TRANSITION TOWN HASTINGS

MINUTES – Thursday 7th April 2022 / 6.30pm

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| TIME  | ITEM  | NOTES |
| 6 .30pm | APOLOGIES | Anna S, Catherine, Chris R., Kate M., Linda, Paola |
| **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
| 6.40-7.40 pm  | **TTH PROJECTS** |
| Station Garden | New dates advertised (Sunday 2-4pm, Tuesday 5-7pm)Vicky is a gardener to be paid 2 hours per week, to guide tours or Q&A sessions + man the market stall, plus do some planting |
| Town Grown | It’s a Lottery Funded project, under the umbrella of TTH, but staying separate, in order to try and attract a slightly different audienceTHREE STRANDS – CONNECT / LEARN / GROW:* CONNECT – from the monthly Kings Road market
* LEARN – provide workshops
* GROW – the funds will buy a poly tunnel (on Anna’s land), and probably include an allowance for transport

Soft launch already happened, with 60 people filling in a survey (focussed on what people want), including: * 38 novices, growing at home
* 13 experienced
* 4 professionals

Practical aspects:* Minimal reporting from the Lottery
* We need to make sure that GDPR is respected when connecting with the interested people
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| Wiggly Path | Weeding in process, but not completed. Seeding is happening at the same timeNext session this Sunday as part of the Station Garden session |
| Community Composting | New site at the Yard has been launched.First box at St John’s is almost readyA few more sites in the pipeline |
| Green Drinks / Potlucks | Potluck part of the Green RoomGreen Drinks: Anna to contact Scott and ask him to organise one (maybe only quarterly ?) on a Wednesday in April / July / September / December  |
| Green Pages | Part of the first funding of the Green Room covered the update and re-launch of the Green Pages – which is ongoing.A “Green Page” feature is now included in all the newsletters |
| Kings Road market stall | We now have a large table for the whole summer available to be used for the market, next to the “Community Table” – 10-4pm. We can put up the marquee to define the space betterTown grown will use it 1-4, so TTH to cover it 10-1pmNext one on the 7th May. The focus should be on promoting the “Garden Town” and related activitiesThen 4th June |
| Easter Sat Street Party | On Sat 16th – there is a stall where TTH can include some activity (together with the Compost Community, Strandliners…). Ursula, Kathy, Andrea available to cover it for a few hoursSarah to get some copies of the Newsletter printed, Kathy to pick it up |
| St Leonards Festival stall | 9th July – we are already doing the Kings Road market, so we will not take a stall at the Festival |
| Sanctuary Festival stall | Sunday 26th June – at the Hastings Museum. The theme is “Healing”. We have been invited to have a stool, and/or attend panels or give a talk.Sarah to reply and confirm, and forward the invitation to the Quakers |
| Journalist interview | Isaac Shelton, freelancer journalist and documentary producer, is making a documentary on Hastings and the impact of “levelling up” policies. He would like to talk to somebody about what we do and the hometown.Sarah to reply and ask to go talk to Sherry on a Thursday  |
| Community Tree Nursing Collaborative | 21st May – event in Brighton, providing an overview on how to set up a branch locally. One person invited per groupAnna L to attend (could be a good idea for the CSA – community-supported agriculture) |
| Big Lunch | To be held on Warrior Square on the 5th June (during the 2-5 June Jubilee weekend)There are also a few street parties planned across town |
| PART 2 – COMMUNITY PROJECTS |
| Garden Town  | The business case for the Garden Town is being written by the consultants“Gardening our Streets”, to be piloted as a gardening “Time Bank” in the Castle Ward area, encouraging people to come and do some gardening. In return volunteers can go to trips organized to Great Dixter, Sissinghurst etcIn May (19th and 21st) the Robertson Street planters will be planted |
| Tree Planting | Some complaints about the trees planned to be planted on the West Hill |
| Common Room / Green Room | Three new strands of funding to cover from the 1st of April, until March 2023. The manning of the space will need to be looked into and improved (with a group of paid volunteers trained for it) |
| Transition Network "Together We Can” summit | 11th 21st May, online and free for anyone to join inSherry and Sarah to be interviewed |
| One Planet Hastings | Thursday 12th May, Chris Richards is organizing “One Planet Hastings” 7-9 in the Common Room |
| Divest East Sussex action | 20th July the East Sussex pension fund is voting about divesting from fossil fuel12th July – last full council meeting before the break. Divest East Sussex is planning a big action locally on the daySarah to get back to Gabriel |
| Hastings Philharmonia free tickets offer | Jubilee Celebration Prom on the 27th May – 500 free ticketsWe can get some 50 tickets to be given to Common Room patrons and TTH volunteersSarah to reply |
| Film screening | On Earth Day (Friday 22nd April) there is a screening of “Once You Know”. Could we organize a screening in April, and join the discussion on the 22nd?Sarah to forward to Chris Richards |
| 7.40pm  | TTH ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES |
| FORMAL STRUCTURE | Rotating Chair* Sarah to do April – June
* Chris Richards July – Sep (Andrea to confirm)
* Anna Locke Oct to Dec
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| INFORMAL STRUCTURE | Working Groups |
| COMMS  | Branding and marketing materialsNewsletterSocial media: * Hannah to rename the SOS Instagram account to TTH, and centralise all the Instagram traffic into it
* The Garden Instagram account will be left dormant
* Twitter: we have an account, but we are not keeping it alive

Website |
| FINANCE | Processes and reporting requirements |
| **AOB**  | Sarah to talk to the insurance company to include in the cover the tree planting, street market stalls (include the market grown and the refugee project) |
|  | **NEXT MEETING** | 5th MAY – 6.30-8pm9th JUNE – 6.30-8pm |
| 8.00 pm | **ENDS** |  |