

Transition Wilmslow Steering Group

Wednesday 17 June 2015

- 1. Apologies:** Andrew Backhouse, Pat Baker, John Handley, Marianne Broadgate, Pippa and Anthony Jones
- 2. Minutes of April's meeting**
- 3. Feedback from Rob Hopkins visit:** great blog and podcast!
- 4. Jane will be organising a workshop** as a follow up from the visit, ideally a Monday (when we can use the Meeting Room, except for 1st Monday in the month), dates to be circulated, likely later in June
- 5. Plans for Wilmslow Show:** see To Do list. Please complete and distribute tasks

Food group members volunteered to provide hampers for raffle.

Offers of help on the stand during the day will be communicated to Ali.

- 6. Marianne: idea for school Lindow Moss visits**

Deferred to a meeting when the people involved are present.

- 7. Ideas for events after the summer:** Pippa is in touch with Frances from Transition Totnes and has asked her if she would come and give a talk about "Caring Town Totnes"; also anyone interested in a Christmas gift making skill share in say November?
- 8. Updates:** *Chris and Phillipa Frankland have again extended an invitation to a Potluck supper at their house on June 20th. Contact Chris for further details.*

Reports

(a) Food Group:

Food Group has a prospective new member, David, who lives in Capesthorpe Avenue.

Seedy Saturday attendance was disappointing this year as was the weather.

Food group have started the summer routine of meeting at the temp for a tidy up before repairing to the Farmer's Arms on 4th Wednesdays at 7.30. We are hoping to start building the next phase of raised beds in the Autumn, Chris has suggestions for a source of reasonably priced wood. All suggestions for obtaining funding without too many strings attached will be welcome.

(b) Energy Group:

Wilmslow Show

Planning is underway for the TW/Energy Group stall at the Wilmslow Show. We need volunteers to stand on the stall for an hour or 2 at a time particularly in the middle of the day. We also need contributions of home produce to go into a hamper for our raffle. Also for home made cakes.

Community Energy

Andrew and Kate have met the business manager at the high school and also will be speaking to Gorsey Back (16 June) Andrew is looking into other roof options for PV. Feed in tariffs (FITs) reduce every quarter so we will be revising our current financial model. Andrew will also be getting in contact with someone from Macc 20/20 to see whether they are interested in being involved. We are in the process of setting up a website and have a domain name and email address. We have sent out an email to people who have expressed an interest in what we are planning. Next meeting is week commencing 22 June.

Thermal camera

We will start to pick this up again over the summer and get on with planning the work for the autumn to fulfil the Town Council Grant.

(c) Lindow Moss:

John and Jean went to the C&WLNP meeting:

Many thanks for the opportunity to present on Lindow Moss at the C&WLNP yesterday. Jean and I found the subsequent discussion both interesting and helpful.

The main conclusion seemed to be that we need to complement Transition Wimlows's 'bottom-up' approach with a more strategic perspective. As a starter we welcome Ian Dale's suggestion that Lindow Moss could be recognised as a named Green Infrastructure Asset within the site allocation phase of the current Cheshire East Local Plan. However, as Chris pointed out in the meeting, that does not confer any protection on wider historic landscape either here, or for that matter elsewhere on some of the other relict mosses of East Cheshire. Perhaps that is something that the Cheshire East planning team can give further consideration to, given the special significance of these landscapes to Cheshire, and as national exemplars of where an enclosure landscape captures the earlier pattern of medieval land-use. The Cheshire Wetlands survey commissioned by English Heritage in the 1980's provides excellent documentation on this, as Ian mentioned in the meeting.

The meeting also suggested a feasibility study for a Local Nature Improvement Area focusing on the relict mosses of Cheshire East, as 'stepping stones' between the mosses of Shropshire to the south and the Mersey Basin to the north, with of course linkages into the surrounding farmed landscape. We recognise that staff are hard pressed and resources are hard to come by. We in Transition Wilmslow would be pleased to lend any help that we can. In addition, we have a Scientific and Cultural Advisory Group for Lindow Moss drawing on the resources of Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester University and the Manchester Museum. We would be happy to discuss this with them to see if help might be forthcoming. It does occur to me that, given the potential for an initiative which combines ecological and historic interests, Natural England and English Heritage might be persuaded to provide some modest financial support for a joint feasibility study.

These are also ideas which could be floated out at the meeting of the Technical Group for the Meres and Mosses Landscape Nature Partnership in June.

(d). **E&P**: Jean has been in contact with CEC: Reports online as follows

<http://cheshireeast-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/sub1>

<http://cheshireeast-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/library>

If anyone wishes for further information about the nature and content of the additional work to be undertaken by the Council during the suspension period, they should contact the Council directly.

Their contact details are:

Email: localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Post: Cheshire East Council, Spatial Planning Team (1st Floor Westfields), C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, CREWE, CW1 2BJ

(a) Tel: 01270 685893

Application for charitable status

Anita has started filling in the application on line for Charitable status. She would like feedback from Steering Group Members with some prior involvement on what she has done so far. The document will be sent out to Steering Group members for comment. The general feeling in the meeting

was that the details of events organised needed to be tied in with core aims and objectives a little more.

Once completed this will need to be signed or witnessed and a main contact provided.

(distributed 21.6.15)

Wilmslow Partnership

Jean has been approached by Ruth McNulty to participate in setting up an umbrella organisation to bring Wilmslow voluntary groups together. This links in well with Rob Hopkins recommendation to work collaberatively with other community groups.

Date of next meetings: Green Drinks Tues 8th July

Steering Group Weds 15 July -postponed until 22nd July