

TRANSITION TOWN HORNCastle

Friday 4 March 2011 @ 7.30pm

The Joseph Banks Centre, Horncastle

Present: Alison, Jennifer, Rose, Wendy, Jenny, Claire, Tim, Paul Scott
Apologies: Pete, Eddie, Maisie
Facilitator: Rose
Minutes: Claire

Paul Scott welcomed us to the Joseph Banks Centre and gave information about the Centre which is owned by Lincolnshire Community Foundation where Paul is a Trustee. Lincolnshire Community Foundation is a grant giving organisation who have different funds available to promote eco construction, sustainable environments and refurbishment of community buildings eg: natural burials. Paul will email any info of relevance to our group.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2011: were accepted.

Matters Arising:

Landshare & Food Growing: Jennifer now spoken to the Town Clerk Office regarding the allotment waiting list – the list is open with 22 currently waiting, it is a long wait. The Town Council have no plans to purchase any more land. The derelict land on Boston Road (opposite Black Swan) is privately owned with planning permission. Alison is still to write an article for the newspapers.

Trees: Jennifer has emailed Patricia Sumner (ELDC) to find out which pieces of land are available for planting fruit and nut trees. Gemma Levy is still working on this. Gemma and Deano worked on finding land last year such as Thomas Gibson Green which is owned by the Town Council. Other land which was identified is all owned by ELDC – the idea was not well received by Councillors due to long term maintenance costs. Gemma Levy and Sandra Campbell-Wardman approached Crowders 2 years ago – who have land to lease on Prospect Street for private allotments, but the Town Council never followed this up. Gemma has agreed to re approach Crowders and keep Jennifer informed. Claire updated that she has spoken to David Dean who confirmed the Community Centre is happy to plant 20 nut tree's (both varieties of Hazlenuts) ideally in the Autumn involving the playgroup. Claire has applied to Trevor Butterworth (Horncastle Relief in Need & Care Charity) for a grant to the Community Orchard project – Claire and Jennifer will attend their next meeting to discuss the project further and hope to secure some funding (so far we have received anonymous £50 match funding). Claire has spoken to Crowders who may be able to donate some fruit trees – likely to be Autumn time.

Woodland Trust - Banovallum Carr Celebration: Sub group – Ali, Rose, Claire, Jenny & Jennifer met on 27 February. A provisional date of 20 April (during school holidays) is set for the event. Claire has contacted the Scout Hut to have a dry venue in case of rain – which charge £8ph. Jenny has spoken to Horncastle Now who have provisionally offered (awaiting group approval) £50 funding (we have £100 from The Woodland Trust in the bank). Jenny is waiting to hear from the Native American family for activities and Jayne Wise is happy to run activities and potentially we will have a drummer for the day too. Jennifer has spoken to Ann Wayne who will give cost of making tippee(s). The sub group will meet again soon to progress further.

The proposed sell off of national woodlands: at National Government level this fell through – excellent news.

Tesco proposed site move to Lincoln Road: Jennifer wrote a submission on behalf of TTH and Claire submitted this to ELDC. It is on the website. ELDC have informed it is unlikely to be considered until June due to local elections.

Cookbook: Polly reported this is ongoing. Wendy has a recipe to contribute. Paul gave a copy of Horncastle Civic Society 'Recipes from Old'. Polly is looking to change the format so it can be added to – a ring binder perhaps and to divide into seasonal recipes. To combine versions 1 and 2 to make a large recipe book this can be used to raise funds - a selling outlet can be the Joseph Banks Centre. Polly will aim to complete by early summer.

Film Shows: "Garbage Warrior" was shown on 25 February at Horncastle College, about 35 people attended including new faces and it was a positive evening raising £56.20 from the raffle/donations (the room hire charge of £22.50 was funded by ELDC Councillors grant of £75 for the 3 film showing). The next film will be "**11th Hour**" on 25 March. Geoff Stratford from TT Lincoln will facilitate the climate change discussion after the film. Jenny investigated and the license situation which has improved. Jennifer has paid £79 + VAT deposit license for registration to film bank. There is also £150 returnable fee for joining film bank and £50 advertising fee to pay for "11th Hour" – although Jennifer is awaiting acknowledgement for advertising and a condition is that we do not charge for entry or ask for donations. Therefore we will ask for contributions to refreshments and aim to raise more from the raffle. Horncastle College will no longer allow home-made products to go with refreshments. Feedback slips will be distributed to attendees asking

how they heard about the film showing, what areas they are interesting in hearing more about from TTH and getting involved – Jennifer will amend the questionnaire previously used for the PIP grant - such information is useful evidence for future grant applications and to focus our future work.

