

Transition Helston Core Group Meeting 9th March 2010 – Minutes

Present: John Marshall, Bernie Doeser, Julie Taylor-Browne, Vicki Matthew, Gary Matthews, Jane Acton, Mark Jago, Jenny Jago, Judith Haycock, Andrew Taylor-Browne.

Matters Arising:

Membership – Judith to send John a list of paid up members. John to email all supporters to ask if they wish to become members. Bernie to put membership form on website. Gary raised the lack of process for making new members welcome to Transition Helston. We discussed the idea of having a new members evening, which was informal and informed new members about the events TH is involved with. Bernie and John would put together a welcome pack for new members.

Public Liability – John to ask Josyanne if we can share SKA's public liability cover.

Permaculture Talk – Klaudia van Gool, Helston College, Room M1, 7 for 7.30pm, 25th of March. £1 entrance fee to cover expenses and donations for tea/coffee. Bernie to contact Yvonne from HOGG about getting help for serving refreshments.

Patrick Holden Talk (Ahead of Food Festival) – We still need to find a way to approach PH. Vicki will find out how the working group arranged it.

Twin Town – Several members would be going to Italy at the end of October.

Food Group – The Food Guide was progressing. The team continue to develop the guide. Printing estimates have been received, funding bid has gone to the lottery, the College are working on the design. Version 8 was released this week. Gary gave an update on the garden share scheme – some land at Trussel Farm had become available and was offered to some on the garden share waiting list, but most have either moved or have lost interest. Trussel Farm was felt to be too far out of town. Gary had also written to the owner of the land at the top of Penrose Rd with a view to tidying it up and making it available for growers. The Garden Share scheme needed some more publicity. John briefed the meeting on the idea of community food processing units for which he will approach the LAG for money for a feasibility study.

Growing Collaboration & Transition to Resilience – Jane gave a report on the Growing Collaboration event at the Eden Project last Friday, and the Transition to Resilience event at County Hall on Friday, which Bernie and John also attended. Cornwall Council are definitely saying all the right things, but we need to monitor how this works out in practice.

Energy Group – There was a discussion on the most appropriate first use of the Owl Monitors, should they be used at the Guildhall or in the school, or should we buy a second set and use them in both. The matter to be discussed at the next Energy Group meeting.

Energy Descent Action Plan – John is attending a Transition Event in the South East which will describe how this is done and report back on the best approach on how we could do this, possibly in September.

Events: Food Festival – Gary will represent TH at the planning meeting on Monday. Jane mentioned the possibility of showing “The Price of Cheap Food” a film produced in Cornwall. Porthleven Food Festival (24th April) – Judith will investigate the possibility of TH having a stall, the Helston Continental Market is the same week-end. Transition Nursery Working Party will have to be postponed until next month as so many of the regulars are away – the next working party will be on April 11th meet at 10am at the Fairground Car Park. Bernie will send out a note cancelling this months working party.

AOB: It was decided that we should set up a new Training and Education Group as we have several members who are very keen and knowledgeable about the subject. The inaugural meeting of the group would take place on the 6th of April at the Blue Anchor. Bernie would send out a note about this.

Date of next meeting: 11th May, Blue Anchor 7.30pm.