

## **Transition Town Horncastle: Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

At Joseph Banks Centre, Horncastle

Present: Eddie, Jennifer, Claire, Tim, Paul, Rose, Ali, Polly

Apologies: Maisie

Meeting began at 7.30pm

**Minutes of April Meeting** – agreed;

Matters arising:

*Banovallum Carr Celebration* – Jennifer reported 27 children and 23 adults attended; we didn't make much on the raffle. Scout Hut said they wouldn't charge but have yet to return cheque. If they return it we'll have about £30 funding left over and it was agreed to use this to pay Ali for use of her dyes (she'll bill us).

*Green Streets* – Jennifer, Pete, and David Dean from the Community Centre will make the presentation on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Future Events** –

*21<sup>st</sup> May*; Vegan Society running Indoor Vegetarian Picnic between 11am and 4pm, info on our website.

*17<sup>th</sup> May*: Workshop on Environment, Energy and Behaviour Change at Lincoln University.

*7<sup>th</sup> August*: TTH Garden Party at Joseph Banks Centre, 4 – 6pm. We'll invite Ruth & Nigel to bring instruments and play. BBQ and finger food.

*24<sup>th</sup> September*: 350 Campaign running a global day of action with the theme of getting people to move (i.e. physical travel ☺) using non-carbon –fossil fuel methods.

*Coffee morning*: Ali will check her stock before we arrange a date. Claire will check available dates at the Community Centre.

**Food Growing** – Ali reported that privately owned, centrally located land which might have been a possible site has not worked out as owners have declined permission. Thanks to Ali for researching this.

We agreed to pursue a *Gardenshare* scheme for Horncastle. Age UK are interested in helping us promote this; Claire will contact them. We'll use leaflets and a newspaper article to promote this.

We agreed to try and organise an *Edible Garden Open Day* (open private gardens around Horncastle for public to view and buy vegetables, have teas etc. to encourage more produce gardening), hopefully on 4<sup>th</sup> September. We'll approach the Garden & Allotments Association (Rose will ask Nigel Wright for info) and we'll go to their next meeting and do a presentation.

Rose reported that we have problems getting the local paper to print info of our events BEFORE the event. Rose will make an appointment to meet the new editor and introduce ourselves. Rose, Ali and Eddie will attend.

**Land for Allotments** – Ali will ask Robert Bell and Robert Crowder if they've got anything suitable

**Horncastle Summer Fair, 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Rose will approach Sandra Campbell-Wardman to see if we can have a stall. Claire and Rose will look out promotion materials in Ali's shed. As well as information, we could do preserves, plants and cakes on the stall. It will be a good opportunity to promote our Gardenshare and Allotment plans.

**Spa Trail** – the Planning Inquiry will take place at 10am, 8<sup>th</sup> June, at Horncastle College. We have written a letter of support. Rose will attend.

**Community Orchard** – Claire reported we'd received a £200 donation from the Friends of Horncastle & District Healthcare and Relief in Need charity for 20 hazelnut trees at £10 per tree. This is an initial donation and we are led to believe more could follow.

On 18<sup>th</sup> April Rose, Jennifer and Claire went to the Estates Committee of the Town Council and talked to them about the Community Orchard and allotments.

**A.O.B.** – Tim suggested we could collect people's unwanted garden implements and recycle them, possibly even selling them on our market stall. Paul will approach Build-a-Future in West Ashby to see if they'd help us with reconditioning these tools. Eddie offered to help collect tools from people's houses in his van. Tim will draft a flyer for the scheme and email it around. He also has a garage for storage. We agreed we'll put info about this on our website, have a sign-up sheet at the Summer Fair, and post flyers around town.

There was no further business.

The date of the next meeting was set for 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Joseph Banks Centre, starting at 7.30pm.