

Transition Wilmslow



TRANSITION WILMSLOW MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY 21st June 2018

PRESENT: Pat Baker (chair), Garry Olson, Mel Harris, Anita Willoughby, Denise Renshaw, Jane Selva. Carla Richards, Jean Hill

APOLOGIES: Andrew Backhouse, Pippa and Anthony Jones, Heather Calderbank, Helen Lederer, John Handley. Chris Frankland

APPROVAL OF MAY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: Minutes accepted

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Foraging Walk 2nd June – Very successful, 20 participated + children. There was interest in the November event. Jane has a series of photos which she will put on Dropbox and will also send to Friends of the Carrs.

Domain Name – Pat informed us that the Domain name cost is 11.99, not as previously minuted

EVENT PLANNING UPDATES:

Lindow Moss walk with the brownies and future walks – Carla has updated us. There will be a walk with 10th Wilmslow Brownies on Monday 25th June. They are the only group to have responded so far. She will pursue other contacts suggested and hopes to be able to lead some walks in September. She will also find contacts for Summer School Holiday Camps to see if there is interest there.

Monday with 10th Wilmslow Brownies. Denise to assist. Only one responded so far but will pursue further contacts.

Chris had to postpone the **Pot Luck supper** planned for June 16th. Date to be arranged.

GROUP REPORTS:

Environment and Planning: Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan is currently being finalised and draft will go to public consultation on 1st July. Not collecting ideas but inviting amendments if desired. Will probably be available on line, circulated electronically to stakeholders and at events around Wilmslow. 2 open evenings at the Parish Hall are planned. Jean envisages TW will take part and other involved groups. Dates in July to be confirmed. If Jean can get the consultation material she suggested that the next TW monthly meeting would be a good opportunity to view and respond to the draft.

John is currently completing the Landscape Character Assessment. The quality of the document and the photographs are very high and is expected to be highly regarded.

Food Group: Report on Community Garden Meeting 20/06/18 - Mel Harris

John, Pauline, Anita, Georgie, Denise, Garry, Mel and Carla met at Garry's house on Wednesday evening largely to discuss how we can increase community involvement in the garden at The Temp. The garden is looking good, is clearly enhancing the local environment and shows local people that there's a group who care about growing food and sharing it. We need to spread the word.

1. **FINANCE** –this year we received £1,450.00 from Manchester Airport's Community Fund and £500 from Cheshire East. We have spent most of this on building and planting up six new vegetable boxes. £93.00 is left which we will put towards signage for the garden.

2. **WHY ARE WE DOING IT?** We stated the original goals of the community garden:

- to help people understand where food comes from;
- to create interest in growing food through a community garden;
- to teach people how to do it, and
- to encourage people to grow their own.

3. **PUBLICITY** – we need to do some! We've agreed we need to make a push on publicizing our work on the garden and invite people to come along and join in. We plan to:

- write some short pieces for *Inside Wilmslow & wilmslow.co.uk*.
- invite key individuals from *Wilmslow Wells for Africa* to come and see the garden now and include us in the Open Gardens Day next June
- put pictures up on the *Wilmslow in Bloom* facebook page
- design and commission some signage: temporary in the first instance stating our aims and our Tuesday night 7pm meet-ups to weed and water
- can we get The Temp designated as a special status site for butterflies?
- make direct contact with local schools and Sunday Schools and suggest ways in which they can involve their children – summer camps? Butterfly count? Moth traps? Bio-blitz? Harvest and cook-in? Inclusion students at the High School?
- can we invite local gardening societies along? The WI? RHS gardening club?
- publicise via Allotment Societies?
- contact leaders in Scouts, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and involve more groups in the garden
- keep a yearly gardening record as an account of our work and progress and to help design crop rotation

DIARY DATES: Tuesday 24 July is judging day for *Wilmslow in Bloom* so we need to get some signs up and organise a working party to get tidying up on Sat 21 or Sun 22. Also on Monday evening. And please come along on the 24th: the judges like to see community support.

EVERY TUESDAY 7pm: some of us are there to weed and water and check all's well. Do come and join in when you can.

Lindow Moss

The raised profile of the need to restore the Moss resulting from the media interest in the fire, how we capitalise on this and progress was discussed. Fortunately the Fire Brigade did an amazing job in controlling the fire and limiting the damage done. Jean and Pippa have agreed a meeting with Don Stockton – a community wide one. Jean has been in contact with the Saltersley Common Pres. Group will also take part and other community

representatives eg. WI and Rob Sawyer. Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan now has specific recommendations with regard the Moss.
Crogan Peat's planning application has been deferred to July.
Jean will write up a piece for the website with photos

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John led a walk from Styal Mill through to the Moss with 30 visitors from the Swedish College of Agriculture and Planning. This was very well received.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 19th July at 7.30. Possibly consultation event on the Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan and invite other interested groups. Jean to confirm