

Transition Wilmslow



TRANSITION WILMSLOW MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018

PRESENT: Carla Richards, Mel Harris, Pat Baker, Garry Olson (chair), Denise Renshaw (minutes)

Joined at the end from the Plastics Free Wilmslow meeting by Helen Lederer, Andrew Backhouse and Helen Wright

APOLOGIES: Pippa Jones, John Handley, Ali Berry, Anthony Jones, Chris Frankland, Jean Hill

APPROVAL OF AGM & JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of these meetings were accepted as a true record

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Report on Plastic Free Wilmslow Meeting 27th April as circulated by Andrew Backhouse: I will attach these again to these minutes. The meeting was well attended by 21 people despite adverse weather conditions and a steering group has been formed who are meeting tonight.

Artisan Market stall on the 17th March is now being organised by the “Plastics Free Wilmslow” group. Pat reported that she has handed over the publicity of the stall to them. The rota organised by Andrew for the stall is well covered.

The strapline added to our website by Pat has been adopted “Don’t think disposable, think reusable”

An email has been circulated by ANSA offering to give talks on what can be recycled. “Plastic Free Wilmslow” will concentrate their efforts on being plastic free so this is maybe something TW could pick up on.

EVENTS PLANNING UPDATES : See attached updated events diary.

Events Planning guide on DropBox – Jane Selva

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Transition%20Wilmslow/Events>

Jane informed us of the Events Planning Guide that she has created on DropBox. She requested that anyone with information about organising events let her have details of the process and she will add it to the guide. Difficulties about accessing the Dropbox account were discussed and Jane and Pat will look into this.

GROUP REPORTS:

Energy Group: Ali and Helen met with Mike Rance (Anesco) to discuss that company’s interest in installing PV panels on roofs, Andrew is planning to talk to the High School.

Food Group: Report from Garry Olson on progress of plans for extension of the Community Garden and provision of water supply for garden also progress on funding applications if available. Water supply: We have not been given permission to tap into the stream which is culverted across the temp.

Permission is being sought to place guttering on a residents large shed that borders on the park which would drain into a water butt accessible from park. A water butt has been offered. We may have to explore neighbours goodwill further re providing a water for the gardens.

Funding applications for extending the community garden – £500 has been received from CEC, at end of April we will hear whether we have been granted £2,600 from Airport. The RHS has been applied to for £450 .

We need to wait and see whether we have succeeded with the application to the Airport and that we have a satisfactory solution to the water problem before proceeding with the 9 new beds. Once we know, the beds will have to be built quickly at the beginning of May ready for the new season.

As requested by CEC Garry will provide a method statement and risk assessment and will check the insurance cover.

Wilmslow Wells for Africa – Open Gardens event. Inclusion of Community Garden on list will be considered for 2019 not 2018.

Update item on Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan

The WNP Steering Group has now completed drafting its policies and the consultant employed by the group is now pulling together a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped that this will be available shortly for consideration by the steering group.

Transition Wilmslow Walks programme:

We need to look at organising more short walks to attract people who do not routinely go for walks. We will discuss this further when meeting at Lindow Moss on 11th April.

Following the “training walk” Carla and Denise will start contacting Brownies, guides etc..

This led to discussion of the maps available of local walks and footpaths also cycle rides and where these can be obtained. It was suggested that the Wilmslow Town Clerk could be contacted re walks maps and Andrew mentioned that the cycle ride maps are always available from Rick Green, cycle shop in Handforth. But anything available should be obtainable from the Libraries, need to check.

Transition Bollington – we heard from Helen Wright that she has had great support from residents and the Bollington TC in setting up a group and in becoming a plastic free town.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 19th April 7.30 Garry to chair, Mel will chair the meeting in May