

Minutes for TLT Steering Group Meeting, 7.30pm, 14th October 2025

In person at Plas Madoc

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1. Present were: Geoff, Hilary, Sally, Penny (not quorate)
2. September minutes and matters arising – no formal minutes were produced
3. Project updates:
 - a) Green Coffee – this had taken place but no attendees present at the meeting
 - b) Incredible Edible and Seed Library – The bake-off event had been a success. An update appears in the recent newsletter.
 - c) Pomarium and Forest Garden – Hilary reported an urgent need for more volunteers to maintain these. There was discussion about how the numbers could be increased. There could be a poster appealing for volunteers laminated and put up in situ at the Pomarium on the notice board. The Wassail event could be publicised early to get people interested. **Sally could contact the Blackthorn Trust** which might be a help. Hilary does need help in organising events.

PN had been in touch with Tir Coed earlier in the summer. They were uncertain about their continued funding but said they had arranged with Doriene for a green furniture course to take place at the Forest Garden. Hilary not aware of this. **PN to contact them again to follow up**

The acorns are very plentiful this year. It would be good to have an event around preparing them as a food source, however this would require someone to organise and run it...
 - d) Repair Café and Morsbags

Hilary reported how the International Repair Day had been celebrated with cake and posters. It had been a good day. A permanent home for the Repair Café is being sought as Celf o Gwmpas does not have space for all the tools. The Hive has now been taken over by the Town Council and all the tools have had to be moved to Ashfields, who have kindly offered to house them for free at present. Hilary is looking at researching potential permanent homes for the Repair Cafe following the removal of equipment to Ashfield.

Sian has continued making Morsbags at home and they are given out at the Repair Café. Sian was going to ask Lucy about labels for TLT to put on the bags – still pending. **Sian to contact Lucy**

4. Town council liaison – no member in attendance

5. Future monthly talks-

a) October's talk is from James the Bee man. Publicity poster received from David. Poster drafted and 25 – 30 copies needed. Hilary is willing to get those printed off at KDM newsagents and she and Angela are willing to distribute them as usual. **HM/AC**

b) Doriennne has been approached for a possible talk on her research thesis into food resilience in Powys, for November. She is not willing to do an evening talk. Geoff suggests a film called Charging Bullet about an electric motorcycle. It was decided this would be the November talk. **Penny to book the school for 25th November**

c) December will be the annual Christmas social. There is no talk that month. It was decided that this should be on the 3rd Tuesday instead of 2nd. So, 16th December, a bit more Christmassy than 9th. **PN to book the Commodore.**

d) January. PN will have stepped down as social meetings co-ordinator, so a volunteer is needed please to fill the gap, to be voted in at the AGM on 2nd Tuesday in January, to be held on 13th, also at the Commodore to encourage as many people as possible to attend. **PN to book.** There is a Transition Network film which could be a good option for the January talk **(Sally to confirm)**

6. AOB

a) Hilary said the Friends of Rock Park was very low on trustees. It is this trust which holds the licence for the Pomarium and therefore also the Forest Garden, plus the Arlais Garden. It is therefore very important to these projects that this trust thrives. Penny suggested that Lee and Jenny Percy at the Chalybeate Café in the Rock Park be approached, a) to put up a poster appealing for trustees in the café and b) to see if they would consider being trustees themselves, as they are very involved. **Hilary will talk to David about posters and speak to the café.**

b) Geoff mentioned that his correspondence continues with Powys concerning a very old invoice for the school room use, but which pre-dates the last invoice which has been paid, and it is difficult to

ascertain whether it is accurate as they assume we used the room monthly, which was not the case. Geoff will contact them again.