

Transition Horsham – Steering Group Meeting 9th May 2011

Present: Trevor Marshall
Elaine Simpson
Maggie Weir-Wilson
Alan Sloan
Alison Marshall (part-time)

The meeting started with Alison presenting information on ideas for a (small) Eco-Fair to be held jointly with Greening Horsham. Greening Horsham were to have an informal meeting with Helen Peacock from HDC to explore the idea in more detail. More information will be available after that meeting.

There followed discussions on combining an Eco-Fair with the “visioning” event, leading to the idea of producing a questionnaire for visitors to the event and using one of the TH books as a prize for a draw of those who respond to the questionnaire.

The opening of the “Human Nature” Garden in Horsham Park will take place on 18th June and TH will be sharing a stand there with HOGS, we plan on having a display and literature there. Volunteers will be needed to support this event...

We talked briefly about what's happening with the subgroups – so far only three of the subgroups appear to have had or arranged meetings. Chris and Julie have had a meeting for housing, Alison and Adam have had a short meeting for transport and Trevor and James have a meeting planned for Energy. We agreed that we would have a June meeting where the subgroups could report back on the progress that they'd made.

Maggie reported that she was now an administrator for the TH Facebook page. Elaine described the difficulties involved in getting a feed from Facebook to appear on the TH website; a Twitter feed would be easier to implement, but TH doesn't (yet) have a presence on Twitter. No decision was taken on whether or not to sign TH up for Twitter.

There was some discussion on which Green Movies should be shown at the May meeting – we have a copy of “The Turning Point” from the Findhorn Foundation, and a copy of “The Story of Stuff”, it was suggested that we could also obtain a copy of “Home” by Yann Arthus-Bernard as well. (TM Post-meeting note: subsequent to the meeting I've discovered that although Home is available on YouTube, it's not free to download. However, it can be bought for £4.99 and so I've ordered a copy) We hoped that other members would bring their own favourite “Green” movies to the May event.

Trevor told the meeting that after serving on the Steering Group for 12 months he had decided it was time to step down, as a result Elaine was co-opted to serve on the Steering Group. Also after chairing TH meetings for over 18 months he felt it was time someone else had the chance. (TM Post-meeting note: Elaine is unable to take up her co-opted role on the Steering Group; Trevor will therefore continue to be part of the Steering Group while a replacement is sought.)

Maggie told the meeting that she has been organising Green Drinks for over a year and feels that it is time to step aside and let someone new take over and perhaps bring some new ideas.

No date was set for the next Steering Group meeting but one will be scheduled to take place before the June Meeting.