Transition Town Hastings – Core Group Meeting

MINUTES – Monday 6th January 2020 – White Rock Hotel

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7.30 pm  (10 mins) | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Sherry, Sarah, Ursula, Michelle, Kate, Hannah, Ella, Julia |
| APOLOGIES | Anna Locke, Maya Evans, Chris Petts |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | Approval of last minutes & matters arising |
| (40 mins) | **EVENTS** |  |
| Training courses available | Asset-Based Community Development (18th-19th Feb) & The Art of Community Organizing (4 weekends in Feb - <https://www.heartofhastings.org.uk/training>).  TTH and SOS members should be informed via a mailing – to be added to the next Newsletter |
| TTH “Action” Meeting | Planning meeting on Wednesday 8th  Meeting on 1st Feb (10-13h)  Julia’s suggestion: TTH to invite all the other groups that participated in the bid to the ACTION DAY and act as and “enabling” hub of the network. Sarah’s cautions again taking on a big coordinating work. If we go down this route we should try to put a bid in to fund a paid role for this ?  Sherry: we aim to create “working groups” where there is a clear focus on specific tasks, so that any duplicate effort between different groups is eliminated |
|  | A separate event can be organised (eg in the Stade), with some funding that ESC got for Green Hub / Asset Mapping |
| SECA Update | Meeting on 11th January – Sherry to join, and TTH to pay her train fare |
| SOS 2019 Debrief & Next Steps | Sarah, Sherry, Ursula, Kate and Hannah to meet separately to discuss the evaluation |
| Mosaic Plaque | Progress update – plaque installed before Xmas |
| WSQ Front - Planters | Owner of the hat shop is complaining about cars parked there when it’s not allowed. Putting some plant containers and/or bike locking supports – to be discussed at the next garden meeting. |
| National Lottery Climate Action Fund | Result of the first bid on 21st Jan |
| Green Hub / Space to Connect | ESC got some funding to explore the idea of having a building to be used as a hub for green groups. |
| Land For Trees | Ken has identified a suitable land, but needs additional funding.  Meeting on Thursday 9th Jan at the bad of WRH |
| Living Streets | Used to be called the Pedestrian Association, aiming to get people to walk more  25th Jan – launch event, to bring all kinds of related groups together and raise relevant issues. Eleanor is seconded to the Council to promote walking, and runs street audits (see email from Eleanor – 26Nov). Aim is to have very focused campaigns (eg on new zebra crossings, 20mph speed limits etc…) |
| Car free day 2020 | We need to find somebody to take over the organization. Sarah to email the volunteers from 2019 CFD |
| Green Directory | To be included in the agenda for next meeting |
| Divest Fossil Fuel Sussex | Two upcoming events (British Museum, Sussex Council meeting) – details to come in the newsletter |
| ESC Share Launch | Closing end of Jan. To be included in the next newsletter |
| (20 mins) | PROJECTS |  |
| Community Garden | Next garden meeting – 11th Jan (1pm at Fika on Kings Road). Michelle to send a reminder and take minutes  Michelle suggesting that the paths through the garden are made safer with some hand rails and barriers to prevent visitors from slipping. This would require the approval of Network Rail, and probably a funding bid to have it done professionally.  Julia reckons that a formal agreement could be reached if they are pushed a bit. There seems to be a semi-formal process to “adopt your local station” |
| Refill | Hannah would like to have the involvement of a team, to   * Sign up more places (the easier ones are already involved) * Promote Refill on-line and off-line * Replace the old stickers with the new ones that are more sticky * Add the Council water fountains to the app * Print new bottles (with some artwork specific to Hastings and St Leonards) – cost is £412 x 50 bottles. Agreement to have a lot printed |
| COMMS | DROPBOX now password protected by Sarah (including SOS contacts). Sarah to be contacted if access to these contacts is needed  Google Groups – Andrea to send a list to warn that it will be deleted, then discontinue  Next Newsletter – items for inclusion by Friday 10th  Regular checking of “info” email  Management of DropBox  WebSite updating  UPDATED MINUTES DISTRIBUTION LIST:   * Sherry, Alison, Tom Reid, Julia Hilton, Sarah, Michelle, Hannah, |
| FINANCE | Chris to compile the annual accounts / balance  Renewal of insurance |
| (20 mins) | **AOB** | New correspondence address for TTH – agreed to subscribe to the HVA option. Sherry to ask Chris to do it.  Bike storage containers (see email from Kathy Borr – 28 Nov) 🡪 moved to the Garden Meeting |
|  |  | Big Lunch – 7th June  St Leonards Festival – Sat 11th July  COP 26 Glasgow – 9-19th Nov  UN Global Festival of Action (Bonn – 1-3rd April) |
|  | **NEXT MEETINGS** | 3rd Feb  2nd March  6th April |
| 9.00 pm | ENDS |