

Minutes of TLT Steering Group Meeting, 7.30pm, 11th November 2025

In person at Plas Madoc

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Present were: Geoff, Janice, Sian, Penny, Sally

1. October minutes and matters arising

Minutes agreed. Sally said there was a misspelling of Blackthorne. PN to amend.

The Wassailing idea had not progressed. **Sally will** run it past Becks at the Blackthorne Trust. It would need quite a bit of work. I could be the other side of Christmas. One tradition had it on 12th Night. Food and drink could be provided – **PN to liaise** with Hilary and I.E. (Dorienne) about refreshments.

Sian was making the Morsbags (free, homemade, fabric bags) and had obtained TLT labels for them, as a result of liaising with Lucy. She needs more outlets to give them away. **Sally will** talk to Van's and the Library to see if they would agree to give them out.

The October talk had been excellent on the subject of historic honey and bee rescue. James had brought wax and wicks for everyone to make a candle and had honey and other items for sale. He gave an interesting talk and answered many questions. **PN to** send email of thanks.

Sally had been unable to find the Transition Together film for January.

PN to email Hilary (and David) re posters for more trustees for the Rock Park.

2. Project updates:

- a) Green Coffee – Janice reported this had been well-attended, however, Bradleys had been closed, which necessitated the group de-camping to the Commodore Hotel. This was a much more comfortable, convenient and audible experience, with coffee prices comparable. It was decided that the venue for Green Coffee would change to The Commodore with immediate effect. **PN to ask David** to amend the posters for distribution.

b) Incredible Edible and Seed Library –

No report from Catherine this time. However, she has been putting up her seed stall weekly at the Friday morning Alleyway Market of locally produced veg, meat, eggs, bread, preserves and cakes, which helps raise the profile, distribute seeds, engage people in a conversation about growing and gather donations.

c) Pomarium and Forest Garden –

An email had been received from Hilary as follows:

Pomarium - I'm very pleased to say that we have acquired two new volunteers, a young couple who have just moved back to Llan'dod and are very keen to help at the Pom.

I have also been in touch with Grace from the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust who is going to come and have a chat with us about encouraging new volunteers. We had a meeting arranged for this Thursday, but she could not make it and will contact me when she is able to make another date.

I will get around to making posters and FB posts but at present I am very busy.

d) Repair Café and Morsbags

Repair Cafe: still going well, and we are again going to be open in December and January, which in fact will be the norm for all years from now on, by public and volunteer demand!

The October RC, which happened after the last SG meeting, celebrated a week early International Repair Day on 18th October, and we had cakes with our teas.

At the December RC, on 13th December, we are going to have a special Christmas edition, with music (carols), cakes, mince pies and the odd drop of wine. If anyone from the wider body of TLT would like to come along you will be very welcome. Please would you pass on this invitation. **PN to email** members and to send to Sally for newsletter inclusion

Morsbags – see above

3. Town council liaison – nothing reported. Sian was without sound on her link.
4. Future monthly talks-
 - a) A film showing is planned for November. Charging Bullet. **Geoff to update David** asap for a poster. Trefonnen School room is booked.

- b) December will be the annual Christmas social. There is no talk that month. Commodore Hotel, the De Winton Room, is booked for 16.12.25 7-9pm. Also, mulled wine and mince pies for 20. PN proposed this expenditure is appropriate. Unanimously agreed.
- c) **Sian** volunteered to give her talk on Morsbags for the January talk, at the Commodore on 4th Tuesday, 27.1.26. She **will supply** some blurb to David for a poster. **PN to book** the Commodore for 13th January – AGM and 27th January for the talk, when they have their new diary.

5. Secretarial handover from Penny

PN said she would prepare a written handover sheet with the things she usually does and send it to everyone. The main point is the list of members' emails which is partly on the TLT Group email, but she cannot see how to edit this, so also has another list to add in BCC on messages. **PN to try** and sort this out. No talks organised beyond January so could people have a think?

6. Gathering info for the Annual Report from the Projects and Treasurer's Report, for the AGM

Geoff said he already had info for the Treasurer's Report from Catherine. **Hilary will provide** her financial info from the Pomarium and Forest Garden. **Penny will** contact Dorianne for a summary of I.E activity.

7. Wider invitation list of project volunteers for the AGM.

Penny considered there was an opportunity to draw people in from all the projects. Others thought that it was best to avoid people attending just the AGM, voting, then not attending in the future.

Publicity is needed for the AGM.

8. AOB

David had emailed that he could not attend the Transition Together conference in Bristol at the end of the month. Sally added that she was not in a position to either.

Sally suggested circulating a consultation about local energy projects in the form of a mini-newsletter, which was agreed.