



Transition Wilmslow Steering Group Meeting 12th January 2017

1) E & P planning report.

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Wilmslow Local Plan: It would be valuable if other people could get involved, particularly the Transport Group. Commitment is probably 2 evening meetings a month. Average of 5 or 6 people in each group. Helen Lederer expressed an interest and her name will go forward for transport and Jane is happy for her name to go forward for the town centre planning. Gary will also put his name forward for residential and urban design as well. Jean will forward these names.

2) Wilmslow Partnership report

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3) Food Group – posters for pruning workshop have gone up. Meriton Rd. Park Friends are aware and on board. Pictures of the event will be needed for the website.

Timber required for new raised beds for The Temp has been discussed.

Garry has emailed the contact at the Water Lane Coop re offer of help with the community garden but not had a reply as yet. Increasing the number of beds will require more volunteers. Pippa added that we have several enquiries from brownie and guide troupes. Development of the Community Garden will hopefully be central to next years Britain in Bloom bid.

Real Junk Food project – Pay as you feel cafe – now have enough money to buy the equipment for pop up cafes in Manchester. Pippa has contributed and in return gets dinner for 10.

4) Energy Group – Thursday March 9th Mike Rance is coming to give a talk on the use of batteries to store electricity from solar panels. Anthony hasn't heard from the other speaker – Colin Farrell. Pat will need information in time for the publicity.

House surveys are proceeding. A query was raised about insuring the cameras.

5) Lindow Moss Group –

- No date for planning application as far as John is aware.
- Water Quality – Anna Gilchrist to arrange a student project to assess the water quality of the brook.
- Wed 25th January – Water Quality testing workshop
- Brownies want more walks. John could train up walk leaders so that it wouldn't always fall on him. Pippa, Jane Helen, Denise, Garry and possibly Jean expressed an interest. John will aim to set up a training session on February 18th starting at Strawberry Lane.
- Use of the Mersey Community Forest Project commercial data set would allow comprehensive mapping of the tree canopy of the Wilmslow Area and the Green Infrastructure and could be used in the production of a map. Use of the data set would cost about £640 for a year's use. It was agreed that TW will fund this.

6) Event planning

TW lecture for this year – it was suggested that the naturalist Chris Baines and his wife might be invited to give a lecture, a workshop and book signing. He has written a book on Wildlife Gardening for the RHS also children's books. His wife is an expert on Green Infrastructure and she could speak on Saturday on how best to utilise Wilmslow's Green Infrastructure survey. Once we have dates we can decide on venue

Transition Town film 'Demain' – made for Paris Climate change conference. Has very good notices and it would be good to organise a public showing.

Other outdoor activities – Spring Tree event

A working party will be required for extending the raised beds at the Temp.

AGM February 23rd at Pippas and will be a potluck supper 7.00pm. Significant others are invited.