

TLT Steering Group Meeting – August 11th 2015

Present: Hilary Macaulay (chair), Alan Macnaughton, Martina Holmes, Geoff Greaves, Di Greaves, Nick Talbott, Sally Bramhall

Apologies: Peter Coleridge, Diana Berriman, Lucy Muir, Joe Botting, David Strachan.

Actions from July Minutes

Action: Di to continue to liaise with Elan Valley Biochar for October meeting.

Noted that Joe and Lucy have attended meeting with Friends of the Rock Park to discuss community orchard, and that Friends of the Rock Park will lead the project. Thanks recorded to Ali Lloyd Jones for initiating the idea.

Advertising on website/newsletter.

Agreed that advertising on web site be investigated further. Di/Nick to refine proposal and return to September steering group.

Regeneration Plan.

Noted that material relating to the regeneration plan is now on the web site.
<http://www.transitionllandrindod.org.uk/info/economics>

Green Man Garden design

Joie Parris has offered to produce some designs.

Action: Sally to ask Joie to produce some designs (refer to Incredible Edible examples) and look into what is involved in formal sign-up to the Incredible Edible brand. Consider asking David Strachan's advice on production.

Social Meeting Programmes

August meeting – Alan Macnaughton. Arrangements in hand.

September – Andrew Twigger

Action: Nick to contact Andrew to finalise arrangements and agree focus of talk on Llandrindod resilience issues and advice to householders on appropriate preparations.

October – Elan Valley Biochar Project have been invited.

Future meetings

Action: Nick/Di to contact Anita Lear to see if she can show/ talk about her eco films

Action: Geoff to collate a number of films on community projects that have worked elsewhere. Nick to check if a new In Transition DVD is being produced.

Slow Sunday Events

Action: Nick to contact Jude Boutle and Sue Cox who are willing to offer a Slow Sunday date.

Repair Cafe update

Martina presented an overview of events this year.

Agreed that it would be good to continue to run repair café sessions over the winter but with a different and probably reduced format. Sally offered use of the Herb Garden for Sundays during the winter.

Action: Repair Cafe subgroup to meet to develop proposals for winter season events.

Martina has volunteered to lead work to set up a repair café themed decorated tree in Holy Trinity this Christmas.

Action: Martina to check this is running this year.

Alan volunteered to help organise Repair Café events as it fits well with his SWEA role.

Action: Di to add Alan to list for repair café organisers emails

Eco Homes Event

Progress noted

Community Orchard Proposal

See note in July Actions above.

PTLCC Update

Di reported on PTLCC Conference developments. The Conference is all day on 17th October. Booking opens soon.

A Winter Training programme is now agreed – 4 weekends between October and March.

Action: Di to provide details for circulation with minutes.

Information and Correspondence

New Town Web Site

Di and Nick have provided information about TLT for inclusion in the new town web site. There is also to be an events listing service on the new site, though details of the scope and functionality is not yet available.

Quaker Meeting House

Noted that the Meeting House in Llandrindod is available for booking and may make a suitable venue for smaller repair café events.

Spa Town trust

Di and Nick were invited to a confidential meeting along with representatives of other town organisations as part of the Trust's consultation on its new business plan. Details will be made public at a later stage.

Small is Beautiful Festival

Noted that the Centre for Alternative Technology is promoting the Small is Beautiful Festival which includes a number of Schumacher lectures plus workshops as well as music and other entertainment. Details at <http://smallisfestival.org/>

Ashfield Harvest Fest

Ashfield have asked TLT to support their Harvest Fest event on September 12th by giving a workshop or a talk about eating local, food production or sustainability or anything along those lines.

Action: Nick to follow up – Hilary offered to talk about and/or demonstrate construction of bird boxes.

Funding Opportunities

Noted that there is funding available for schemes in the range £1k to £15k through the Welsh Government's Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate Small Scale Project Funding Applications 2015-16. Applications (500 words) must be in by 16th September.

<http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/150717-small-scale-project-funding-applications-en.pdf>

Action: Hilary to look into scope for funding the community orchard project.

Action: Nick/Di to send list of potential projects to Alan, and to see if anything on the list could be started using the funding.

Other Urgent Business

Di drew attention to the next SOUP! micro funding party on Friday 11th Sept. at the Herb Garden Cafe 7.30pm. Applications to pitch for funds at the party need to be in by Friday 28th August. Application forms and a submission box are in the Herb Garden Cafe, or forms can be returned by email to SOUP@Transitionllandrindod.org.uk

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Next meeting is on Tuesday September 8th at 7:30pm in the Herb Garden Café