- *Marketing* – Rose has produced an eye catching poster, she will amend to include the website and enlarge the font and email around to all to publicise. Rose, Alison and Claire will ensure posters are advertised around town. Rose and Jenny will produce a press release and contact other TT's, Groundwork Lincolnshire, Logo, Newspapers and Radio stations. Paul will cascade to Banks Society members and put up poster.
- *Raffle* – Claire and Alison will approach local businesses to ask for prizes. Paul will donate a prize from the JBC shop. Jenny has won the £50 vouchers for Stourton Forestry from British Gas Green Streets 'Best Barrel' competition – Jenny will donate £10 voucher for the raffle. Jenny will ask Logo for a membership. Wendy will ask the healthfood shop in Woodhall Spa for a raffle prize. Can everyone try to bring a raffle prize preferably with a green/eco theme to the next film showing and let Claire and Alison know if they can.

In-House Film Showings: "Zeitgeist" will be shown at Alison's Yoga Studio on Friday 15 April @ 7.30pm

Funding: Rose informed about 'Groundwork East Midlands small grants' pot of up to £10K funding from a total pot of £45K – Rose to gain further details and ask about deadlines. Project idea for 'community allotments' was discussed to source funding to lease land to potentially rent plots of land to private individuals and have a communal allotment worked on by volunteers run by a project group. Further work is needed to develop this project idea before applying for any funding – we need committed group members to run and oversee as potentially this is a big time-consuming project requiring much coordination. Alison will look into potential land to rent and Gemma Levy is contacting Crowders (land on Prospect Street - see Tree's above). Jobson Road allotments and Garden Organics (Seed to Plate County Council Scheme) have offered their assistance with community allotments and similar projects.

Jenny informed about British Gas 'Energyshare' funding (£500K nationally) for windfarms and retrofitting community buildings – there is potential for the Joseph Banks Centre to apply. As Green Streets funding is coming to a close this Energyshare funding could provide potential to continue projects in Horncastle. Jenny to email further details to all. Claire to register Green Babies and Toddlers project on the Energyshare website.

Climate Week – 21 to 27 March 2011: over 1000 events are planned UK wide. Rose will register TTH's 2 events on the climate week website - (1) "11th Hour film" and (2) Climate Change TTH stall and children's activities at Horncastle Primary School on 23 March. Jenny is working with Jo Howden the schools Eco Officer – any volunteers who can help on the day please contact Jenny. Also note the upcoming "Sustainability Event" at EPIC Centre Lincoln on 24 March 2011 http://www.epic-lincolnshire.org/epic_lincolnshire

Earth Hour – 26 March 2011: Last year we held a party at Rose's. There are continued difficulties in finding businesses willing to turn lights off for 1 hour (Health and Safety concerns). Rose will contact Benton's who run Saturday cocktail evenings to ask if they would consider – if so we could have a TTH meet then for cocktails and candlelight.

Stamford Transition Town: Adam Cade is spearheading 5 Low Carbon family events in Stamford Schools and is asking for volunteers to assist with workshops and stalls from other TT's. Jenny will email further details to all.

Free Training:

- Stamford TT are offering free training for facilitating climate change work in the community.
- Rose will email all details of a free course run by Community Environmental Action on 29 March at 4.30 to 7.30 in Wrangle and 14 June at 4.30 to 7.30 in Fiskerton.

Lincoln University Climate Change Talk – 11 March 2011: Claire and Jenny will attend and report back next time.

Green Streets: The project is nearing closure but there is still work to carry out to community buildings. Jenny is waiting to hear if Horncastle Primary School roof is strong enough to support solar panels. The Methodist Church Hall will soon have solar panels fitted – the £3000 roof strengthening work has been paid for from the family contributions fund. *Further £100K British Gas funding* – group members will need to give a presentation to bid for this and Jenny will be on maternity leave therefore unable to. We are awaiting a date for the presentation - May or June is likely. Claire and Jenny will start looking at presentation content.

Congratulations to Jenny Davey – who has been nominated for 2 awards (Environment Volunteer Award and Readers Award) in ELDC and Horncastle Target Community Awards. There is a presentation ceremony on 12 March 2011 at Embassy Centre where the winners will be announced.

Thank you to the Joseph Banks Centre for use of their building for our meeting.

Next Meeting: **FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2011 AT THE JOSEPH BANKS CENTRE – 7.00pm**