



## TW Steering Group Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Meeting Notes

**Present:** Pippa Tyrrell Jones ( chair), Anthony Jones, John Handley, Anita Willoughby, Pat Baker, Jane Selva, Chris Frankland, Marianne Broadhead, Denise Renshaw

**Apologies:** Andrew Backhouse

### **The death of Josh Backhouse**

The meeting expressed their great sadness at the death of Josh the son of Andrew and Frances and send their condolences to them and Josh's sister Elizabeth.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the AGM are accepted and will be entered on the website.

### **Matters arising:**

**Comms Group:** The meeting wished to record their thanks to the members of the comms group for their excellent work on publicity, management of the website and of Dropbox enabling easy access to documents.

### **2. Feedback from Love Wilmslow Love Your Planet: Pat Baker**

#### **'Love Wilmslow, Love Our Planet' feedback (13 returns)**

<b>What did you enjoy most?</b>	Paul Allen's presentation	10
	The people present	6
	The discussions	8
	Lunch	2
	Skill sharing	2
	Something else	

**What would you like us to do differently if we did something like this in the future?**

- *Paint a roadmap picture for future time periods. Difficult to think of 30yrs ahead*
- *Identify positive proposals, agree actions, set goals – on the day*

- Repeat the day, perhaps in a church
- Fine as it was
- Try to reach more young people, become more inclusive
- Clash of activities, curtailing the afternoon lecture for other activities that did not have support
- Improve publicity, change the way we communicate
- How are other communities doing?

**What have you learnt?**

- That ZCB is possible and doesn't include nuclear
- Clearer idea of what Transition Wilmslow does
- The difficult issues in the Lindow Moss planning application
- How to improve composting, making boxes
- Lots!
- Being aware we need to do much more to engage Wilmslow, it has to be appealing.
- Don't give up! Spread the message! It will take time. Need the young people on board – connect with schools
- New skills, updating old ones.

**What action are you going to take?**

- Think before throwing things away
- Keep going with my local activities including Transition Wilmslow, try to support activities in the community
- Learn more about ZCB and try to spread the word
- Share my garden, keep a check on my carbon footprint, try to reduce my energy consumption
- Request an energy survey from Transition Wilmslow

<b>Was it good for CTiW to be involved?</b>	Yes	12
	No	-
	DNA	1
<b>Should CTiW do joint events again?</b>	Yes	11
	Maybe	1
	DNA	1
<b>How did you hear about the day?</b>	Newspaper	2
	Church	7
	Poster/flier	5
	e-mail	-
	Word of mouth	5

The meeting agreed that the feedback exercise had been very valuable and should be a feature of future events. It was suggested that the WI should be added to the contact list for future events. The engagement of children had been very positive.

**British Ecological Society grants:** John will keep this in reserve, but this is not the right time to make an application.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Energy Stall at Artisan Market:**

Additional help is required. Marianne, Jane and Chris have offered to help.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Earth Hour Event The Old Dancer 8.30-9.30 pm**

The Old Dancer are very supportive of hosting this event. The pedal power cinema will be too expensive but Doug MacDonald is happy to play the piano for people to sing along and or listen.

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Film Night 7.30pm URC - A Dangerous Game**

Posters - Comms have produced posters and fliers. Pippa will bring sign up list, money box, TW leaflets, Tea Coffee and milk. Denise - cake.

### **Event Planning:**

**Seedy Saturday Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11am to 2.30pm - Task list attached and on Drop Box**

### **Rob Hopkins Visit to Transition Wilmslow 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015: Provisional Programme** Thurs 7 May

14.40: meet Rob at Wilmslow station, walk to Pippa and Anthony's house (where Rob is staying overnight); cup of tea and introduction to some members of TW  
15.30: Walk to the TW Community Garden, to look at recent plantings, and then walk up on to Lindow Moss. Walk will be guided by Professor John Handley who leads our Lindow Moss group; plenty of opportunity on this walk to discuss the value of mosses and bogs to the environment, the unique historical and archeological history of the area, current environmental degradation, some of the challenges of recent planning applications, and our hopes for its restoration. There will be mud too! So please could Rob come equipped with boots or prepared to borrow some wellies!

