October re Handforth and 28th October re Wilmslow.

In August we made an additional Supplementary submission to the Inspector on Matter 2 Vision and Strategic Priorities to develop our earlier submissions on our proposal for Crewe as a 21st Century New Town. In Cheshire East's "Response to Hearing Statements" they have indicated that, whilst supportive of the Garden City concept, they consider that a Garden City body or New Town Corporation is not required at this stage; it would delay implementation of the Local Plan Strategy and that they could use its existing powers to enable their development proposals re Crewe. No further meetings of the E&P group are planned. We will take stock on any future activities of the group after the Local Plan hearings.

Lindow Moss Update

Momentum on our twin approaches of profile raising and coalition building continues.

Following our very successful promotional stand at the Wilmslow Show in July, the "never to be forgotten", Dawn Walk in August, our success at being included in the current Skipton Building Society "Grassroots Giving Campaign" we are now working on the Day School and Field Visit on Lindow Moss: Origins and Future Prospects" at Wilmslow Guild on 18th and 25th October.

The Day school Programme, currently in draft, will include presentations from a number of eminent contributors on the physical development of the Mossland, the historical landscape and its history (including Rick Turner on Lindow Man), its current condition and examples of what could be achieved (case study on Whixall Moss Shropshire). There will also be a "soap box" session where we will hear from local users; exhibition material; and interactive displays on investigative techniques such as peat coring, pollen analysis dendrochronology. As with the April workshop we will require help. Ali Berry has already agreed to lead a logistics team on the day and we urgently need a small team to help with the design/production of handouts.

A date has been pencilled in for a Lindow Moss group Meeting on 23rd September for the Guild Day school arrangements. At Pippa and Anthony's

John, Jean and Pippa will identify and invite key individuals

The workshop (Jean) and Dawn Walk circulation lists (Pippa) can be used for mail shot as well as the TW general mailing list (Denise)

Heather has prepared a flier and will add contact details for the Guild. Also concessions for students once clarified with the Guild. Once finalised 4 can be laminated for posting around Lindow Moss.

We are also in discussions with Wilmslow Library with regard to an exhibition and outreach event on Lindow Moss during October /November. Again help will be required on promoting designing this with the Library.

Our coalition building continues with ongoing discussions with the key stakeholders identified at the workshop in April and new contacts made at a recent peatlands conference “in The Bog” organised by Sheffield Hallam University. Following the agreement of the Revised “New vision for Lindow Moss” over the summer our key priority after the Day School in October will be to return to further development of our strategy and work plan for the creation of our proposed “Lindow Moss Partnership” and a further Workshop with key stakeholders.

This project is now developing significant momentum and we now need to address two key issues: Communication/Promotions/Branding and creating the Lindow Moss Partnership.

i Communication/Promotions/Branding

Following the recent exhibition work on the Wilmslow Show and the designing of posters for the Wilmslow guild Heather Calderbank and Jean Hill concluded that how we communicate and present our material is crucial to both delivering the purpose and ethos of Transition Wilmslow and promoting the specific projects we are working on. The recent work by the Communications group and others to take this forward re the website, coordinating press releases, is excellent. Given the work that is underway by the Comms group to review existing TW leaflets etc and material we need to produce for the Dayschool and ongoing Lindow Moss activity we would like to take this forward by suggesting that a small design team be created to develop standard formats, logos and principles to give TW a distinctive image and provide support to groups when they need to produce material or undertake events.

Transition Logo and generic leaflet - Heather has presented the logo and leaflet that she has been working on. All were generally very happy with these with a few minor adjustments and it was agreed to go with these once Patrick Thomas who is a graphic designer and has offered support has worked with her on a final version. Our grateful thanks to Heather for all her work.

ii) Lindow Moss Vision/ Creating the Lindow Moss Partnership

We now need to revisit Group’s previous work on developing the project plan for delivering the Lindow Vision, creating a Lindow Moss partnership and undertaking a second more in depth workshop. We are hopeful that this may be further enhanced by the contributions and discussions at the Wilmslow Guild Day School in October.

In order to take this forward we are proposing that a small subgroup of the Lindow Moss Group meet in late October to prepare a workplan identifying both the actions and resourcing necessary to do this for consideration at the November Steering Group.

2. Energy Group Update:

Energy group needs help to run the stall on Sunday 21st as I am away. It will be next to the UN World day of Peace stall which Quakers are running. *Aim to get people to sign up for energy surveys, keep it simple, just a table, pull up banner and leaflets.*

2) Energy group has been looking at the possibilities of a community energy project - raising money from the local community to invest in pv installations on schools or community centres for which people will get the equivalence of a 3% rate of interest but the balance of the FIT money received could go to work supported by the community as has happened elsewhere. It would be helpful to know if this would be appealing, though there is a lot of work to do quickly on it - I have been talking to Rod Menlove of Cheshire East yesterday and got the names for various people to contact, but don;t have that much time myself.

Next Meeting: October 15th, Andrew to host

Next Steering Group Meeting: Wednesday October 15th 7.30 upstairs at the Meeting House