Transition Town Hastings – Core Group Meeting

AGENDA – Monday 2nd March 2020 – White Rock Hotel

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7.30 pm  (10 mins) | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Kate, Hannah, Sarah, Ken, Chris, Anna, Dom, Michelle, Andrea |
| APOLOGIES | Ursula |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | Approval of last minutes & matters arising |
| (40 mins) | **EVENTS** |  |
| TTH “Action” Meeting | Summary presentation to the participants |
| Green Hub | Recent meeting of the various groups that have expressed interest in having a common “green” space / hub   * XR, Bike Club, Wonderfill, others   Bike club has been very active but haven’t found a suitable location yet  Remark by Ken, that based on his experience a building does not solve things, and it’s expensive to run. There are lots of buildings already owned by various organisations, often already available to the community – some are being sold off. HBC has been selling off property, and what they are buying is for housing  HVA have some ideas, especially related to the Common Treasury. Isabel Blackman building, university buildings, post office, Observer building (but not for a while) all potential spaces for pop-up activities or rental.  The Crystal Square car park is also and underused space that could perhaps be used with a temporary building or container?  The Alpha café is empty, could it become a squat ? Would XR be interested ?  The “Unveil” project (Dawn Dublin) aims at exposing property of buildings that are not being used (Brighton University and Post Office). |
| inspiration visits / pot luck suppers | Candlelit Pot Luck dinner on Saturday 28th March – which is also Earth Hour |
| More trees / a Hastings forest | Ken has not identified any suitable lands. One plot for sale – Ken has enquired into buying only one third, with the rest possibly following  Potential is to find some private land and ask permission from the owners to plant there  Potential also to plant in public areas – Maya claims that there is already a scheme in place  Bexhill environmental group has already been doing lots of tree planting for a number of years.  Russell Dufton has been doing this in Rother – Dom to put TTH in touch with him. There is a discussion about whether many trees should be planted in fields, or smaller numbers should be planted in selected sites in prominent areas (but this is a lot more costly, as the impact on the surrounding area can be significant) |
| Mapping | Not much progress.  Hazel Sheffield has been testing an app (Map My Neighbourhood) to map empty buildings in the Hastings area.  More could be done to involve the community directly, by asking where empty buildings or plots of land are  The Council may have such a map somewhere –how can anything like that be accessed ?  Julia also started a tree cover map |
| Hollington Garden Friends | No updates |
| HBC climate change strategy | No updates. Sherry to get in touch with Maya  25m coming to the town for a climate strategy  Dom to give to HBC the same talk he gave to Rother Council, on initiatives that councils can undertake around the climate emergency / climate strategy |
| SECA Update | No updates |
| SOS 2019 Debrief & Next Steps | No updates |
| National Lottery Climate Action Fund | (Second round in June) – No updates |
| Green Directory | Kate updated it with the remaining locations from SOS. It needs to be reviewed, checked and completed. Volunteers needed to help ?  Dom showed an example of a map or Reuse and Recycle in Battle – this could be replicated for the Hastings G.D. Having a VISUAL presentation would make it a lot more user friendly. Dom to liaise with Alan Jeffreys  Recycle & Reuse (Dom’s focus) can be integrated into the Green Directory (to eliminated any overlaps) |
| HIP | HIP have somebody editing an environmental page, and we could be contributing regularly news on environmental topics. She can also be invited to the Core Group meeting [SHERRY to get the name ] |
| ESC Share Launch | Launch to be re-opened again to cover the Innovation Centre and Hastings  Some delays to more projects due to planning being refused for very flimsy reasons |
| TN National Consultation Process | On the bid being submitted (National Lottery Tender) – for £2, about a nation a network of hubs and regional coordinators. Sherry, Kate, Sarah and Anna met on 21st of Feb to provide feedback, suggesting that money would be more usefully directed to local organizations. |
| Bike storage and electric bikes | No updates |
| (20 mins) | PROJECTS |  |
| Community Garden | Planning meetings are happening every month.  Recent effort to clear brambles above the mosaic. Other plans in place for garden development. Plans for the Festival  Next meeting on the 14th March  From Anna: Conquest Hospital is looking to set up 21 new gardens by 2021 – there is space, they are looking for volunteers to set them up. Could be an option for TTH  Opportunity to be filmed on Saturday 28th of March or 4th of April – a film maker preparing a video on the benefit of using public spaces for wellbeing. Best date is the 28th which is a garden session anyway. |
| Refill | Lynda, Julia and Ella are helping with new stickers to go to existing places that have signed up  Colin Derbishire would like to get Hastings the “Plastic Free” statys. Eastbourne just got is – to it might be possible to piggyback on it. Some30 businesses need to be singed up.  Hannah looking to get more bottles produced, possibly together with any of the festivals |
| COMMS | Post on SOS – Saran has done it  Post on Action Day – sherry to review content  Google Groups – Andrea to send a list to warn that it will be deleted, then discontinue  Newsletter: planned for w/c 9th March. Any additional content to be send by Friday 6th |
| FINANCE | Annual accounts / balance: see below |
| (20 mins) | **AOB** | New correspondence address for TTH @ HVA: we now have a mailbox £60 invoice to come. Is anyone checking whether we have any mail there ?  Creative cafe careers event St Leonards academy March 4 – Sherry to follow up  Sherry attended the Hastings Local Food Waste Network on the 22nd of February (PeaPod Veg and the Brighton and Hove Food Waste project – presenting ideas on developing a sustainable food network in Hastings)  On the 29th of February, the UN Association Bexhill has a meeting on Climate Change Strategy (presentation by Kathryn Field – Rother Councillor, around Rother Council actions and climate strategy) |
|  | **Upcoming Events** | Big Lunch – 7th June. Sherry to kick-start the process at the next core meeting  St Leonards Festival – Sat 11th July. Ideas on what to do welcome, to be discussed at the next core meeting. |
|  | **NEXT MEETINGS** | 6th April |
| 9.00 pm | ENDS |

TTH ANNUAL ACCOUNT:

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| **2019 to 2020** | **Total IN** | **Total OUT** |  |
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| Cash books | 195.81 | 108.37 |  |
| Bank | 2,709.94 | 3,179.70 |  |
| **TOTAL** | **2,905.75** | **3,288.07** |  |
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| General | 670.17 | 634.15 |  |
| Garden | 625.07 | 592.18 |  |
| Energy | 130.20 | 130.20 |  |
| Mosaic | 1,204.50 | 512.74 |  |
| Refill | 80.00 | 80.00 |  |
| SOS |  |  | 12,705.00 |
|  |  |  | 11,474.57 |
|  |  | 1,230.43 |  |
| **TOTAL** | **2,709.94** | **3,179.70** |  |