

Transition Town Horncastle Minutes

7th June 2011 at The Joseph Banks Centre

Meeting began at 7.45 pm. Claire chaired and Polly minuted.

Present- Rose, Ali, Paul, Claire, Tim and Nigel, Polly

Apologies-Jennifer, Eddie and Maisie

Minutes of the May meeting - agreed

Agenda

- Green Streets
- Land Schemes (1) Garden share, (2) Tool Share, (3) Allotments (4) Community Orchard
- Spa Trail
- Summer Fair
- Future Events -Transition Town Party August 7th
- AOB

Green Streets: Jennifer went to Leicester on Wednesday 1st June for the presentation. She was accompanied by Pete and David Dean. It went well, but results will not be known for a while. Everyone at the meeting congratulated Jenny for receiving a well deserved Community Leader Award from British Gas. Jennifer will take a photo which Rose will send with a write up to the local papers.

Land Schemes

(1) Garden share and Edible Garden Open Day: Rose showed us the card she has had printed (from Vista). Claire has got in touch with Age UK (Catherine) and will give Rose their phone number as they might help direct people our way in the land share scheme. We discussed the idea of an **Edible Gardens Day** where those with vegetable gardens could open them to the public and could sell plants, seeds, cakes and refreshments as well if they wanted to. The weekend of 11th or 12th September was suggested. Claire said she would contact the Town Council about this. Paul offered to write an article for the paper. Paul says he will have a word with Stephanie about any reporting hitches. Rose suggested an A4 3fold brochure to publicise the event, perhaps printed by Vista, each entrant to describe their garden in a few words. We need a subgroup for creating the brochure.

(2) Tool share: Tim has written an article about the tool share idea, it was agreed that it would be preferable to collect unwanted and surplus tools that are in working condition or just need sharpening. David Birchall does tool sharpening at a small cost. It was suggested having a kitty of £25 get us running. The tools would have to be donated.

(3) Land for Allotments: We are awaiting a reply from Fiona Martin about the Hamilton Gardens idea. Paul suggested the part of the Wong that runs alongside the Boston Road and suggested that Fiona could ask the ELDC, he will also ask Andrew Riddle if he has some spare land. The land by the river was also discussed. Claire, Ali and Paul agreed to ask

relevant parties about various possibilities. Robert Bell does not know of any land available for us. However Ali agreed to ask Robert Crowder about land owned by Crowders.

(4) The Community Centre hazel trees (1) and Community Orchard projects (2): The first is all organised and going ahead. We are still awaiting written confirmation from the Council on the second.

Spa Trail: The Planning Enquiry regarding the Spa Trail is detailed for Wednesday 8th June. Rose will report back about this at our next meeting.

Summer Fair: Rose, Tim, Eddie, Wendy and Eddie and Polly are to be present at the Summer fair TTH stall on Sunday. Claire has organised this with the Summer Fair committee.

Future Events: **August 7th party at Jospheh Banks Centre:** To be talked about at the next meeting and a proposed **Coffee Morning** possibly on **24 September** on the Global Carbon Free Day Of Action, the Community Centre is provisionally booked for this.

AOB

Market Stalls: Patricia Sumner has approached us to ask if we would help on her stall on the Thursday markets of July 7th and September 15th Thursday. Rose will do 7th July and Claire will do the 15th September.

Funding for Environmental Projects: The Co-Op has money put aside for environmental projects. As an awareness-raising initiative. Paul suggested a project involving water conservation, possibly demonstrations, information and a deal for water butts at cost price. In order to bid for some funding there is a written proposal needing to be completed by July 1st. Paul will do this for us if his time constraints allow.

Consensus Decision Making on July 9th/10th There is a workshop in Lincoln if anyone is interested on some training in making decisions based on consensus rather than on a hierarchical method. Cost £10, ask Rose for details.

Next Meeting: 5th July at 7.30 at the Joseph Banks Centre
(the August Meeting May not be at The bank Street Venue)