Transition Town Hastings – Core Group Meeting

MINUTES – Monday 22nd March 2021 – ZOOM

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7 pm  (10 mins) | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Core team: Andrea, Chris, Hannah, Kate, Kathy, Ken, Sarah, Sherry, Ursula  Catherine Taylor (Greenways, Green Party, Food Hub, etc)  Graham Hodgson (1066 community, Heart of Hastings)  Linda Jeal (Strandliners, etc)  Mary Dawson (Tidy Up St Leonards, etc)  Philippa Beagley (Groundwork South) |
| APOLOGIES | Anna Locke, Julia Hilton |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
| (1h) | **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS** |  |
| Notice Board | Location agreed. Design agreed. Station’s consent – looking encouraging.  Planning permission – do we need one ?  We should test the ground, plant the posts and if need be we will apply for planning permission retrospectively  ACTION: Chris and Ken to build the board  ACTION: Andrea to send the update on progress  TN Bounce Forward grant - £500 |
| Jumble Trail | Still on hold  TN Bounce Forward grant - £500 |
| De la Warr “Care & Citizenship” event | Sarah met with the assistant curator last week.  Sarah and Anna to make a page on the TTH website about the project  Sarah to develop an audio guide, Anna to contribute her permaculture courses  Comments, Stories and Other Tales: app used by De La Warr for people to plot stories around their projects.  Based on [https://www.museweb.us/be-here-stories/map.html eb.us)](https://www.museweb.us/be-here-stories/map.html%20eb.us))  This could develop into a tool open to the community – to be used after the event, in order to spread content related to the climate emergency (with the Climate Active Network) |
| Hastings Garden Town / wildflower planting | |
| Local Connections (Lottery) Fund | £2,500 for the “Wiggly Path”  Meeting took place – with a timeline planned. Now waiting for Richard from Northern Flower House to come down again.  Mary’s suggestions: Hastings Botany (Judy Clark and Jacqueline Rose) – part of Maya Evans’ group on Eco-verges, should be added to the consultation on wild flowers  Linda’s comment: Judy is also involved in a project sourcing wildflowers (planted around the cemetery)  ACTION: Sherry to email Richard Scott about timeline and suggested materials. Will cc in Judy |
| Safer Streets Hastings & St Leonards | TTN encouraged to submit a proposal at the last minute, with very little clarity on the brief – and we got awarded £5k. We need to invoice by Friday, 26 March.  This can contribute to the Wiggly Path wildflower project; the Southwater Centre for some planters; improvements to Station area. Flexible.  Philippa (Groundwork South) also applied for some funds for window boxes and street planters  ACTION Chris to prepare the invoice for £5k |
| Hastings Local Plan | 18 March meeting – community conversation about the Plan. (Ken, Sarah and Sherry involved)  There are a recording and some visual notes available – being submitted to HBC by Emerging Futures team  General feedback is that it’s unambitious and lacking in inventiveness  Deadline 24 March / Update – Ken / Sarah/ Sherry |
| Eco Hub / Green Pages | Funds received from the COOP, to expand the Green Directory, and add a map for the visualization of the projects. Ted (American web designer) could give us access to existing web designs, that will need to be adapted  Kathy’s comment: an interactive green map could be used in schools – as support in the study of geography. And could be used in training of graphic designers (at university level)  Physical space – there is some money to rent a space for at least 6 months. |
| One Planet – One Hastings | Graham working on a project to bring together voluntary organizations in Hastings. Graham to take it to Heart of Hastings, and then bring it back to TTH at the next meeting |
| Transition Network “What Next” event | [What Next? Summit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GadQCK_H4pYy2XKw-yjFfFWiBT1jl-gZbFo0nQtf68g/edit) (3-20 March)  3 weeks of presentations & workshops are online - the links are embedded in the workshop timetable |
| Atmos Project, Totnes  (Rob Hopkins/ TN) | Community Development Society / community-owned affordable housing project  trying to buy old factory and just found out that the building has been sold to somebody else – similar to Hastings Pier  <http://totnescommunity.org.uk/>  <http://totnescommunity.org.uk/statement-from-tcds-on-atmos-totnes-land-sale/> |
| Community composting | Based on Brighton’s Community Composting. Rhiannon Flood planning to take it into Hastings (see fB post on 9 March). Chris to participate. Could TTH contribute the remainder of the SOS funds towards a large composting rodent-proof bin on Warrior Square ? Other possible location at the top of Alexandra Park  Jora bins: <https://www.joracomposters.com/>  <https://bhfood.org.uk/directory-hub/community-composting/?fbclid=IwAR02XyQFUHYbEA6bYK9Z2JIy28vx78pn6vcAj0Xv1ECdAGOcMYXzKFsAA6s> |
|  | OTHER THINGS IN THE PIPELINE |  |
| HBC Eco-Verges initiative | UPDATE / working groups set-up by Maya Evans to meet next week  ‘Community engagement’ group meeting on Wednesday 31st March. Ken to attend  Julia, Sherry and Philippa involved in initial meeting - 26 Feb |
