Transition Town Hastings

AGENDA – Wednesday 16th June 2021 / 7.30pm

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| TIME | ITEM | NOTES |
| 7 .30pm | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES | Attendees: Alex, Anna L, Anna S, Chris P., Graham, Kate, Ken, Linda, Sherry, Virginia, Philippa, Ursula  Apologies: Kathy Bor, Hannah Robbins, Catherine Pinhorn, Maya Evans |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | na |
| 7.40-8.30 pm | **PART 1 – COMMUNITY PROJECTS** | |
| Garden Town | £24.3m for the Town Deal have been awarded, with the Garden Town proposal included. Funds are held by the central government and administered by HBC. The proposal needs to be shaped as a business case. Julia is pushing for it to include a community consultation. The first year is putting together the business case, the following three years are the implementation. Finding an adequate formal structure for the volunteers involved will be an important part of this |
| Wild About Hastings | Lots of interest in wildflowers in many different areas around town. Draft report by Andy Phillips on biodiversity is being submitted to the Council (although it may take a while for it to be released). Ongoing projects by the “Friends of Edith” site  Bioblitz events to screen levels of biodiversity in individual verges will be advertised on fB  We need to clarify what the procedure is to get permission to plant flowers in new sites |
| Glyphosate Spraying | na |
| Green Party Update | Pushing to limit the use of glyphosate, supported by several different groups across town.  Julia will raise any points presented to her at Council and County Council |
| Tree Planting | Anna Sabin update: fruit trees tend to flower quite early, which would support pollinators. They can be planted where the soil is rich (where wildflowers tend to be pusher out by stronger grasses). Ian Bunch and Mary Dawson (Churchwood Community Orchard) are both involved in tree planting |
| Old bathing pool | Audit of wildflowers coming up – Anna Sabin to send an update |
| SECA Event | Saturday 19th 10-13h on Zoom. Bringing together organisations involved in sustainability across the South East |
| Plastic-Free Research | Young German student doing some research on Plastic Free towns and needs a place to stay in Hastings at the end of July.  Can we do a survey of the food take-away packaging across town ? To include good practices. And to be extended then to shopping packaging, to promote positive examples. St Leonards Academy have a Green Team. Kate also has the details of a group of young people that could also be interested (Young Person Citizen Group)  Also – from Mary Dawson: project called Joyful Roots at back of St LEONARDS Station sounds great, food, growing, networking.  DAN MATTHEWS he works with young people and great guy.  Been one of organizers for the Wilding project with Beccy |
| TTH PROJECTS | |
| Station Garden | So far mostly individual initiatives. Barbara has been doing a lot of watering at the garden, often on her own.  Suggestion to buy buckets and place them around the garden to collect rainwater, to increase watering whenever it rains  Meeting coming up on Sunday at 10am at Dandelion to restart activity  After that a broader invitation can be extended to more potential volunteers |
| Winding Path | Ongoing. Watering happening every Monday / Wednesday / Friday and Saturday, until it rains |
| Community noticeboards | No latest updates. Sherry to write to our Station contacts to nudge about giving us permission for the board |
| Community composting | Fist pilot site agreed: St John’s Church at the bottom of Brittany Road. Advice provided by a group in Eastbourne that can also build the unit. Canvassing in the area to start next week |
| Eco Hub. Green Pages | Currently looking at empty commercial places that could be taken over temporarily – which benefits landlords and can be extended into years (although there is the risk that it can be reclaimed at short notice) |
| Jumble Trail | Still on hold. Question as to whether it should be aligned with Coastal Currents. Probably best to do it sooner, to catch the better weather. Linda to connect us with a group that is already doing a local exchange, to learn from their experience |
| 8.30pm | TTH ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES | |
| TTH FORMAL STRUCTURE | Update on the meeting last week  Community Benefit Society is another option – a mutual society, part of the Cooperative structure. It’s a not-for-profit organisation. Individuals become members, it has directors. Very limited admin  We should look for more advice from people who have been through this  Kate, Alex, Anna to report back to the group |
| COMMS | Next newsletter – news items to be sent by early next week. We will consider whether to move it into July, depending on the content  Social media postings to reduce crossed-wires (e.g. Big Lunch postings, etc)  Website: add a case study on Collier Road and weeding/spraying (Andrea to contact Linda in early July)  Facebook: to include Bioblitz events |
| FINANCE | processes and reporting requirements. We need a better system of logging and reporting income and expense on a monthly basis. Do we need a shared Googledocs spreadsheet?  Invoices for work of any member need to be signed off by two other members |
| **AOB** | From Ken: if would be good if at the next meeting the group might have a brief discussion about urban density (of development), I will lead on it. This is because there is a general misunderstanding around the topic, some people it seems think Hastings is high density.  August Saturday 7th August the CWC orchard project to have a launch event. More details to follow from Mary Dawson  Next meeting – Wednesday 21st of July |
| 9.00 pm | **ENDS** |  |