

## Transition Helston Food Group Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Present:** John Marshall, Jenny Jago, Vicki Matthew, Pip Iles, Alistair Cameron, Bernie Doeser, Tor Amran.

1. **Tree Nursery.** Clearing the Weeth allotment will take place on Saturday morning, 10am on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, meet 9.45am at the amenity area next to Flora motors. Bring secateurs & gardening gloves. Will ask for volunteers at the FM on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Food Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> July.** Pip Iles is co-ordinating. The festival will use the sports hall, and other facilities – marquee, car park, toilets, canteen, tarmaced area. There will be commercial producers, school stalls, local food related organisations. The school could run a minibus from Coronation Park via Tesco. Current thoughts include an event organised by the WFU, cooking demos and workshops for making meals. Helston Farmers Market will relocate to the food fair on this Saturday. Mounts Bay school are already working with Penzance Farmers Market, we may pick up some ideas from them. Pip is co-ordinating a SKILL project – covers 23 local schools, i.e. more involvement than just the college. All schools are participating in a vegetable growing scheme and we could see if food could be served made from the children's produce. TH will launch the food guide at the festival. Tor/Joanne will confirm with producers they are happy to relocate to the food fair. A planning meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm, anyone interested in helping run the fair is invited.

3. **Shared Food Processing & Training Centre** – JM raised this idea, he will contact Ruth Huxley who has some experience, she is setting up a "Taste of the West" for Cornwall (private/commercial). The Cornish Food Hall in Truro looking at setting up a joint venture with Waitrose.

4. **Apple Press** – John & Vicky to research options. Tor will check on rumours of an apple press in Penzance.

5. **Food Guide** – The main activity recently has been funding. We have passed the "Expression of Interest" hurdle on both the lottery and the LAG. As we are not allowed to bid for both sources of funding at the same time we have decided to go for the lottery money first. We hope to get the bid in the next few weeks and if successful will receive funds in March. On the guide itself we are going to have a series of meetings to finalise entries, though should any new nominations come though we will try to include them if suitable. We have several contacts at the college who plan to assist with design and layout and we will shortly be getting quotes for the printing.

6. **Garden Share** – No new arrangements have been made. Only one person responded to the West Briton article, and has since decided not to take part, as he is at Cudrose and likely to be posted soon. Gary will ring round all who have offered/want land, to see what the position is at the moment.

7. **Parc Eglos** – Parc Eglos Gardening Club is meeting again – 3.30 every Thursday. Heather Gilbert and Bobby Martin are the staff involved.

8. Patrick Holden talk (soil association) re: food security. Perhaps it could be arranged the Thursday before the food fair. PI will email her Soil Assoc contact and ask them to send details to JM to arrange. We would expect to get a wide audience from across the region.

9. Other Events:

Seed Swap – Provisionally schedule for March farmers market.

Klaudia Van Gool – Permaculture talk 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm venue tbc, but probably the college.

10. Date of next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm Blue Anchor.