

Transition Wilmslow



Minutes Transition Wilmslow meeting Thursday 19th November 2020

Present:

Ken (chair) Pippa (scribe)

Andrew, Helen Ba, Helen Bu, Garry, Jean, Jonathan, John, Althea, Rob, Chris, Anita, Nick, Jane, Charlie

Apologies: Lata, Meesha, Lisa

1. Approved Minutes of October Meeting.
2. Climate Conscious Wilmslow: no updates
3. Plastic Free: Thanks to Pippa's query to Mornflake Oats earlier this year they have responded positively and are now putting oats up to 1kg in paper bags. Message is credit where it is due!
4. Quarry Bank Mill Planting update: a great day just before lockdown with 7 family units, 23 people, >250 trees. Countryfile to be broadcast 29th November. Plan is to revisit the children as both they and the trees grow!. We hope next time QBM want trees planted they come to us!
5. Tree Group:
 - a. Broadwalk: planting plan completed with Paddy Johnson and sent to CEC Highways
 - b. Land Lane: food growing and tree planting; Althea has coordinated bid to WTC.
 - c. Oakwood Farm: field not suitable for agriculture, farmer happy for tree planting, farm belongs to CEC, Jonathan will progress this. Would adjoin the footpath along the River Dene.
 - d. Tree planting: 5th December Mobberley. Tree group will support.
 - e. John has attended a meeting with the Mersey Forest: CEC will join Mersey Forest partnership which is great news.
 - f. Tree group have had a meeting with Congleton and Knutsford.
6. Transport:

- a. Some evidence that traffic is better in Pownall Park. Please feedback on the active travel commonplace site (link on the most recent mailing).
 - b. 20s plenty CEC meeting 16 December
 - c. Schools: making some progress with idling at Gorsey Bank.
 - d. Green Links: Jonathan, Jean and Rob presenting to Wilmslow NP Implementation Group
 - e. Ken monitoring the e-scooter and 130 bus situations
7. Community Market Garden:
- a. Agreed in principle CMG will move to a CiC; this is what Transition Buxton and Sustainability Congleton have done; and Transition Buxton are now moving their Serpentine Garden CiC to charitable status.
 - b. Transition Buxton coming to Tuesday's CMG meeting to discuss legal structures; all welcome.
 - c. Charlie, Garry and Andrew are working on Oakenclough costings
 - d. Charlie is starting work on The Secret Garden this weekend.
 - e. The Temp: plan a new apple tree and replacement of timbers on the very first raised beds which are 10 years old and rotting.
 - f. Discussion: John noted that change of legal structures needs really thinking through; great that Buxton are coming to advise; Lisa McClory also will advise.
 - g. TW insurance will cover activities till new structure established
 - h. Great that there are planting spaces now and that TW have established a "spin off"; Charlie is setting up CMG social media as "...part of TW".
 - i. Lots of costs for planting; all donations welcome! See mailing for donations details.
8. Lindow Moss:
- a. There has been a long term concern about hydrology of the Moss with concern about the dewatering aquifer. We have commissioned a report from Enzygo; technical subgroup meeting 26th November. The group will prepare a non technical summary.
 - b. Lindow Moss Community Forum: Four Community Reps have been identified who are not currently members of TW; 126/126 people voted for immediate set up of the Liaison Committee so we can ensure that the detailed restoration proposals are communicated with the community; Brian Donohue working to coordinate this; everyone is welcome to the Community Forum (Zoom link will be circulated nearer the time) with updates from Community representatives, about progress with Liaison Committee, hydrology and ecology updates.
 - c. Publicity and engagement: article in the Daily Telegraph this week by Olivia Rudguard (circulated with the mailing and on TW website). Very good feedback from CEC, councillors and WTC.
 - d. John has invited Ian Rotheram author of Peatlands to talk. Probably early next year.
9. Climate Alliance:

- a. Pauline Handley organising another meeting with Esther McVey via the WI. Will lobby on peat sales, retrofits, highlight Flo Collier's shortlisted eco house design for House of 2030 award; and 20's plenty.
10. Repair Café: Ken is acting as go-between for people who want repairs and potential repairers. Agreed important that people get appropriately paid for doing repairs.
11. COP 26: people seem to like the idea of a COP 26 satellite meeting; maybe October half term? Ask individual groups to discuss what contribution they might want to make to an event like this and feed back at January meeting.
12. Building for the Future Consultation: our document is posted on TW website, we have circulated to others including Esther McVey, Councillors, other academic groups etc; grateful thanks to Gordon in CECA who started the ball rolling and encouraged us to submit a response.
13. Jean is going to review Site Allocation and policies document and circulate for comments. She is particularly concerned about development in gardens; another planning application has gone in for building on a garden.
14. Andrew asked if anyone was interested in joining the Cheshire East Climate Alliance Meeting on 1 December with a view to becoming one of our representatives.

Lindow Moss Community Forum meeting Tuesday 8th dec 7.30 Zoom

Next TW monthly meeting Thursday 17th December 7.30 Zoom: bring a mince pie and some mulled wine!

Thanks to Ken for razor sharp chairing and the shortest monthly meeting in our history.

Chair next time Ken

Scribe Pippa