Transition Town Hastings – Core Group Meeting

MINUTES – Monday 2nd December 2019 – White Rock Hotel

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7.30 pm  (10 mins) | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Attendees: Sherry, Sarah, Kate, Ursula, Chris, Ken, Andrea |
| APOLOGIES | Michelle |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | Approval of last minutes & matters arising.  Car free day debrief notes have been typed up as an internal document, to be circulated by Sherry amongst the participants (and DropBox) – still active   * Questionnaires from the day – Julia can email to anyone interested * Minutes from 8th October meeting – Sherry to track them down * A summary “case study” of SOS could be put up on the web site alongside other events – Sarah to type up a summary text over the next few months * AGM * PotLuck: * SOS debrief: likely to be a year-long project, so any debrief due in April 2020 ? ACTION: feedback to be sent after Sarah completes her write-up |
| (40 mins) | **EVENTS** |  |
| Christmas Potluck | Sat 7th December – 19-22h   * Alison still the liaison with the church [Andrea to check with Alison]. Plan is to get in about 1 hour before, and possibly leave some decorations the evening before * DECORATIONS: Kate to bring some, Sarah to bring some garden decorations and battery lights, Andrea to bring the LED tealights * LABLES for ALLERGIES: Sherry to bring a roll of stickers * Sarah to send a MailChimp reminder (including description of the “Pass the Parcel”), and a reminder to the SOS volunteers * Chris to bring speakers and prepare a playlist (with Ursula) [DJ plan dropped] |
| TTH “Vision” Meeting | Sat 1st February – TTH 2020 ACTION Day  THREE stages:   * Internal focus: where do we focus our limited energy and time * Hastings focus: how to connect with local groups * Regional focus   We need to prepare a list of topics that have already been identified, and focus on narrowing down the time and energy of TTH towards a narrower target (rather than having an open-ended brain-storming): do-you-mocracay; “what can you do for TTH”  Organise it as a “careers fair”, with a few selected target areas, and looking to people interested in them:   * Community Garden * SOS * Car Free Day * Planting trees / woodland * Tool bank   Planning meeting Wednesday 8th Jan: Sherry, Kate, Ursula, Andrea, (Ken) happy to plan |
| Common Treasury | Ending in Feb 2020, but some sources of funding may be available to continue some of the ideas focussed on sustainability – eg Library of Things |
| Maya's Evans Event | Wants to organise a Climate Emergency conference, after the elections |
| Silchester Mews Buildings | The building is being handed back to the community.  Idea now to put together a plan for how the building could be used as part of the transition towards sustainability/zero carbon in Hastings. To be included in the TTH “Vision” Meetings |
| Bid for the Big Lottery | National Lottery Climate Action Fund – with bids open for up to £200k for “starter” groups, and up to £1.5m  ESC coordinating a bid as a Hastings-based coordinated bid. Meeting on Thursday 5th December  Deadline 18th December for the first round. Second round in April |
| SECA – SouthEast Climate Alliance | Julia and Sherry went to a SECA Climate conference in London in November, including lots of Transition people. Focus on joining up forces of small local groups in Sussex (East and West), aiming to organise an event for this purpose |
| Sophie Shaw’s Bid | Bid for a Dread Café, funded from Battersea Art Centre: <<people getting together to discuss their dread about Climate Change>>  TTH included without our approval. Decision to wait until she knows whether she has won the bid or not, and then decide what to do about it. |
| Mosaic Plaque | Done, ready to be picked up, Alison to have it put up |
| ESC Share Launch | Deadline extended to end of Jan 2020. |
| Woodland Project | Ken, Julia, Barbara (from the Garden) Kate, keen to invest/participate. A lot of funding can probably be had around trees  Ken has been looking at land, or woodland, but can’t find anything near Hastings – neither an existing woodland, nor a field where trees can be planted  Julia has been mapping areas within Hastings where trees could be planted.  The Woodland Trust runs courses on tree planting and rewilding  FIRST STEP: look at other groups that are already doing this around the countries. |
| Other | EcoChurches – UK-wide network looking at the sustainability of all churches do  PowerUp – Power to Change: meeting on sustainable businesses, Tuesday 3rd London |
| (20 mins) | PROJECTS |  |
| Community Garden | Garden dates now reverted to previous times, dates now on the website  Garden meeting on Saturday 23rd November  Current schedule: fortnightly, from Saturday 7th 10-13  Garden meeting 11th Jan |
| Refill | Sarah to talk to Hannah about her intention with Refill – still active |
| COMMS | Regular checking of “info” email – [Michelle and] Andrea to take this on, Sarah to send login details   * Items for Newsletter or Core Group meeting often come up   Facebook posting – Alison   * Moderation / tidying up of page necessary – part of Comms function * “Rules” for posts on TTH page: local, positive, action   Management of DropBox   * Security issues related to personal data being stored there * List of contacts: Sarah to take a backup * Minutes posted there * Needs a clean-up – to be discussed after AGM   WebSite updating (Andrea to take over)   * Update of minutes * Garden dates   Flickr account  Googlegroups to be deleted – Andrea to do it  Next Newsletter by 30th November (Andrea) |
| FINANCE |  |
| (20 mins) | **AOB** | New correspondence address for TTH   * Currently partly as Rock House, partly Alison and partly Chris’ * Sherry to check with HVA whether we can have a mailbox at their address |
|  | **NEXT MEETINGS** | Mon 6th Jan 19.30 |
| 9.00 pm | ENDS |