



Co-ordinating Group Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at the Great Malvern Hotel, Malvern

Attendance: Ginny Lee (Chair), Nathan Burlton, Ian Caldwell, Brian Harper, Dinah Sage, Robin Coates, Jan Dyer, Raphael Bate, Linda Hirschhorn, Wilma Harrington, John Raines (late).

Apologies

Received from Pam McCarthy, Mike Goodfellow-Smith, Mike Munro Turner, Chris Dyer

1. Treasurers report

a) Bank balances

The balance is £931.91

b) Appointment of examiner for accounts

Robin will find someone to examine the accounts.

c) Expenses

Ginny would like to claim expenses for printing and for travel to the Gleaning meeting.

This was agreed.

TMH policy is that expenses should be passed by the Treasurer or Chair beforehand.

Brian arrived.

2. Where do we go from here?

a) Possible chair/vice chair for the forthcoming year.

Ginny's offer to take over from Nate as interim Chair was unanimously accepted.

The election of a Chair will take place at the Annual Network Meeting in July. Proposals should be invited beforehand.

A post of Vice Chair will be created.

The duties of Chair and Vice Chair will need clarification. Something like calling meetings, overseeing and delegating tasks, which should largely be undertaken by groups. The work could be shared.

b) The need for a Transition Malvern Hills hub

A physical hub would be nice, but would need careful planning to man it and cover any costs.

Possible venues were discussed. Robin will sound out the Cube.

Other groups may be interested in sharing facilities – consider at health check.

3. Things to do

a) Malvern Food Festival (25th May)

Agreed to confirm we would like a space. Could publicise Raised Beds, Food Alliance, Gleaning, Gardenshare. Naomi Jones will be showing her work on healthy eating.

Are there enough people to man a stall?

Ian and Linda can help.

Ginny will contact Gardenshare and June.

Ginny will accept the offer of a table. May need to use **Robin's** gazebo.

b) Chance4Change event (16th May)

Hope to inspire some new interest and link to what is already being done.

Robin will give a short presentation.

Transition displays to cover

- LED
- Car club
- Gardenshare
- Inner Transition
- Possibly food
- Thermal imaging

Brian, Ian, Raphael and Dinah will help on the day, **Ginny** is organising the display.

Jane Terry will chair the event.

Raphel can provide illustrations of Inner Transition events for TMH display board. How can we get closer to the planet to feel part of it?

c) Gleaning Project

Ginny reported on the Worcestershire's Gleaning Network meeting.

This project is supported by Worcestershire County Council as part of the National Gleaning Network.

John Rhymer is overseeing the project.

Worcestershire has been divided into six sections. Gleaning can bring in half a ton at a time. Local mini-gleans can be arranged.

A Community Interest Company has been set up to

- Contact farmers and growers
- Get resources together
- Set up gleaning activities
- Health and Safety

Recipients collect the produce from distribution points
The NFU is involved.

Transition Malvern Hills will collaborate.

- Could the car club pick up be used?

Abundance is small scale, picking fruit from gardens, mostly apples and pears.

Garden owners and volunteers take some fruit, some is distributed locally and spare fruit is put on Freegle.

Juicing proved too time consuming and expensive.

Could the Cube café be included?

d) One or other projects this year?

See what come from Chance4Change, gleaning and health check.

John Raine came in.

4. Publicity

a) Website

John Howes has changed the template.

Ian is improving the website to make it more interesting and easier to use.

- The home page now shows articles, which will be frequently changed
- The introduction needs re-writing after the Health Check - any volunteers?
- More links are being added
- Ian is willing to format articles and pictures and to upload them.
- Most of the information on working groups needs updating. Please give him something to add.

Positive stories on social media are most likely to influence people to take action. Twitter and Facebook could be linked to a blog on the website.

The current hit rate is 10-15 hits per day.

Ian and John were thanked for their work.

b) Next leaflet cost and content

For some venues, a poster would be more appropriate.
Are leaflets picked up? Could tell by how many are left.

John Raine will investigate council reinstating support with printing, possibly with a ceiling on quantity.

The Malvern Hills Partnership is fading.

John Raine will ask whether the new administration is willing to implement the report on energy usage within the council. He will forward a link.

c) High-lighting the raised beds as a Transition initiative

Robin explained that June, the volunteer who oversees the work on the beds, would prefer to highlight the beds as a Community project.

June has asked the Garage Art Group to create signs for the beds explaining this. And that produce is available free to anyone from a barrow inside the Cube.

The café is negotiating use of some produce.

d) Transition network connections

Loosely connected to other local Transition groups.

Local papers and magazines

Look into at Health Check

Also, could publicity be gained through key contacts with other groups, eg WI
The AECB is sending a copy of their programme.

5. Transition Health Check (Reports)

- a) What is happening in Malvern under/ connected with TMHills?
Other green/sustainable projects in Malvern.

Pam had circulated a health-check designed to help Transition groups reflect on how well they are doing.

A meeting to hold a Transition Health Check will be held on

Thursday 11 June 2015, 7.30pm

Dinah will sort out a venue.

The results may be presented at the Annual Group Meeting.

6. Robin's items

- a) As there are a number of wheelchair users at Clarence House, could a car suitable for wheelchairs be added to the fleet?

Car clubs may be eligible for government grants to promote electric bikes.

Electric bikes might be linked to tourism through the AONB.

- b) St Hellens

Annual fund-raising event at Much Marcle has a theme of sustainability this year. 6/7 June.

Could anyone do a display?

Electric bike?

Let Robin know.

7. **AOB**
None