18.00: Make our way back to the Friends Meeting House for a communal meal - pot luck supper using primarily local foods. Denise will pick up food at Anthony and Pippa's at 3 or it can be dropped at MH during afternoon and Denise will lay this out prior to 1800 and everyone arriving; we are inviting members of our group, together with other local Transition groups and similar groups to share a meal and to come to Rob's talk.

Rob's talk and discussion

Back to Pippa and Anthony's (possibly via the pub)

### Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May:

9am return to Friends Meeting House

Presentations and discussion from members of TW will include:

Ali Berry and colleagues: Energy Group

John Handley and colleagues: Lindow Moss and Environment and Planning Group:

Denise Renshaw and colleagues: the food group

We'd like to take this opportunity to make short presentations about the projects we are currently working on, and then spend time discussing them with Rob so we can learn as much as we can from him.

We will stop for coffee and cake at some point during the morning.

12.00: leave to walk Rob back to Wilmslow station in time for his 12.20 train.

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## **Wilmslow Show Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Stand has been booked. Focus will be on the energy groups work. Similar format as last year, pedal power smoothie maker to draw people in. Appeal to local supermarket for fruit. Chris to provide wood bench again.

### **Group reports:**

#### **Energy Group:**

##### **Energy Group Report: Ali Berry**

##### **Thermal Camera Work**

Chris Daniel has done 2 excellent training sessions on how to use the thermal imaging camera and what sorts of things it can be used to show in people's homes. We are in the process of standardising the post-report writing using the FLIR report writing tool and organising the survey results so that they become a resource for the future. The questionnaire that goes with the survey is now available online so that it can be filled out before the camera survey takes place. We have carried out 6 surveys of the 40 that we are doing for the Town Council Grant and anticipate that the bulk of the work will be carried out later in the year.

##### **Community Energy**

There have been 2 meetings to discuss how to take forward the community energy project. MORE Renewables and Low Carbon Lymm came to one of the meetings to share their experiences. Andrew Backhouse is leading this project and is currently putting together a list of potential sites for locating photovoltaic cells. We will be asking people to register their interest in this as a potential investment opportunity at the Artisan Market stall this week (22 March). We will be doing a poster and presentation for the Rob Hoskins visit in May and it will be a theme of the stall at the Wilmslow Show. Kate Gilmartin and I went to Wilmslow High school to talk to the Science Society about community energy.

Other

Pippa, Jane and I attended the Ashton Hayes talk at the Wilmslow Guild about becoming England's first carbon neutral village, which gave us much food for thought. They have achieved 20% carbon reductions from a combination of factors including behavioural change and a community energy project. They are having a guided walk around the village on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May if any one is interested.

The next energy group meeting will be at Geoff Levermore's home on the 21st April.

**Food Group:** See Seedy Saturday to do list

**Environment and Planning:** The local plan has been suspended. Jean continues to monitor.

The Transition response to the Moss Farm planning application has been posted. There is a meeting on April 15th when the Councillors will vote on the application.

**Lindow Moss Group:**

John represented Transition Wilmslow at a Meres and Mosses workshop organised by Natural England. It was a very positive meeting unfortunately Cheshire East did not send a representative.

Finance from the Heritage Lottery Fund has been used for Meres and Mosses conservation. The Lidor used for mapping the peat depth and original basin shape could be very useful in providing more information on the active peat extraction area on Lindow and John expressed his interest in this scheme being extended to the area.

Enquiries have been made about 3D scans of Lindow man which could be used to produce images of him. There are some that were made when the body was first found but the British Museum may be reluctant to allow these to be used.

**Date and Time of next Meeting: Wednesday 15th April**