

Transition Horsham – Steering Group Meeting 16th March 2011

Present: Trevor Marshall
Elaine Simpson
Maggie Weir-Wilson
Alan Sloan

The first part of the meeting concentrated on preparations for the joint Transition-Greening stall at the Earth Hour event taking place in the Carfax on 26th March. Trevor provided information from Chris Morris that HDC would be providing a market stall for the event, that the event would take place between 10:00 and 16:00.

There was discussion of the text for a joint Transition and Greening information leaflet provided by Alison and some minor re-wording was agreed. It was agreed that 75 copies of the leaflet should be printed for the Earth Hour event, that the final version of the leaflet should have a recycling logo on it, the 'Transition Horsham The Sustainable Way Forward' logotype and the 'Greening Horsham' logo. A reference to the TH Facebook group to be included as well.

We agreed to have the TH cycle generator on the stall, the TH banner and display – which we need to get from Paul & Beryl – a display of books, and the seeds remaining from Seedy Saturday along with the Seedy Saturday leaflet. TH Members will be emailed to ask for volunteers for the stall, asking them to 'give an hour for Earth Hour' and a rota of volunteers will be created.

Elaine spoke about how TH could use Facebook, and we agreed that Elaine would contact Mike Andrews about making more use of Facebook; we would use Facebook to publicise future events and to show photos from past events; John Medway to be asked to put a 'Find us on Facebook' link on the main TH website front page. Alan explained that he would like to see something like the Facebook status page on the TH website. We need pictures from past events to post on Facebook.

Discussions then moved on to future TH Meetings

The March meeting is on 31st, Trevor will be talking about Feed-in Tariffs and the Renewable Heat Incentive as the main event of the evening. We need to publicise this event through the local press (and radio?), Alan suggested involving HDC via Louise Skipton-Carter and using the HACVS e-bulletin scheme for extra publicity.

Mention on the Earth Hour flyer of a Green Open House event led to discussion on how many houses we could open, and whether Marie Riordan from Saxon Weald would come and talk to us. Trevor to make contact with Marie Riordan with a view to her speaking at a future meeting (date TBD) and/or including the Bryce Lodge development in any future open house event.

April's meeting was confirmed as being for the subgroups to organise for themselves. Subgroups to publish their progress on the TH website, and publicise their goals – and invite suggestions via the website. Suggestions for a 'Vision for Horsham 2030' section on the website.

May's meeting confirmed as Green Movies night at Sedgwick Park on 26th May

June TH to have a stall at the opening of the 'Human Nature Garden' in Horsham park – possibly a normal monthly meeting, depending on progress of groups in April and afterwards.

July to be an evening picnic in the park.

Septembers event to be reviewed once April's subgroup meetings have taken place.

Steering Group agreed to place a link to The Resident on the TH website.

Steering Group agreed to decline the invitation to take part in Climate Week events, but to invite Climate Week's sponsors to come and talk to TH about their transition plans.

The next Steering Group meeting to take place on 9th May.