

TRANSITION STROUD COUNCIL

**Meeting Tuesday 18th November 2014, 7.00 for 7.15pm,
The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud, GL5 1DF**

Present: Simon Allen, Claire Deacon, Helen Royall, James Beecher, Graham Tennant, Seb Buckton, David Guinness, Jon Barrance, Erik Wilkinson, Paul Flinn.

Apologies: Gail Bradbrook, Philip Booth, Rachel Beckett

1. Decide on chair for meeting – Simon Allen

2. Formal introductions and apologies

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting, 20 October 2014 – approved

4. Main item – Where are we and how do we go forward

- Simon provided projected cash flow for Dec 2014-Nov 2015 (see attached)
- Various grant income streams have come to an end, so we are currently left with income from monthly donations and SDC grant as the only regular funding.
- A funding proposal has been developed to support the 'Stroud-in-Transition' work TS does, but success isn't guaranteed and there would be a time lag before any funding comes in.
- Two scenarios for the next 12 months were presented, 1: maintain core costs expenditure as present; 2: reduce core cost expenditure by halving time paid for the posts of Project Manager and Development Worker.
- The current holders of those posts, Seb and Helen, declared an interest and did not vote.
- Both scenarios result in reserves being maintained at a reasonable level.
- A proposal that Scenario 1 was adopted was agreed, with quarterly review of level of reserves which was set at £1,500 minimum. It was also suggested to continue the cash flow projection to April 2016 – **Action: Simon** to update the cash flow spreadsheet to run to April 2016.
- In the meantime, funding opportunities will be pursued.
- Erik suggested there was a need to clarify the position regarding insurance with affiliated groups/projects, and any financial contributions due to be made to Transition Stroud. ie. Are groups covered by insurance, and if so, is a contribution made towards TS cost? **Action: Simon** to clarify who is covered by insurance, and what they are covered for.
- James is looking into possibility of setting up TS on a crowd-funding website **Action: James** to update at next meeting
- Thanks were expressed to Simon for pulling the cashflow together, Claire for managing the accounts, and Erik for developing the funding bid.

5. Brief Updates

- **Film Showings** – Truth about the Dash for Gas was very successful and well received
New film flier produced; next film is an all day event as 'An Introduction to the challenges of communicating Climate Change' with George Marshall. James is looking to set up link with Naomi Kline for January film Capitalism and the Climate.
- Funding and project updates
Stroud in Transition leaflet
 - Printed and delivered to 7000 Stroud Town households
 - **Action: Erik** to see if organisations listed in the leaflet have had any response and whether they would like some copies to distribute.

Repair Cafe

- Nailsworth Repair Cafe going well
 - **Action: Erik and Paul Hoffman** to write item for January newsletter asking if anyone interested in setting up a regular session in Stroud
- Website – Helen reported the website is mostly up to date but needs meeting minutes added
 - **Action: Seb and Helen** to reschedule website meeting; **Seb** to work out how to upload minutes
- Membership numbers and financial contributions
 - Membership figures etc. are (September figures in brackets):
 - Mailing list: 645 (633) – 12 months ago was 533
 - Twitter: 1,095 (1,010)
 - Facebook: 366 (318) – 12 months ago was 217
 - Discuss: 88 (88) members. In October (September) there were 24 (40) posts made, on 15 (32) topics
- GlosCAN – no update as Vaughan not present
- Zero Carbon Britain
 - Jon has written to Simon Pickering
- Transition Free Press –
 - Approximately 80 of the autumn issue have been sold. Erik would like to organise a subscription for himself:
 - **Action: Seb** will ask SVP how many they have sold and then invoice them.
 - **Action: Erik** to contact Seb re his subscription
 - **Action: Helen** to ask if Waitrose would sell it
- HubStroud – James reported over 1,500 Twitter followers, 300 Facebook likes, 500 hits per month on website, and over 100 people posting events.
- Outreach – Helen gave a talk at Stroud Ecumenical Church Council on Wednesday Nov 12th and is giving a talk at the Rural Services Network on Wednesday 3rd December.
- **Action: Helen** to send details of TS groups to Graham Tennant
- **Action: James** to look into alternatives to Co-op as TS bank

6. Actions from last meeting

- Email Discuss to assess interest in Zero Carbon Britain training at CAT – **Done**
- Set up meeting with Jane Brown to discuss keeping leaflets up to date for stall – **Done – ideas are developing nicely**
- Email Discuss to assess interest in Zero Carbon Britain training at CAT – **Done**
- TS calendar of events to link with HubStroud – **Action: Seb to discuss with James**
- Article re SiT leaflet in local newspaper – items sent to StroudLife and SNJ but no response so far
- AGM film – now agreed that the film is complete.

7. Finances

- Claire has circulated latest statement of accounts. These show a current balance of £5,991 (£7,110 31 Aug)

8. Any other business

- Paul Flinn has offered to attend transport related meetings for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, to represent Transition Stroud. This was approved and Paul thanked for taking this role.
- **Action: James** to let Paul know TS is happy with his proposal
- **Action: Seb** to pass on details to Paul of person interested in getting involved in transport group

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.
- **Action: Seb** to arrange dates for 2015 meetings at the Exchange and put dates on website.
- **9.30 End of formal meeting**

Seb Buckton for Mark Keogan Company Secretary 21 November 2014

Appendix

Proposed cash flow

Transition Stroud core costs cash flow 2014 - version 1 (summary)

Income	Dec 14	Dec 15
Current balance	£4500	
Monthly donations	£100	£100
SDC grant (Apr 15)	£1563	
Costs		
Insurance		
Misc	£-50	£-50
Development Worker / Project Manager (at current level)	£-400	£-400
Balance	£4150	£2146

Transition Stroud core costs cash flow 2014 - version 2 (summary)

Income	'Dec 14	Dec 15
Current balance	£4500	
Monthly donations	£100	£100
SDC grant (Apr 15)	£1536	
Costs		
Insurance		
Misc	£-50	£-50
Development Worker / Project Manager (at 50% of current level)	£-200	£-200
Balance	£4350	£4546