

# Minutes of Transition Stroud AGM

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 13:00

**Venue:** Lansdown Hall, Stroud

**Chair:** Seb Buckton (Director)

**Minutes:** Helen Royall for Mark Keogan (Company Secretary)

**Members present:** Clare Sheridan, Helen Royall, Simon Allen, Helen Pitel, Erik Wilkinson,

**Also in attendance:** Jon Barrance, Claire Deacon (Treasurer), Seb Buckton, Peter Williams, Sarah Frazer, Martin Quick, Pal Shevlin, Sarah West (visitor from Australia), Ioana Bendixon, Graham Tennant, Hugh Richards, Camilla Hale, James Beecher, Helen Oldham, David Oldham.

**Proxy votes submitted by:** Martin Whiteside, Gail Bradbrook, Liz Hillary, Philip Booth, John Meadley. Meeting quorate.

## Agenda:

### 1. Apologies for absence

Philip Booth, Gail Bradbrook, John Meadley, Nick James, Paul Sheridan, Liz Hillary, Nigel Westaway

### 2. Approval of minutes of AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Approval of the minutes was Proposed by Helen Pitel, Seconded by Erik Wilkinson. Members voted unanimously for approval.

### 3. Directors report on activities – for the approval of Members

Approval of the report was Proposed by Helen Royall, Seconded by Erik Wilkinson. Members voted unanimously for approval.

Big thanks and recognition of the work that goes in to preparation to Simon Allen (with support of Erik and Seb) for working on the Directors Report. Also thanks to the funders mentioned in the report.

### 4. Directors report on finances – for the approval of Members

Approval of the Directors report on finances was Proposed by Simon Allen, Seconded by Erik Wilkinson. Members voted unanimously for approval.

A recognition of the amount of time and work that goes into the accounts and a vote of thanks as usual to Claire Deacon for book keeping over the year and preparing and presenting the accounts.

### 5. Proposals for future activities – for decision by Members

#### *Events already in planning:*

**Potato Day** – February

**Eco Open Homes** – September

#### *Ongoing Groups*

**Building Skills Action Group** – regular activities throughout the year

**Cycling support and Training** – as and when requested (schools and public)

**Edible Stroud** – Stroud District Council have offered Edible Stroud a patch of land in Stratford Park which will be the main project for next year.

**Film evenings** - monthly meetings in autumn, winter and spring

**Heart and Soul** – will begin again in 2016

**Hub Stroud** – on-going development

**Outdoor Upcycled Art** – meeting monthly in summer

**Reading Group meetings** - monthly meetings in autumn, winter and spring

**Repair Cafés** – throughout the year in Nailsworth on a quarterly basis

**Stroud Community TV** – regular production of films about Stroud community

**SkillsGain Workshops** – including “Recycle and transform old wool and yarn”; “How Can We Buy Ethically”; “Learn to Make Marmalade” and other workshops in 2016.

**Textile Group** – meets monthly in members’ homes

**Website Development** – ongoing updates and development (also Facebook updates)

**Wood fuel Group** – regular meetings throughout the year

### ***New activities***

Helen Royall suggested a **Sustainable Weekend** to incorporate **Open Homes**.

Erik Wilkinson reminded us that we will need to embed **Risk Assessments** in all our activities linked with TS.

Erik Wilkinson suggested Establishment of the '**Invitation Menu**' project - to encourage new members and those on our mailing list to get more involved in Transition Stroud.

Paul Flynn suggested Establishment of a **Friends of Stroud Station/ Rail User Group** - jointly with Stroud Town Councillors. (In particular to co-create a community permaculture garden in the sidings with help from colleagues at the Town Council, also wanting input from rail users/ permaculture practitioners.)

Support for proposed activities Proposed by Simon Allen, Seconded by Erik Wilkinson,  
All unanimously agreed by Members.

## **6. Appointment of new Directors – for election by Members**

Several directors were re-elected after their three years

**Simon Allen**, Proposed Helen Royall, Seconded Helen Pitel, Thirded Erik Wilkinson. Voted unanimously for appointment,

**James Beecher**, Proposed Erik Wilkinson, Seconded Clare Sheridan, Thirded Simon Allen. Voted unanimously for appointment,

**Martin Whiteside**, Proposed Helen Pitel, Seconded Erik Wilkinson, Thirded Simon Allen. Voted unanimously for appointment,

Two new Directors stood for election.

**Claire Deacon**, Proposed Erik Wilkinson, Seconded Clare Sheridan, Thirded Helen Royall. Voted unanimously for appointment,

and **Paul Hofman**, Proposed Erik Wilkinson, Seconded Helen Pitel, Thirded Clare Sheridan. Voted unanimously for appointment,

Thanks were given to Seb Buckton for his chairing and preparation of the AGM. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 13.30.

Helen Royall  
05 October 2015