**TTH MEETING – 9 September 2024**

**WHITE ROCK HOTEL**

Attendees: Andrea Corso, Farid Tajani, Hannah Robbins, Sherry Clark

Apologies: Sarah, Ursula

Chair: Farid

**INTRO**

Possible levels of TTH ambition

1. Container for “semi-independent” projects
2. Projects being carried out as a group (back to pre-pandemic modality)
3. Driver and catalyst for a more ambitious vision of Hastings as a “model” green town, in the way Totnes, Bristol or Brighton are generally recognised

**CONTEXT**

* Exceptional level of social and economic deprivation in Hastings
* Recent influx of people into the town, who might be willing to participate in projects around sustainability and community
* Lack of a coherent infrastructure for voluntary work, and a tendency to disjointed behaviour by various groups, and “reinventing the wheel” again and again: no “SUSTAINABILITY OF CHANGE”

**TTH IDENTITY AND ROLE**

* TTH can provide the
  + Brand
  + Bank account and insurance
    - + fundraising
  + Guidelines for groups
  + Assurances to potential funders that minimum levels of quality, governance and accountability are assured
  + INFORMATION about what is happening in the town
    - An update of the website on the projects that we are actually doing or have been doing recently
    - Monthly newsletter, with TTH and community activity
    - a “resource” page mapping the groups that in the town are involved in similar or compatible projects
    - a reviving of the Green Directory as a more exhaustive list of all related projects and businesses
    - building an online “Green Hub/Green Room” for the whole town, maybe on Discord (as an alternative to email communication)
    - Taking over a regular column in HIP to cover the activity of local groups
  + Have a positive, “ASSET-BASED” vision, rather than a “DEFICIT-BASED” approach (you get money to fix what is broken)
  + Eventually, become a lobby/pressure group on the Council
  + Do we want to take over some functions that the Council should be fulfilling

**COLLECTIVE IMPACT**

Response to fragmented and disjointed approach to social change

* + Shared vision
  + Shared measurement (of change, impact)
  + Fosters mutually reinforcing activities
  + Continuous communication
  + A strong backbone team

Nathaniel Whitestone has moved from the US and works internationally on Collective Impact

[Funding from ESCC towards “Nature and Health”, should become available, held by HVA ]

If TTH wants to become the backbone organisation behind community groups (side-by-side with HVA providing the more practical support), then we would need to find funding to pay for specific roles

**NEXT STEPS**

* Have one more meeting of the core group to decide on the longer term plan for TTH
* Agree on a “vision” for TTH by Christmas
* Do we want to organise Green Drinks in the meantime ?
  + Agreed not to for now
* Over the next 4 weeks
  + Tidy up the facebook GROUP
    - Can we put a limit and make posts to be approved by a moderator?
* No update of the website until we have a clearer message for the landing page
* Newsletter: Andrea happy to keep doing it
* Email monitoring: Sherry
* Next meeting: Monday 23rd September