



Co-ordinating Group Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th July 2015 at the Great Malvern Hotel, Malvern

Attendance: Ginny Lee (Chair), Ian Caldwell, Brian Harper, Dinah Sage, Robin Coates, Jan Dyer, Mike Munro Turner, Sally Sines, Seonaid Barber

Welcome

Seonaid and Sally were welcomed, and introductions made.

Apologies

Received from Nathan Burlton, Wilma Harrington, Mike Goodfellow-Smith, Chris Dyer, Pam McCarthy

1. Minutes of Co-ordinating Group Meeting 29 June

The minutes were unanimously accepted and signed.

2. Matters arising

Co-ordinating Group

Dinah will occasionally remind people why they are on her group email, and ask if they want to be removed.

Health Check

We could publicise what we have done more.

The offer of free columns should be taken up.

Gardenshare

Robin is making contact with Sanghajoti.

3. Treasurer's report

Has been circulated. The current balance is £922.41.

4. Vice chair

Everyone thought it a good idea, to share responsibility.

Ginny sees the role of Chair as not to run projects, but to act as a central point of contact, to know what is going on and attend meetings with other organisations – this could be delegated.

Seonaid is willing to see what is involved.

5. Introduction to the website

Ian has done a lot of work on the website. The home page now shows news. But the introduction is out-dated.

Why does Transition Malvern Hills exist?

What do we do?

What's the point of TMH?
Need up to 10 bullet points.
Mike suggested Ian looks at the introduction on the Inner Transition page.
Members of the Co-ordinating Group were invited to send bullet points to Ian.

6. Next Calendar/Newsletter

Ideas

Talk on the Syrian refugee problem in the context of mass migration caused by climate change and unequal distribution of resources. Syria's problems started when farmers were unable to grow crops.

Robin recommended Richard Priestley's blog. He gives talks on a low carbon future.

Practicalities

The Calendar will cover October 2015 to January 2016.

Copy deadline 7th September.

Working group of Ginny, Dinah, Ian, Seonaid, Wilma. Helen Reeves compiles it ready for printing.

Seonaid can help this time, possibly with family. Wilma can proof read. Dinah will be away some of the time.

Send ideas to Dinah for circulation to the working group.

Dinah will ask regular contributors if they have events coming up.

Working group meeting 21 August 2015, 10am Cube Cafe

7. Premier Inn Growing Project

Ginny is in contact with a manager at Premier Inn, who is raising money for the project.

Premier Inn are quite specific – they do not want fruit or fruit trees because of birds, vegetables could be grown, but not used in their kitchens.

Malvern Community Forest has done some work there.

The Fortis Homes office is nearby, and could provide an outlet. Robin said there is wood available to build the raised beds.

8. Representative for the MYCT (Malvern Cube) Advisory Committee

MYCT (Malvern Youth and Community Trust) has invited TMH to send a representative, as TMH no longer has a trustee. Ginny volunteered.

9. Support for projects

LETS

Sally would like to start a small scale, simple LETS scheme. She has experience of a scheme which used tokens, and one which did not.

People sign up with skills or equipment they can offer, and help each other out.

The scheme could be started by word of mouth – several of the Co-ordinating Group would be interested. An invitation could be put out to the general mailing list in due course

Swishing and Sewing

Seonaid knows some young people with a particular interest in asexual clothes, who would be interested in swishing and learning how to do alterations.

Seonaid will ask if one of them could write about their ideas for the working group meeting on 21st August.

It may be possible to arrange something at the Cube, on a weekend between Repair Cafes, and probably invite the Tribe.

Seonaid will speak to Jon and the young people.

Abundance

Is it happening?

Ginny will email Linda and asks if she would like support.

10. Inner Transition

History

Inner Transition started as “Heart and Soul” to give sustenance and support to the local transition group. This has changed, focussing more on the inner transitions needed to make changes in lifestyle. It is slightly separate, many members not taking part in wider TMH activities.

Last year the lecture by Polly Higgins started the theme of “Falling in Love with our Planet”.

The Transition Health Check focuses on supporting the local movement. – which isn’t been done in Malvern as there hasn’t been a demand.

Malvern Inner Transition adapted the criteria. Eg to support each other by providing a safe space to adapt to new ideas.

Is there anything TMH would like from Inner Transition, or should it carry on as a personal development group?

The next theme has the working title “Recovering the Wisdom of Gaia”.

Discussion

Groups are autonomous and the Inner Transition Group is successful.

Why is it hard to put across the environmental message? Could it be resistance to change?

Occasionally a speaker such as Polly Higgins connects both groups. Could there be a link over an issue such as TIPP?

Seonaid is hoping for support from Inner Transition. Mike offered support.

Mike and Robin agreed to meet to design an integration event between Inner Transition and Transition Malvern Hills Co-ordination Group/projects.

11. Winter gas lamps walk

Nathan, Brian and Ian will sort out a couple of walks about an hour long to show a variety of gas lamps. Eg West Malvern starting at the Brewers Arms; Route to the Hills from Christchurch; walk based on Holy Well where different types of light are in use to show how gas lamps have changed over time.

12. Possible changes to the constitution

Next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 10 September, 7.30pm, venue tbc