

## **Transition Horsham Steering Group Meeting**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Present: Tom Kinally, Alan Sloan, Alison Marshall, Maggie Weir-Wilson

1. Tom reported that he had fairly positive feedback from our first attempt at the LEAF application for funding for the Horsham Solar Energy Register. We have until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to improve the application, we discussed the weakest section which was community engagement and felt we could weave in our contact with the West Sussex Environment and Climate Change Board (WSECCB).
2. We discussed the possibility of an event this year, a day of workshops and speakers, stalls and information giving with regards to lowering Horsham carbon emissions and launching the solar register, hopefully knitting this in with the sections of the WSECCB Action Plan to holistically take forward their plan and thus their support.
3. We thought the WSECCB feedback was coming together nicely; Alan wanted to refine his contribution and will email this to us. We thought we had a good amount of interesting feedback and so Tom will finalise on the required form and then send direct to the WSECCB. He will copy in Steve Limbrey, the networking lead for Transition Town Worthing ([ttw.stevelimbrey@virginmedia.com](mailto:ttw.stevelimbrey@virginmedia.com)).
4. We then discussed our programme for the beginning part of the year as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> Feb      Alan running a Transition Horsham stall at Brighton Seedy Sunday

8<sup>th</sup> Feb      Green Drinks at the Stout House

18<sup>th</sup> Feb     Seedy Saturday at FMH. Advertising complete, helpers engaged

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb     Rag Rug Making Workshop, FMH.

29<sup>th</sup> March Review of year and film, details unplanned at present but Alison recommended 'Carbon Fields' which had been shown by Sustainable Rudgwick. Their comments were: a climate change solutions movie that

doesn't even care if you believe in climate change! With a cast ranging from Richard Branson to a former director of the CIA, the film makes the case that it's just good sense to create a low-carbon economy, whether you believe in climate change or not.

14<sup>th</sup> April TH invited to have stall at Strictly Come Gardening event in Haywards Heath, all in favour but need to approach HOGS – Maggie will do to see if they are interested.

28<sup>th</sup> April Swap Shop at FMH. Maggie will check with Paul and Beryl re dates.

5. We have been approached by Frack Off (FO) as to whether we wanted to support, help organise, a public meeting against Fracking. It appears that although Horsham is not subject to the company Cuadrilla which wants to drill in Balcombe, Bolney and Haywards Heath, Horsham is a license block held by another company - Magellan and Celtique Energy, which also hopes to frack. We thought we could wait until this becomes a possibility, although a film about the issues would be useful at this early stage. Maggie to get back to them with this suggestion.
6. Tom wants to approach Greenways School and the Bishop of Horsham re solar panels on their roofs – Alison will let Tom know the name of the Head at Greenways and Maggie will ask Paul to produce a TH letter head for Tom to use generally.
7. Alan suggested we do away with the Forum, to which we all hastily agreed, and replace it with a Conscience Corner, in which we can raise ethical issues, post suggested videos, and such like – Maggie to contact John about this.

Next Meeting arranged for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2012 at 8.00pm at Maggie's.