

# TRANSITIONSTROUD

**Food Group**  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**PRESENT:** Nick Weir, Odilia Jarman, , Helen Pitel, Helen Nightingale, Mike Jones, Jessica Standing, Helen Royall, Siân Williams (Fundraising and Development manager, Ruskin Mill), Sue Bradley (Journalist)

**Apols:** Julia Currie, Graham Day (Kendrick Street Deli)

## 1. Introductions and Updates

Nick

- **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farms** - Could do with more members.
- **Stroud Food Hub** - Hope for funding in next months.

Odilia

- **the Vital Squeeze Kitchen** – re-opening. Bridge gap between producer and consumer. How to respond to seasonal abundances. What's free. Pilot project when beetroot donated. Looking for home with kitchen. Food processing skills with children.

Herbs

- **Ruskin Apothecary** (One Mile Pharmacoepia) Nathaniel Hughes. Aim to source remedies from one mile radius. Based at Ruskin Mill. ([www.ruskinapothecary.org.uk](http://www.ruskinapothecary.org.uk))

Helen Nightingale

- **StroudSown** - Promotions and events when booked.

Jessica

- **Angelo's Wood-Fired Pizza** on hold at present but still available.

Stroud Allotment Group

- Taking on 5<sup>th</sup> allotment

Leonard Stanley Food Enterprise

- Still work in progress.

Helen Pitel

- **Garden Group** not taken off yet

Stroud Food Festival

- **2008** successful. Hope to be involved in this year's event.

## 2. Julia Curry

Julia Curry sent some thoughts

1. My apple picking days generated nearly 100 people in October. The orchard (at Randwick) has been replanted with Glos apple varieties to replace old fallen trees. They will come into production in the next few years.

2. I have a long email list of interested people and will be generating more community activities etc this year
3. I have plans to extend the orchard into an adjacent paddock, and to include plums, cherries and other fruit; maybe nuts.
4. I am progressing the development of the orchard to further community links
5. I have about 1/2 acre adjacent land, now scrub, but previously productive vegetable gardens which I am offering to the local parish of Whiteshill . Very slow progress as this was offered at least six months ago!

### 3. Mike Jones

Mike reported on meeting at Ebley Mill of presentation to Local Strategic Partnership. Hereford are linking up with local businesses (open evening planned)

### 4. Ruskin Mill

Growing food for residents

Odi to update list

Nick send notes to Shan and Mike for LSP

Greg and Nick through F3 – funding to work with Transition Groups through UK. Can a distract feed itself? / food security.

### 5. Contacts

Jess is no longer able to access emails easily and so is standing down as co-ordinator. The group thanked her for the good work she has done.

The group discussed how to go forward as most members are busy and connected to food action group so would not like to take on extra meetings.

In future contacts will be

CSA – Paul Sheridan ([paul@solarious.co.uk](mailto:paul@solarious.co.uk)) 827286

Vally Organics (Slad CSA) – Martin Jakes ([martinandkesty@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martinandkesty@yahoo.co.uk)) 766350

Stroud Food Hub – Nick Weir ([nick.weir@localfood.org.uk](mailto:nick.weir@localfood.org.uk)) 840037

The rest would then be linked through their own contacts and Helen Nightingale offered to put information together and put it on the website. If you have anything to be included please contact Helen N on 755961 ([helen@helennightingale.co.uk](mailto:helen@helennightingale.co.uk)) .

Helen N will represent the food 'group' at Council meetings.

### 6. Action

Odi            Helen N update web space item.  
Update list for Ruskin Mill

Helen N       give updates to Helen R for web  
Get list of group names and contacts

Helen R       change Jess contact details on website etc.  
Look into space in Old Music Shop, London Road

Nick            send list to Shan and Mike for LSP