TRANSITION TOWN HORNCASTLE Meeting Friday 1st April 2011 @7pm, Joseph Banks Centre

Present: Alison, Jenny, Jennifer, Kenny, Paul, Rose
Apologies: Claire, Eddie, Maisie, Pete, Polly, Tim, Wendy
Facilitator: Ali **Minutes:** Jennifer

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March were approved with the addition of Polly to those present.

Matters Arising:
Food growing: Rose volunteered to find out from the Town Clerk allotment size and rent charged and who to contact to discuss the Town Council administering private allotments. If we can lease suitable land for private allotments including community allotments Paul said that he would be interested in setting up RHS level 1 horticultural course with the theory taught at the JB centre and practical in the community allotment. This course is a gardening course and is being offered at Riseholme. Paul also said that the Linkage Trust would like to be able to work on the allotment on a regular basis. It was agreed to arrange a sub group meeting for all interested and invite Nigel Wright ,who started the community garden in Horncastle, and Rick Aron from Seed2Plate. Possible dates 29 April, 5th or 6th May. Rose to contact Nigel & Rick then confirm date.
Banovallum Carr Celebration: Rose will speak to Nick and Jane Wise about drumming and children's dance/songs. Jennifer had been unable to get any old shirts for painting smocks, Kenny said he would get these. The tepee material cost £40, Jennifer to pay Ann Wayne. Jennifer to circulate poster to sub group for comments. Next sub group meeting 16th April 5pm, Rose to check with Claire & confirm date & time.
Funding: Rose attended the ELDC meeting. The deadline for applications is May 9th which is too soon to apply for funding for the allotment scheme. The next round is in the autumn if funds are still available. The costs for setting up a private allotment are roughly £3000 for water connection, £1500 for fencing and an unknown amount for initial lease and insurance. The last two items should in the longer term be covered by the individual allotment rents.
Climate Week: The stall at the primary school generated a lot of interest. It was fine enough for it to be outside. We had several enthusiastic helpers from the school eco group.
About 30 people attended the film 11th Hour and Geoff Stratford's comments enabled lively discussion afterwards. The raffle raised £108 and refreshments £25. Many thanks to Claire, Ali & Jenny who sold raffle tickets beforehand.
Earth Hour was well attended and very enjoyable.
Stamford TT event: this is later in the year, Jenny will email details.
Lincoln University Climate Change Talk: Jenny attended, she thought the talk good but rather short.
Green Streets: yesterday was the official end of the project year. The heat for the national prize for our area is on 1st June. We have to make a presentation on the Green Babies project and on a project for the final £100,000. We have decided our project will be PV panels for Stanhope Hall. Our idea for a project with the schools is not suitable as British Gas have just started a similar scheme.
Future Events
Garden party: Paul suggested a garden party in the Joseph Banks Garden for TTH members & friends. It was agreed to hold this on Sunday 7 August.
Fund raising coffee morning: Ali has 6 boxes of books, china etc donated by a friend. It was agreed to hold a coffee morning when these would be on sale together with other items. To be discussed at next meeting.
AOB: Rose had been contacted by a group of young people who are cycling round the country who asked if they could run a cycle repair workshop. It was suggested they were asked to contact the Youth Centre.
Next Meeting: Monday 9th May, 7 pm at Joseph Banks Centre