

TRANSITION STROUD COUNCIL

**Meeting Thursday 11th September 2014, 7.00 for 7.15pm,
The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud, GL5 1DF**

Present: Jon Barrance, Greg Dance, Fred Miller, Helen Royall, Simon Allen, Gail Bradbrook

Apologies: Philip Booth , Martin Whiteside, James Beecher, Seb Buckton, John Meadley, Vaughan Webber

1. Decide on chair for meeting – Helen Royall

2. Formal introductions and apologies

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting, 23 July 2014 - approved

4. Main item - SiT Celebration and AGM 12th October

- Simon updated on plans
- Agreed to buy extra SiT leaflets
- Request for help made

5. Brief Updates

- Film Showings - plan for autumn is approximately 1 per month
- Funding and project updates
 - Awards for All – Simon reported that report had been submitted, no feedback yet.
 - Stroud in Transition leaflet
 - Leaflet being finalised after comments received from Council
 - Will go to STC for approval
 - Deadline for delivery of printed leaflet now 21st October - all on track
 - All on the leaflet have been or will be asked to the SiT celebration/AGM.
 - SDC – mid year report due
- Website – Helen reported the TS film is on the front of the website, and she has plans to update the pages **(HR)**
- Membership numbers and financial contributions
 - Membership figures etc. are (July figures in brackets):
 - Mailing list: 633 (630)
 - Twitter: 1,010 (942)
 - Facebook: 318 (279)
 - Discuss: 88 (88) members. In July and August (June) there were 53 and 42 (38) posts made, on 25 and 20 (24) topics.

Social media increases are due largely to the excellent work of Nicky Fyleman on Facebook and everyone who posts on the page and tweets from or retweets @TTStroud. Thanks Nicky and everyone!

- Climate Change Action Group
Fred Miller explained Glos CAN – Glos Climate Change Action Network) - the march is on Sunday 21st Sept 12.00noon from the Sub Rooms, part of a world movement orchestrated by 350.org, with AVAAZ in the UK, with a link to the lead march in New York. A TS stand will be there, if anyone else wants to help please contact Fred Miller. Table also at Greener Glos in Cheltenham. Jon B doing a talk.
- Zero Carbon Britain
Jon doing a talk at his sailing club on October 19th. **Jon** following up with Simon Pickering re doing one for SDC. Green Party also want one.
- Transition Free Press –
Transition Free Press - the autumn issue has been received (150 copies) and placed in SVP shop. Of the 150 copies we received of the last (Spring) issue, we had 45 left over, so we will have sold or given away about 105 copies. Seb will ask SVP how many they sold and then invoice them.
- HubStroud – Gail reported targets have been set and that James is doing a great job.
- Outreach – Helen reported she has a long list of potentials with 2 this year booked for Churches Together and the Diocese.
- Tour of Britain – stall to be manned by James, Paul Flynn and Helen.
- Skills Gain – Erik had submitted a report on the year's impressive activities (attached). Thanks to Erik and all tutors.

6. Actions from last meeting

- Circulate text for SiT leaflet for distribution through Town Council - done
- Amend Companies House register in light of Crockett's resignation as Director - done
- Set up meeting with Jane Brown to discuss keeping leaflets up to date for stall – **C/F Helen, Gail, Seb C/F**
- Email Discuss to assess interest in Zero Carbon Britain training at CAT – **C/F James**
- TS calendar of events to link with HubStroud – **C/F Seb/Helen**

7. Finances

- Claire had circulated the updated position showing a balance of £7110.67. Simon reported on the changes from last month.

8. Any other business

- Gail reported on a potential project at Wynstones School and will circulate information.
- Jon had been to Cranfield University to review students progress on the 'green' airliner project.

9. Confirm main topic, date and time of next and future meetings:

- All meetings start 7 for 7.15pm, all in large room at Exchange unless otherwise stated:
- Monday 20th October
- Tuesday 18th November

9.30 End of formal meeting

Informal chat with visitors/observers

Simon Allen for Mark Keogan Company Secretary 15 October 2014

SkillsGain – Report for 2014 AGM

1. **Overview:** 92 people have attended SkillsGain workshops between 26th September 2013 and the 12th May this year (our June workshop didn't run and we had a break for July and August). Over 20 people benefitted from the one "Fix It For Free" workshop - held in Nailsworth. Residents of Nailsworth have now run a second Fix It For Free and are intending to run them regularly. This is one of the key aims of SkillsGain – to initiate self supporting groups like the "Building Skills Action" Group and the Nailsworth Repair Cafes. It is hoped that the "How and Why to build your own Wind Turbine" and the Joanna Macey Workshop "Active Hope" day in the SkillsGain autumn Programme will also become self sustaining groups. SkillsGain is now organized by myself and Jane Brown (a very welcome partnership) with funding from the workshops that Jane organizes going to help fund Open Gardens. Currently SkillsGain has £293 in the Coventry Building Society.

2. **Workshops run in the last year**

- **Surplus Vegetables - and what to do with them!**

Thursday 26th September 2013 5 attended

- **Fix It For Free!**

Sunday 20th October 2013

16 people attended - requests included dress taken up, skirt alteration, fitting new needle to record player, fixing kitchen stool, juicer repair, 2 sewing machine repairs, 2 kettle repairs, DVD fixed, and saucepan fixed

- **Communicating and Campaigning**

Wednesday 30th October

18 people attended

- **Seed Saving**

Tuesday 12th November 2013

6 people booked but Jane not well so didn't run – she intends to run it again

- **Make Cakes out of Vegetables!**

Wednesday 4th December 2013

9 people attended – at my house

- **Developing Personal Resilience – Joanna Macey**

Wednesday 12th February – Mark Phillips

15 people attended – possibility of the group running again

- **Zero Carbon Britain - A Practical Reality** Jon Barrance– 13th March 14

12 people attended

- **Zero Carbon Britain - How to reduce your carbon footprint** 20th March–

Jon Barrance 8 people

- **Make Your Own String** – 15th April 14 Jim Russel 10 people attended
- **Willow Supports For the Garden – Drop In Workshop** Norah Kennedy
9 people attended
Monday 12th May 2013

In total 92 people attended the workshops and 20 attended the Repair Cafe

3. **2014 Autumn Workshops Programme** - How and Why to Build Your Own Wind turbine, Active Hope Day (Joanna Macey 6 hour workshop) and a Seed Saving Workshop.

Erik Wilkinson
September 10th 2014