

TRANSITION STROUD COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 14th September 2015 at the Exchange

Present: Helen Royall; Jon Barrance; Mike Joffe, Nick James, James Beecher, Seb Buckton and Erik Wilkinson

Apologies: Simon Allen, Clare Deacon, Martin Whiteside

1. Decide on chair for meeting – Helen chaired; Erik took minutes
2. General Discussion – on why and how each of us had got involved with Transition Stroud
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting, 15th July 2015 minutes approved
4. AGM Plans: Discussion on format and actions needed for the AGM on Sunday the 4th October
Key points:
Date is Sunday 4th October; shared lunch 12- 1 pm; AGM from 1pm to 1. 30 pm; Feedback on TS's work over last year from 1.30pm to 4pm.
- **key action points see addendum**

5. Brief updates/actions

- **Funding Bids:** Summerfield Charitable Trust is giving TS a grant of £4000 to assist TS to become more sustainable. Erik and Seb meeting to agree spec for delivery of this work and how it will be advertised. Funding to be recognized on the Invitation menu and they want a copy of our accounts by July 2016 and a report on use of the funding. **Action: Seb/Erik**
- **Edible Open Gardens - summary**
 - ☐14 gardens open including 2 schools and 3 allotments
 - ☐2 I's Café in Stonehouse open with stall and 'Garden Gurus'
 - ☐2 fermenting workshops with SkillsGain before opening
 - ☐4 taster sessions in gardens
 - ☐Gardens open the afternoon of 1 weekend
 - ☐528 visits in total
 - ☐29 Feedback forms returned
 - ☐Estimated £255.18 raised in donations and workshopsMeeting thanked Helen for all her work and to pass on our thanks to colleagues who assisted.
- **Website:** Need for some updating recognized. Mike Joffe has skills in this area and offered to help. **Action: Mike and Seb** to meet to move forward
- **TS Action menu:** Recognised value of putting it on the TS website. **Action: James**
- **Film Programme:** James outlined an impressive programme of monthly films starting in October
- **Reading Group:** James planning for the Reading Group to take place on each Saturday after the Sunday film. **Action: James**
- **GlosCAN:** Nick gave feedback on actions taken including a meeting with Neil Carmichael. Also promoted the 10th October talk by Doina Cornell on Oceans and Climate Change in Dursley and the Climate Awareness Day organized by Nailsworth Town Council on the 24th October – Jon Barrance will be running a Zero Carbon workshop there
- **HubStroud:** James reported now have 2,500 twitter followers, 1,500 individual users in

May, June and July

- **Membership:** Seb reported that 698 people get the TS newsletter; 508 on Facebook, 1336 on twitter and 86 on TS Discuss.
- **Zero Carbon:** Jon reported on work done. Hawkwood workshops went well as did Cranfield University. Future workshops arranged with Dursley Probus and Nailsworth Climate Awareness Day.
- **Risk Assessment:** Erik went through the final RA form now agreed with TS's insurers – which has been kept as straight forward as possible. Next stage is to engage with Action Groups and Events key individuals to get their commitment to use it. Helen volunteered to work with Erik on this. **Action: Helen/Erik** to feedback on progress at next council meeting
- **Local Plan:** John went to the hearing and spoke to the panel on behalf of Transition Stroud
- **Fix It For Free:** Now organized by Paul Hofman in Nailsworth Next workshop is on Sunday 11th October and will then in the new year run on the second Sunday of the month every three months
- **SkillsGain:** Autumn programme being finalized. Workshops on crocheting, buying ethically and making marmalade
- **Newsletter:** Seb will produce next issue by the end of October
- **Finances:** Currently 4K in TS Account. Clare Deacon has indicated she would like to stand as a Director. Meeting wanted to thank Liz Hilary for offering to help/support accounts work if needed. **Action:** discussion on finances carried forward to next meeting
- **Actions carried over from previous minutes:**
 - TS minutes to go on website **Action Seb**
 - Where to meet as big room in the Exchange not available. **Action:** To discuss at next meeting

Erik Wilkinson

21st September 2015

Addendum

Preparing for Transition Stroud's 2015 AGM

Date: Sunday 4th October 2015 **Time: 12 – 4 pm**

Key purpose: To inform and celebrate Transition Stroud's work over the last year and to discuss activities for 2016

12 am -shared lunch; 1 pm to 1. 30pm - formal AGM; 1. 30 to 3pm reports on TS's activities; 3 pm to 4 pm – reflections and future activities

Preparation Actions:

James – to bring together short films on TS's activities in 2015 from SCTV and other sources

Helen – to ask Agneskia to provide a 3 minute report on Outdoor Upcycled Art

Helen – to ask Claire Sheridan to provide a 3 minute report on the textile group

Helen – to ask Josie to provide a 3 minute report on Edible Stroud

Helen – to provide a 3 minute report on the events delivered over the last year

Erik – to ask Shawn to provide a 3 minute report on BSAG

Erik – to ask Paul H to provide a 3 minute report on FIFF in Nailsworth

Erik – to provide a 3 minute report on SkillsGain

Erik – to ask Paul Flynn to provide a 3 minute report on Transport work

Erik – to report on Risk Assessment Form

James – to provide a 3 minute report on the Reading Group

James – to provide a 3 minute report on the Film evenings

James – to ask John provide a 3 minute report on the wood fuel group

Seb – to provide a 3 minute report on the Newsletter and social media penetration
Seb/Erik to report on the successful Somerfield funding bid and the Invitation menu
Jon – to provide a 3 minute report on Zero Carbon activities

Suggest that if someone can't attend we ask for a brief! written report

Agreed Seb; Helen; James and Erik need to communicate before the event to ensure that effective preparations are made for a smooth running AGM. Seb and James leading on the AGM as agreed in "Number 23 discussion (?)"

EJW 15/09/2015