| SECA (South East Climate Alliance) | 11 March steering group meeting (Sherry attended)  (Minutes attached separately)   * COP 26 activities and events discussed * SECA annual event 19 June 10-1pm online – ideas welcome * [Local election campaign](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?zx=v4lw5xcb5wib#search/SECA+/FMfcgxwLswQMHmddjtMfzGmDQkWSJzdH) / pledge for councillors to sign * Community Carbon Calculator – as a very useful way of starting local conversations about emissions and what to do to mitigate them * SCATE is organising a protest against the construction of a new road between Lewes and Polegate.   "East Sussex SCATE is a local organisation campaigning against a new road east of Lewes and is very specific to that area.  Whilst this group is an affiliate of [SCATE (South Coast Alliance for Transportand the Environment)](https://scate.org.uk/) , SCATE is an umbrella group like SECA. It works to bring groups with similar interests together and strengthen campaigns for more sustainable transport solutions along the South coast. “  Next meeting: 13 May , 7pm |
| UN Biodiversity & Climate Change Summit  2 June 2021 | Now going ahead online ( SEE BELOW)  This is the launch of the UNA “Paris to COP 26” activities (Gonzalo Alvarez of UNA Bexhill and Hastings is co-ordinating)  One aim is to join up CO2-emissions/reduction (business impact) with biodiversity loss (environmental impact) which are currently running as parallel conversations at global level  TTH group agreed to participate and sign letter to be submitted to UN Secretary General. |
| Strandliners | Planning to organise a “Blue Fair”, or be involved in the “Green Fair”  Update from Linda. Doing a MOOC on Green Litter, which resulted in an Action Plan on marine litter. They intend to take talks to schools, and engage communities to spread knowledge on how to collect and audit marine litter  Strandliners will make a short video in 2 weeks, filming how they collect and audit litter – in particular plastic bottles.  They would be keen to organise a Blue Fair, along the lines of the Green Fair – to spread knowledge about marine litter. Probably on a very small scale at first.  See also: <https://openlittermap.com/>  “Tidy up St Leonards” are picking up a lot of litter – and actively report on the litter picked and fly tipping. See their FB page |
| Anne Locke  Permaculture book launch | Anna, Sarah and Alison have the 14th April down for a zoom book launch.  The book is out on 31st |
| Hastings Food Network (HVA) | A note from Catherine on an idea that has come from the Food Network meetings: to bring growers into a forum to share knowledge and support others to begin to grow veg. I have been talking to Anna about this plus contacting allotment holders to offer them free online growing courses. It would be good to offer this out to others who may want to get involved and begin to build a group/ forum/ library/ swap / exchange resource for new growers to learn. |
| Local Elections | Thursday, 6 May - Julia Hilton to run in Old Town |
| (10 mins) | ONGOING PROJECTS |  |
| Community Garden | Chris looking after it. No formal sessions still possible, but informal sessions happening |
| COMMS | Management of twitter account. Website, facebook – update on who does what  ACTION: Hannah to organise a call to discuss this  Next newsletter  ACTION Andrea to draft one over the Easter Weekend |
| FINANCE | 2020 accounts – lots of funds have come in, but activity is still fairly quiet |
| (10 mins) | **AOB** | **2020 AGM** – can be a short Zoom event – together with a movie session  ACTION Sherry to invite Richard Scott (Garden Town/National Wildflower Centre/ Northern Flowerhouse) to give a presentation on wildflowers  Suggested date: Saturday 11th 10-12  **Bulverhythe Housing Development**: Council now ruling out applying any sustainability measures. Ken suggesting that everyone puts in their objections  **“Next Door”** app connecting neighbors – TTH could become more active on it to promote what we do [but only participating as individuals, not as an organization] |
|  | **NEXT MEETINGS** | * Monday, 19th April 7pm * Monday, 17th May 7pm |
| 9.00 pm | ENDS |

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Hello,

          I'm just getting in touch to let you know that the UN Biodiversity & Climate Change Summit, that was originally planned for last June, is now going ahead online this coming June (2nd June). As you had originally signed up to attend as a stall holder in the exhibition section, we would like to invite you to join again this year. The exhibition will be a 3D virtual exhibition (see attached screenshot for an example). All we need from you is 8-10 images that you would like to have showcase the work you do, and a brief description for each image, these descriptions will come up in written and audio when the viewer clicks on the image.

If you could get these images to me over the course of the next month then I can start work on uploading them to the exhibition site. The plan is for the exhibition to go live the day of the Summit, but can remain live on the UNA website for as long as possible, ideally for the remainder of the year, but especially to coincide with Novembers COP26 meeting, hosted this year by Scotland.