

Transition Town Horncastle: Minutes 10 January 2012

Joseph Banks Centre

Present: Paul, Nigel, Eddie, Jennifer, Tim, Rose

Apologies: Polly, Ali, Jenny, Claire

Meeting began at 7:30pm. Chaired by Paul, minutes by Rose

Minutes of 15 November Meeting agreed.

- 1. Allotments:** The possible land found by Bill Aron has been ruled out. Rose will find out how many people are now on the waiting list and then write to the Town Council about finding some land.
- 2. Community Orchard:** Funding has been received from Bill Aron - £125; Town Council - £125. The Christmas Market Stall raised a further £63 from a donation (Claire Taylor) and "Fruit Tree Square Competition". Jennifer needs another £30 approximately. It was agreed that the money should be taken from Transition Funds to be reimbursed from a stall at the Coffee Morning on 12 May.
- 3. New TTH Leaflet:** Claire, Maisie and Rose produced a new leaflet which Paul made copies for the Christmas Market.
- 4. Christmas Market Stall:** The Christmas Market was a success. The weather was good for the time of year and there were plenty of visitors. We raised £42 from the fruit tree square competition; £25.50 from sales of produce; £21.00 donation from Claire and £12.50 donation from Rose. £63 of this goes to the Community Orchard Fund. Leaving a total of £38 for Transition Town Funds.
- 5. Business Planting Displays:** Publicity for this competition will start after the next meeting. Proposed £10 entry fee for businesses to take part by growing an edible display. This will be judged during the Edible Gardens Day on 15 July (2 judges needed). The prize will be half the generated fees, the other half to go to Transition Town funds. Businesses will receive publicity.
- 6. Film Shows:** The College has been booked, cost £24.60 per session including refreshments. Eddie, Rose & Tim will select the films. We have received £50 grant from the Town Council.
- 7. Spring Business Conference:** Paul has the following dates as a possibility from the college – 15, 16, 17 May. Speakers - Mick Gill from Mortons is already booked; James Murphy from the Community Foundation will be asked plus others. The college will give a price and the funds will be raised to cover it from entrance fees. The conference will go ahead only when the price is covered by enough bookings. The conference will focus on clean, environmental and economical energy for businesses. Rose offered secretarial help.
- 8. Coffee Morning:** Saturday 12 May. Claire has booked the Community Centre 10 am - 1pm, cost £33. No charge for set up/clear up time. Propose a focus on plants for sale plus refreshments, information and produce stalls. Sub group needed.
- 9. Edible Gardens:** The date is now Sunday 15 July. Nigel is writing thank you notes to the participants and give the the date for 2012. An organising sub group will be formed at the next meeting.
- 10. Skills Share:** Saturday 13 October. The Stanhope Hall is booked. Stall holders will not be charged and entry will be free. Funds will be raised to cover the costs mainly from refreshments. An organising sub group will be formed at the next meeting.
- 11. Aims Review:** Eddie suggested we should consider what progress we were making towards our main aim - EDAP for Horncastle. Eddie said he would see if there were any new specifically Transition films that we could watch as a group, he also suggested training for the group by those of us who have already had training. Sub groups that already operate independently from the main group are Permaculture and Community Orchards. Future groups may include Edible Gardens, Allotments and a Business Group.

AOB: (i) Jennifer has ordered the new Transition book by Rob Hopkins. It will be passed around the group to be read before going in the Library unless Jennifer can source cheaper books that we could purchase for ourselves.

(ii) Rose is going to Transition Town Stamford on Thursday to do a presentation on our progress and to hear how the other Lincolnshire groups are progressing.

(iii) The Woodland Trust has offered a speaker. A tree day was suggested for the end of the year to include the speaker. Eddie suggested the name "Off Your Tree".

(iv) Nigel attended the Seed2Plate meeting at Manby on 23 November. He reported that it mainly covered Terms of Reference and venues for Seed2Plate where there were no master gardeners. A community garden near the Fire Station in Skegness was being considered.

(v) Rose will approach Sinclair to ask if more of the future diary dates can be visible on the website.

(vi) Nigel will change our contact from Deano to the Transition email for County and District Council emails.

Next Meeting AGM: Tuesday 7 February 2012 7:30 pm – venue to be more public. Rose will approach the Community Centre and Horncastle College to try and find an available room.