

# Transition Wilmslow



## **STEERING GROUP MEETING 13TH APRIL 2017**

Present:

Andrew Backhouse, Anita Willoughby, Pat Baker, Garry Olson, Chris Frankland, Pippa Jones (chair), John Handley, Anthony Jones, Denise Renshaw (Minutes)

Minutes of previous meetings: January Steering Group and February AGM minutes approved with small corrections.

## **EVENTS DIARY**

### **Wilmslow Walks:**

The grant comes through this month a condition of the grant is feedback on outcomes. Feedback would be kept as simple as possible, feedback on a post-it note at the end of walks made in to a word cloud document, photographs of walks. Possible questionnaires for group leaders for longer term feedback and leaflets given out on walks to encourage participants to repeat walk with other people. Leaflets will need to acknowledge the financial support of CEC. Other suggestions included children writing poems, Haikus or drawing pictures afterwards.

John will speak to Heather about producing simplified maps for inclusion in briefing packs for walks.

Extension of the Insurance cover for walks with Aplan insurance will be £400, leaving £250 for walks literature printing costs.

Walk Leaders must obtain the First Aid kit from Pippa. Also ensure that walk photos with the permission of participants are shared in dropbox for Pippa to access for evaluation document. Jane has compiled an album of walk pictures on Dropbox.

Scheduled walks:

May 8<sup>th</sup> - 5.45pm – Pippa supported by Denise to lead Brownie walk

May 18<sup>th</sup> - 6pm – Brownie walk

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Brownie walk, led by Helen

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 – 1300 : “Other side of Lindow Moss” walk, led by John, managed by eventbrite

July – date to be confirmed for “Time Out” short walk starting from the Paddock in Handforth.

Pippa to lead supported by Denise. John and Denise to recce in advance.

August 26<sup>th</sup> –walk to be led by John TBC

Walks to be scheduled – Neighbourhood Plan Walk (September), Summer Tree Walk, Chris happy to support if Heather can lead.

**Community Garden, Gravel Lane:** The garden has now been extended to 9 raised beds. Scouts, Rainbows, Beavers and most recently Guides have expressed interest in planting up the beds.

Gary will lead, support will be arranged at Food Group meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. He has scheduled Scouts on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, Rainbows 9<sup>th</sup> May and Beavers 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Chris will deliver soil and manure required for new raised beds and this can then be spread to beds by the Scouts on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Pat has been distributing requests for seedlings for planting up beds, this will be discussed further on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**James Wild Foraging Walks:**

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2 -5pm - £20 per adult, children free, available on Eventbrite.

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Mushrooming Day

**Transition Wilmslow Lecture – Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> – Wilmslow Guild**

Chris Baines will give a lecture on Urban Greening

It is hoped that Nerys Baines will run a workshop on Urban Forrestry, to be held in the Meeting House on the Saturday morning.

**Transition Film “Demain”** - Awaiting decision from Parish Hall on proposed dates of 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October or 13<sup>th</sup> October. It will be necessary to obtain support for the event from U3A, Churches Together, WHS etc.

**Real Junk Food Project** – Meal scheduled for Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Pippa and Anthony’s. 10 seats in all.

**Earth Hour** – Smaller numbers this year but positive feedback. It has been suggested that it should be a ticketed event at the Old Dancer – pie and a pint – lasting the whole evening with the earth hour being part of it.

**TALKS** – John has spoken to PROBUS and they are interested in a walk. The Old Dancer have science talks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, this could be a chance to highlight green issues. John is prepared to speak on environmental issues. Anthony would be prepared to give a talk on pain management.

**GROUP FEEDBACK****Energy Group**

Report of the March Energy Group, Steering Group Meeting to be put on the website.

Cycle Wilmslow are keen to cooperate in another Artisan Market cycle ride. This will be scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Food Group**

A meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the planting up of the new beds, seedlings available and support for Garry with the groups booked.

**Environment and Planning**

Jean, NP starting to develop outline policy areas for Jean and John have been working on environmental section, All the working groups will put together all their proposals which will then be rolled out to focus groups and aim is to pull it together by the end of the year. Transition people in all of the groups.

CEC 2 docs out for consultation – scoping with open questions – not for us except adhering to overall principles of the green belt. No need for further incursion into green belt in Wilmslow.

Could be some input for Energy Group. Draft sustainability appraisal scoping document – framework of how they intend to deal with sustainability issues. Danger that it could be buried. This should have been included in the Local Plan.

**Lindow Moss** – Specific policy for restoration of Lindow Moss as an Historical site – for inclusion in the environment section of the Neighbourhood Plan

In August Crogan Peat produced revised plans for restoration of Lindow Moss and they have now produced further revisions for comment before the end of April, John will respond.

**Comms Group**– The next Steering Group Meeting (May 11th) will focus on communications and the website.

See Drop Box for deadlines for publicity and what has already gone and an updated check list.  
Next Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May, preparing for next SG.

**Any other Business -**

**Guide hut and Toilet Block feedback from Flo and Mark** - There is no plan to proceed with plans for the toilet block conversion to a community resource as possibility of asbestos makes it unviable. Plans for the Guide hut proceed.

**Pollution Monitors** – Available from [www.foe.co.uk](http://www.foe.co.uk) ( clean air kit ) for a donation of £15. Use of these from a group of people monitoring pollution in selected areas could be useful in lobbying for change where necessary

**Next Meeting: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 Friends Meeting House. It was agreed that there will then be a break until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September apart from planning for events already arranged.**