



**Transition Wilmslow Steering Group, Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Jean Hill, John Handley, Heather Calderbank, Pat Baker, Garry Olson, Maddie Bean, Anita Willoughby, Mel Harris, Andrew Backhouse (chair), Denise Renshaw.

**APOLOGIES:** Pippa Jones, Anthony Jones,

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes of October Meeting - accepted

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Chris Baines lecture** - 35 tickets sold so far, we all need to book our tickets. Jean has been in contact with Wilmslow Guild, Wilmslow Together and the Neighbourhood Plan groups who have an interest. Invitations to the Saturday Morning workshop in the Meeting House have been opened to these groups. John emphasised what an inspirational speaker Chris Baines is and that Nerys Jones who will lead on Saturday is an internationally respected expert in her field and this ties in closely with the Wilmslow LCA and Neighbourhood plan.

Jean will be placing notices with the Wilmslow Guardian and Wilmslow.co.uk Pippa and Anthony will host a Potluck supper at their home on the Friday evening at 5.30. **Let them know if you can attend**

Lecture starts at the Guild at 7.30, **book tickets at the Guild or on the Guild website <https://www.wilmslowguild.org/courses/-wildlife-gardening-and-the-wider-green-landscape-friday-24-november-2017/784/>**

Saturday workshop, 9.30 welcome and coffee for 10am start, finishing at 12.00. **Let John know if you are attending.**

**Earth Hour - 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Investigate availability and clashing events eg. Rugby, football matches. Feedback from last year indicates that it is worth doing again but as part of an evening activity. Can we make it more significant. Possibly asking people to pledge to make changes to reduce their carbon footprint.

John will ask Doug MacDonald about being involved again.

**The Foraging walk** was successful and made a surplus. Gave rise to a discussion of use of resources. Discussion points were; cost of renewing insurance; costs of extending community garden; should money be ring fenced for specific projects or just put into the general pot. 'It was suggested that it might be helpful to prepare an outline budget for the year. However, the meeting questioned the need for this and felt that it could be a constraint on TW's ability to respond flexibly to opportunities as they arise.'

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Food Group:** The Britain in Bloom – Level 4 'It's your Neighbourhood' award received for the Community Garden at the Temp

**<https://transitionwilmslow.co.uk/food/community-garden/>**

Garry asked; are we ready to expand - he knows that the brownies, guides and beavers are interested in continuing; should we enter Wilmslow Wells open garden? It was hoped that we can extend the garden and Garry will prepare some estimates of

the cost of more beds and establishing a source of water for the garden and Jean will speak to Ruth about this. Could drilling a well be linked in with Wilmslow Wells and the open garden day? Garry has been speaking to some people who might be able to help with this.

Ruth McNulty has encouraged us to put in a bid for money to extend the community garden and the Partnership will bid for money on our behalf. Jean and Chris Frankland have also looked at an area in the town centre that could benefit from tidying and planting up. Work started by Transition is now being picked up by others eg. the Landscape Character Assessment, the Town Council will now pay Countryside to complete this work started by TW as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November morning.** We will be planting damsons and fruit bushes on the fringes. Chris is sourcing these.

**Comms Group:** Following the discussion last month and the subsequent Comms Meeting the following actions/ recommendations have been made.

- Direct emails rather than Mailchimp emails appear to get a better response. Pat has compiled contact lists for each group and distributed these and group emails can be sent out cc rather than blind.
- There is now a box for the diary on the home page of the website.
- To make the ethos of the Transition movement clearer - blogs will link events with the Transition principles, and Garry has done this with the latest article he has supplied. Straplines will be picked out to accompany items.
- Ian Ross from the Wilmslow Guardian might like to interview someone from TW, or do a feature.
- Pippa is putting a link to the diary page on anything she sends out and this is worthwhile.
- Steering Group? Should we change the name. It was agreed to use Transition Wilmslow Monthly Meeting to advertise what previously was called Steering Group to encourage a wider attendance. We will not differentiate between Members and Friends of TW as we are no longer concerned with charitable status. A donation for refreshments was suggested.

**Next Comms Group Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Energy Group:** Last meeting cancelled, **next meeting scheduled for 23rd November**

### **2018 events:**

**Demain** – Transition film showing at the Old Dancer 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Tickets available for film and supper on Eventbrite. Advertising for the film is in hand.

### **Project for next year: Reducing/ Rethinking plastics.**

There was enthusiasm for getting involved with this, reference was made to the initiatives started by Transition New Mills

Andrew has been talking to milkmen about expanding the use of deliveries.

Use Artisan Markets to promote, also focus Wilmslow Show stand on this initiative – provide better information on exactly what is recyclable.

Generate ideas at the December meeting with a view to maybe a future workshop.

Maybe show Trashed again at MH or The Old Dancer.

**Transition Wilmslow Lecture next Year** – Professor Sarah Bridle is an authority on 'food' the global impact of what we eat. She is currently writing a book. It was agreed to ask her to give the lecture next year.

**AOB:** Do we want to start green drinks again? Only if there is enthusiasm amongst the wider membership.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: December 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30 at the Quaker Meeting House - with mince pies.**