

Transition Horsham Steering Group Meeting

Saturday, 16th June, 2012

Present: Tom Kinally, Alison Marshall, Maggie Weir-Wilson.

Apologies: Alan Sloan

1. Tom has prepared an initial bid for the Social Enterprise Fund run by WSCC and WSEN. This was sent around to Steering Group members yesterday. Maggie made some suggestions for amendments to the bid including that the name of the new social enterprise organisation be changed to 'Horsham Together'. This was agreed. The bid has to be in by July 30th, the following time scale is that the announcement is made in October, payments made in November and celebratory event in December. This timescale impacted on other decisions made today.
2. Alison thought that the Eco Fair was too big an event to run without funding and as this may be obtained from the Social Enterprise bid, she suggested that she raise the issue with Greening at their meeting on Tuesday, 26th June, and invite them to learn about the bid at a short presentation by Tom after Brikke's presentation on Thursday 28th June.
3. Tom agreed there would be time after Brikke's presentation on chemicals in food, packaging etc., on 28/6 to give a brief overview of the bid for the Social Enterprise Fund, if we are successful how we would use that money, and what our social enterprise organisation, Horsham Together, would be doing in the future. He will then ask for volunteer people that are interested in taking this forward via a working group. It was suggested we have a social get together of those interested parties firstly on Sunday 2nd September 4.00pm at Tom's place. The next one on Sunday 7th October 3.00pm at Quaker Hall which would be more of a visioning and ideas session and then a final workshop on Saturday 3rd November 1.00pm - 5.30pm where we look more closely at the detail and structure of the organisation, Horsham Together, since by then we will know whether we have the funding or not from this particular bid.
4. It was thought that in addition to asking for interest from all of the Transition Horsham list and posting on the website, we could also ask specific people to join us, such as Peter Longley, Chris Irwin, Mike Andrews, Louise Skipton-Carter, Liz Thorns, and the

Hydroponics man in the Bishopric, who all have useful skills in small business, energy, growing and such like. Alison to progress this, Tom to approach the Hydroponics man.

5. It was clarified that the Social Enterprise organisation, Horsham Together, would be a separate entity to Transition Horsham or Greening. Thus Transition Horsham would continue with its monthly meetings, steering group, insurance and bank account.
6. It was agreed to ask Alan if he was free to do his Carbon Footprint talk on Thursday, 27th September as the beginning of the winter programme. Maggie to check. (Have checked and all agreed).
7. We will have a stand at Wakehurst Seed Swap on Saturday 20th October, Maggie to liaise with Beryl and send off the cheque. Email has been sent confirming our attendance. (Cheque now sent and acknowledged).
8. Late October will also have the bread making workshop. Maggie is currently liaising with Dineke of Crumbs of Capel who will run the workshop and Clare Davison of Sedgwick who will host it. Some details yet to be sorted, cost per person likely to be £20 without food.
9. November meeting likely to be a film, date will be Thursday, 29th November at Quaker Hall. Maggie has emailed Margaret More of Cuckfield to see whether she would show her film 'Queen of the Sun' about bees - no reply yet.
10. Thursday 13th December will be the Christmas Party, arrangements yet to be planned although Alison will contact Philip of Capel to see whether he would be our speaker for the evening. Other friends from Capel, Rudgwick and other Transition towns to be invited.
11. Alison to approach Adam to see if he would be willing to do his cycle maintenance surgery every quarter as it was very helpful to people.
12. Discussion about Green Drinks - the move to the Stout House has not been as successful as was hoped; it is more crowded and less easy to chat than imagined so we have decided to give it a break over July and August. It would be good to get someone new to take it up in the autumn, to invigorate it with new ideas, enthusiasm and perhaps a different pub. Maggie to ask John to put something on the website.

13. We have taken on board Norma's anxiety about the Transition Horsham Community Allotment at Chesworth which has languished since the beginning of the year without attention and is now full of weeds. Maggie was hopeful that a new member, Tim Simmans, who has shown interest in it, will get going on it with community members. However, Alison was aware that if we fail on this one we may not get another chance and was keen to get a working party organised to clear the weeds if nothing happens through Tim. Agreed this could be done. Adam and Sarah have already volunteered, Alison and Maggie could help and then we would only need another 2 or 3. Maggie to let Alison know if Norma has not heard from Tim by the end of this weekend. Suggested date for working party Sunday 8th July.
14. Next Steering Group meeting Sunday, 16th September 5.00 pm. Tom, Alison and Maggie meeting beforehand at 4.00pm to go through plans for Social Enterprise workshop in November. Venue Maggie's place.

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