

## **Transition Horsham Steering Group Meeting**

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

Present: Maggie Weir-Wilson, Tom Kinally

Apologies: Alan Sloan, Alison Marshall

1. With regard to the "HorshamTogether" project, Maggie and Tom looked through the PlanLocal Resource Pack and identified the following short training films that they would like to share with other interested TH members at the FMH at 2pm on Sunday 7th October.

### *Session 1:*

Running a community consultation - 9 mins

Community-led planning for a low-carbon future - 5 mins

Managing a community project - 12 mins

Consulting with the community - 7 mins

### *Session 2:*

Solar power: an introduction - 9 mins

### *Session 4:*

A solar photovoltaics project in West Oxford - 9 mins

### *Session 3:*

Establishing a legal entity - 6 mins

Setting up a CIC or coop - 12 mins

Project finance - 7 mins

Interview with Triodos Bank - 10 mins

Intro to planning - 9 mins

Useful engagement with your local council - 11 mins

Getting planning permission - 10 mins

Total training film time is approx 2 hours. Tom will send a reminder to TH members about the meeting and try to acquire a projector and screen.

The PlanLocal workshop itself is due to take place on Saturday 3rd November starting at 1pm.

2. On 2nd September Brikke and Tom held a garden party for those people interested in taking part in HorshamTogether, should we be successful with our bid to WSSSEN.

Chris, Maggie and Alan attended, as did one of the local solar installers, Giles Cooper, and members of the German Horsham Club. The TH Members likely to be interested in taking part in the project are: Chris, Carrie, Alan, Alison, James, Brett, Helen, Maggie, Trevor, Peter Langley and Tom.

3. Alan's talk on "Carbon Footprint" is due to take place on 27th September. We wish him much success and look forward to his debrief.
4. The "Great Seed Swap" is due to take place at Wakehurst Place on Saturday 20th October. The stand needs to be collected from HACVS. Maggie will contact Paul and Beryl to see whether they are able to assist on 20th October. Brikke and Tom will be able to do stand duty.
5. The bread-making workshop is due to take place on 17th October. 5 people have confirmed their attendance so far. The cost is £20. Maggie will ask Paul to send a reminder.
6. Tom mentioned some interesting news from Germany about research into pesticides in relation to the decline in the bee population and also with regard to fracking which has been banned in some parts of Germany. He will provide members with more details on both subjects.
7. The date for the Christmas party is 13th December.
8. Adam is likely to be organising another cycle maintenance surgery.
9. The next Green Drinks will be held at the Stout House on Wednesday 10th October.
10. A "Community Allotments" meeting took place on 30th August. Maggie will check with Tim regarding any notes taken. Funding is available from Southern Water which could help finance the purchase and erection of a shed. Maggie will contact Tim to arrange preparation of the funding application. Tom offered his assistance with the funding application, if required.
11. Maggie has located the following films to show on 29th Nov: either show 'Queen of the Sun' a film about bees, which we can borrow from Margaret Moor, or 'Grow your Own' the 2007 British comedy about allotments and refugees.
12. Maggie mentioned that Green Readers' current books are "Children of Men" by PD James and "When Rivers Run Dry" by Fred Pearce

13. The next steering group is at the FMH at 2pm on Sunday 7th October. We will run through the workshop first and need to be finished by 5.30

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