Transition Town Hastings – Core Group Meeting

MINUTES – Tuesday 12th January 2021 – ZOOM

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7 pm  (10 mins) | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Sherry, Hannah, Kate, Kathy, Anna, Ken, Andrea, Sarah, Ursula, Julia, Caoimhe O'Gorman, [Philippa Beagley](mailto:Philippa.Beagley@groundwork.org.uk), C[atherine Pinhorn](mailto:catherine.pinhorn@gmail.com) |
| APOLOGIES | Ian Bunch |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
| (5 min) | **Narrowing down of agenda – selection of main focus points** | |
| (1h) | **EVENTS** |  |
| Garden Town **(**Hastings Town Deal**)** / wildflower planting | Proposal update: proposal has been submitted to get permission for a few specific sites already identified  Heritage action fund might be providing some funds for some planting by the seafront  Pedestrianisation of the Trinity Triangle on the cards for this summer  Wiggly path (up from WSQ station to London Road) – ACTION: Philippa to find out who is responsible for that piece of land. TTH to fund this with own funds  Reminder from Anna to buy some vegetable seeds as they are rapidly flying off the internet |
| Local Connections Fund | National Lottery micro grants (£300-£2,500) to reduce loneliness  Opens 5 January/ closes 26 January.  ACTION: Kate to submit a bid for the Maze Hill site (by the care home) |
| Hastings Emerging Futures | Events coming up:   * Tue 19th Jan – Hastings Town Centre: Past, Present, Future? * Tue 26th Jan – Changing Hastings...is Back! One Year On * February 23rd 19-20.30 – Sustainable Hastings, with the local MP attending. To discuss: Circular Economy, Doughnut Economics, Fair Economy. Sustainability in all areas, including education   <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hastings-emerging-futures-project-32183046317> |
|  | How can we continue the discussion and the learning about possible futures – beyond the Emerging Futures project ? What could be the forum to build shared knowledge ? Is Doughnut Economics the appropriate framework for systems thinking, for long-term sustainability |
| Transition Network “Bounce Forward” grants | #1 – Let’s grow together – a notice board for the TTH Community Garden – offer to build it from Matt and James. Do we need to start collecting waste wood from around town ?  Location: by the mosaic  Size: Ken to come back with a suggested design. Best to have a large one as notice boards like this tend to fill up very quickly  #2 – Hastings Jumble Sailing  ACTION: Andrea to pull out a short description of both projects for public distribution |
| De la Warr “Care & Citizenship” events | Project now extended until April  Sarah and Anna have been working on this. DLWP have given the green light on the latest proposal: walks in Bexhill, looking for potential sites for small growing projects. Permaculture course, foraging course  Development of a methodology for addressing sustainability questions / potential projects – from idea to reality. A “Transition model”, for “Rebuilding after Covid” |
| Comments on Hastings Local Plan | Consultation open for 8 weeks – ACTION: Ken to bring an update at the next TTH meeting |
| (15 mins) | **TRANSITION 2020** | Taking if Forward |
| Green Hub | Sarah has submitted a bid on behalf of ESC. Silchester Mews might still be an option |
| Green Directory | This can be an online alternative to a physical hub |
| (15 mins) | ONGOING PROJECTS |  |
| Community Garden |  |
| COMMS | Management of twitter account – consensus that Twitter should be the lowest priority given limited time and energy available  Website, facebook – ACTION: Hannah and Ursula to keep the fB page more up to date  Next newsletter; ACTION: Andrea to put a newsletter together with updates on ongoing activities |
| FINANCE | 2020 accounts |
| (15 mins) | **AOB** | 2020 AGM – to be done online in March / April 2021  Anna’s new online course website – self-study course  Potential about a book group on Doughnut Economics – possibly using the model of the Reader Organisation (read aloud events) |
|  | **Upcoming Events** |  |
|  | **NEXT MEETINGS** | Monday, 22nd February 7pm  Monday, 22nd March 7pm |
| 9.00 pm | ENDS |