

## TRANSITION STROUD COUNCIL

Minutes for Meeting Monday 19th January 2015,  
The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud, GL5 1DF

### Action

1. **Present** – Simon Allen (Chair), Steve Roberts (Stroud Festival of Nature), Sheila Macbeth, Holly Tomlinson, Mark Keogan, Helen Royall, Karen Eberhardt-Shelton, Seb Buckton, James Beecher, Philip Booth, Pamela Taws (Stroud Older People's Community Hub), John Barrance, Martin Whiteside (minutes)

2. **Apologies.** Erik Wilkinson, Claire Deacon

3. **Approved minutes** of last meeting, 18 November 2015

4. **Reflections on 2014** Focussed on new member priorities. It was agreed that it would be good to have a meeting without business to give space to new members to articulate their wishes and to allow space for reflection. Inclusivity and wholeness were considered important principles. Small group set-up to coordinate with Seb convening.

Seb, Philip,  
Sheila, Holly

### 5. **Brief updates**

- **Funding** – will develop a proposal for Green Door – website on eco-open homes and personal zero carbon

Will approach Bulldog Trust and Awards for All

Write to Waitrose Community Fund

Holly to provide James with Crowd Funding contact.

John and  
Helen  
Simon  
Helen  
Holly

- **Film programme** – Flyers circulated. Agreed to continue film programme through summer as attendance good. Ideas for films/discussions to James.

All/James

- **HubStroud** – James has been funded to work on this through Citizen's online. Significant increase in numbers of regular 'posters', repeat visits etc. Also experimenting with other platforms like Instagram and Vine. James was thanked for all his hard work.

- **Website** – needs updating. News section perhaps should just give link to Facebook and Hub Stroud.

Seb

- **Membership numbers** – Facebook likes 426 (366), twitter 1144 (1095), mailing list 664 (645) – all rising. Discuss list static and not really used for discussion.

- **GlosCAN** – Nothing reported (VW C/F).

- **Zero Carbon Britain** – get information from CAT for 26 April event. Martin and Sheila offered to help Jon if needed.

Jon

- **Transition Free Press** – still copies for sale in SVP.

- **Reading Group** – Next one on Naomi Kline book.

- **Transport** – Nothing to report. Seb to connect Holly with Paul. (C/F).

- **Entrepreneurs forum** – Delayed until 2016 + (C/F).

Matt Zeal

- **SCTV** – Philip Booth briefed us on increasing number films (1,700 now) + additional film makers. Annual TV awards at Crown and Sceptre on 18 March.

- **Oxford Real Farming Conference** – Simon Allen reported back on exciting event that is larger than the establishment event. Presentations soon available on line. Presentation by Elaine Ingham on compost that suppresses weeds worth checking out.

- **Nailsworth Repair Café** – Good attendance. Glos. County Council recycling team have expressed an interest.

Erik

- **Wood Fuel Group** – Philip reported group is continuing its work on Nat Trust sites.

6. **Festival of Nature** – will be two weeks 13-28<sup>th</sup> June. Many different activities planned and partner organisations involved. TS will take two evening film/discussion slots on Thursday 18 & 25<sup>th</sup>. May also have TS presence at closing event on Sat. 27 June.

Article to be put in next newsletter. Helen to link FoN with Edible Stroud.

Seb  
Helen

## 7. Actions from last meeting

- **Update the cash flow spreadsheet to run to April 2016.** See below.
- **Clarify who is covered by TS insurance.** Work started. (CF)
- **Look into possibility of crowd-funding for TS.** Green Party raised £2k through this. (CF)
- **Assess impact of SiT leaflet.** Nick Weir reported new signings. (CF)
- **Nailsworth Repair Café.** Café held 11 January. Item for January newsletter .
- **Web site.** Minutes uploaded.
- **Ask SVP how many TFP sold and then invoice them.** In hand.
- **Erik to contact Seb re his subscription.** (CF)
- **Send details of TS groups to Graham Tennant.** (CF)
- **Look into alternatives to Co-op as TS bank.** To include Coventry and Nationwide.

Simon  
James

Erik/Seb  
Erik

Seb  
Erik  
Helen  
James

## 8. Finances

Claire reported unable to update accounts in time for the meeting.

Simon had re-run the cash flow to April 2016 and reported current finances just about OK until 2016 with 2 paid days per month, as third of three SDC payments being due in April 2016. Resolved to kiv, to maintain reserves at £1,500, and to continue to seek funding and DD donations.

Simon

Simon read out the Co-operative Bank Mandate for the continuance of Transition Stroud to bank with the COOP. It was unanimously agreed to continue by the quorum of six Directors present.

Re bank signatories it was unanimously agreed by the Directors that the following would be signatories to the COOP Bank account:

Continuing: Simon Allen, Claire Deacon, Martin Whiteside.

New signatories: James Beecher, Erik Wilkinson.

Retiring signatories: John Meadley, Nigel Westaway.

Simon was thanked for doing the finance and administrative stuff, along with Claire Deacon.

## 8. Any other business

Pamela Taws provided a very interesting and inspiring presentation on Stroud Older People's Community Hub.

## 9. Next meetings: Tuesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday Mar 18<sup>th</sup> (dates all on website)

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Martin Whiteside/Simon Allen for Mark Keogan, Company Secretary 20 January 2015