Transition Town Hastings

MINUTES - Monday 19th April 2021 / 7.30pm

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7 .30pm | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES | PRESENT: Sherry, Sarah, Nicole Collomb (only beginning), Ken, Anna J Sabin, Kate, Linda Jeal, Chris, Usrula, Graham  APOLOGIES, Kathy Bor, Catherine Pinhorn, Hannah possibly late |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | [TTH minutes\_22march2021](https://www.dropbox.com/s/krat8niqbywwz0t/2021-03-22%20tth%20-%20minutes_v2.docx?dl=0) |
| 7.40-8.30 pm | **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS** | |
| Notice Board | Design done. We are now waiting from the Station team to give the go-ahead  Update sent to TN |
| Jumble Trail | On hold – due to covid restrictions. Update sent to TN |
| De la Warr  “Care & Citizenship” | Sarah finished her audio guide – which is now online (on the DLWP website, in the Care and Citizenship section). Also an update has been posted on the TTH website  The DLWP are very happy with it and see it as a great way to start more regular communication with the public. Very positive feedback on the event on Saturday |
| Hastings Garden Town |  |
| * Station garden | Garden Town decision expected after the local election. The Garden Town team is having a meeting on Wednesday on the governance structure needed in the future to manage funds and projects within the context of the £8m that may be available (mostly going to HBC and ESCC)  Station Garden  Winding wildflower path (Local Connections & Safer Streets project funding): the site has been tidied up. Still waiting for approval from the Network Rail contact. Also – given the little rain, the site may be too dry to put down the pebbles for the substratum. Nicole to contact Richard to explore alternative options. Anna’s suggestion – cardboard and compost can be used in alternative, but it needs a lot of watering. Chris to keep track of next steps and liaise with the contractor and TUSL |
| * Hastings Wild Verges | Update from Anna, on “Wild about Hastings”, lead by Andy Phillips. Andy and Julie led a biodiversity audit session to scout the number of species that can be seen in any given location. Regular meetings coming up – anyone welcome to join them.  The plan is to have several verges, but a licence is needed (from HBC or the county) so that the are doesn’t get mowed. So they are now waiting for the licence – but this needs to be obtained by an organisation with a name and insurance (which could be obtain via TTH).  Sarah has checked whether we can increase our insurance to £10m and act as an umbrella organisation / or just to look after all the sites that are being planted. But this has now more requirements from the insurance company.  Can Wild About Hastings become a project of TTH ? Only if somebody (Anna) is project managing it. In this case then a license for each verge can be requested in the name of TTH. Anna (or Sarah Gomez) to report at TTH meetings on progress. Approval voted.  Note from Lynda – HBC will start spraying glyphosate herbicide in June – but individual areas or streets can ask for their area NOT to be sprayed. Anna to look into this |
| Eco Hub / Green Pages | Meeting to be arranged by Kate soon, to bring together anyone interested in this project. Kate has looked at the Community Action space in Eagle house, that could work as the base for an Eco Hub  No update on the Green Pages (Co-op Funding) |
| OTHER THINGS IN THE PIPELINE | |
| Transition Network UK | [‘Community Organizing’ training](https://transition-bounceforward.org/free-collaborative-community-organising-course-apply-nownbsp/) available for free, ideally in pairs – focused on engaging a broader base in the community in one’s projects. Will require a few Saturdays since May and then mid-week sessions up until November. Sarah is considering attending and is looking for a “Pair” |
| The Big Lunch | Sunday, 6 June. Several options presented on the Big Lunch website – they can be advertised in the next newsletter, possibly in HIP – to encourage people to organize their own small-scale get-togethers. Ursula to take the lead on this. |
| Community round-up | Strandliners spent the weekend trawling through tones of rubbish picked along the river, to categorize what is found. One reason for this is to support a request for a deposit scheme |
| Dates for the diary | UNA Bexhill and Hastings   * The Economics of Biodiversity webinar - 22 April (the Dasgupta review)   <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-economics-of-biodiversity-tickets-145533471531>   * Biodiversity & Climate Change Summit – 2 June (kick-off towards COP 26)   Two more UNA events on their website: <https://una.org.uk/branch/una-bexhill-and-hastings>  XR Citizen’s Assembly talks <https://xrcitizensassembly.uk>   * Thursday, 27 April, 19.30 * Thursday, 13 May, 19.30 * Local Elections – Thursday, 6 May * Field trip to Great Dixter – offered by Fergus, dates and details TBC   + Wild about Hastings and TTH to arrange for one or two separate visits * Fairlight Hall has an open day on Friday 28th May * South East Climate Alliance (SECA) annual event – 19 June / 10am – 1pm * COP 26 – November 2021, Glasgow   Switch along event by ESC on Friday 23rd at 1pm |
| 8.30pm | ONGOING BUSINESS - core group members | |
| COMMS | Andrea to set up a Zoom Room  Newsletter – next one in the week starting 10th May  Social media management  Website – Sarah available to train anyone who might be available to do some maintenance of the website |
| AGM | As part of the Monday 17th May core group meeting |
|  | FINANCE | Funds from grants are now available for the respective projects  £800 leftover from SOS – can we donate them to the composting project ? |
|  | **AOB** | The composting project (Rhiannon) could come under the TTH umbrella as well – as it requires similar licenses as the verges. Good support – about 12 people attended the first meeting. This will be a membership scheme, with access codes to access the bins. Eventually is could be come a business where the compost is bagged and sold |
| 9.00 pm | **ENDS** |  |

**NEXT MEETINGS (third Monday of the month at 7.30pm)**

Monday, 17 May 7.30pm

Monday, 21 June 7.30pm

**RECOMMENDED READING THIS MONTH**

Hastings Independent Press [Net Zero](https://www.hastingsindependentpress.co.uk/issues/hastings-independent-issue-174-netzero/) supplement

Boundless Roots inquiry into sustainable living

<https://www.boundlessroots.org/page/1401491-report-and-events>

Wellbeing Economy Policy Design Guide

<https://wellbeingeconomy.org/policyguide>