



## Co-ordinating Group Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at the Great Malvern Hotel, Malvern

**Attendance:** Ginny Lee (Chair), Ian Caldwell, Dinah Sage, Robin Coates, Raphael Bate

#### Apologies

Received from Pam McCarthy, Brian Harper, Chris Dyer, Jan Dyer, Mike Munro Turner, Wilma Harrington, Mike Goodfellow-Smith, Nathan Burlton, Seonaid Barber and Sally Sines  
Pam and Sally sent input by email.

#### 1. Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The minutes were accepted by general agreement.

#### 2. Matters arising

Covered elsewhere.

#### 3. Email lists

- “Dinah will occasionally remind people why they are on her group email, and ask if they want to be removed” – not yet done.
- Ian is keeping the general TMH list up to date.
- Could the names on the Inner Transition list be added?
- Ian sends an email out about once a month, and includes Co-ordinating Group meetings when practical.
- Could other groups eg Inner Transition, Malvern Community Forest, be invited to report at co-ordinating group meetings? This may encourage other members to attend.

#### 4. Gardenshare

Posters have been printed, but the scheme is not very active at present.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

There is a balance of £752.91  
Inner Transition has a separate account.

#### 6. Richard Priestley event - feedback

Richard Priestley gave an inspiring talk. After a brief description of the problems of fracking, he concentrated on worldwide green energy projects, both production and storage.

About 20 people attended, and £30 was taken in donations.

Richard runs workshops to help people figure out what can be done in their community eg transport, home energy.

Ginny will find out what he can offer, and his charges. Workshops could be a good way of creating interest. Advertising would have to make clear that payment must be made up front, and workshop would only run if there were enough participants to make it financially viable.

### **7. Inner Transition feedback**

Inner Transition is about inspiration – what moves you to change, what holds you back. The sticking point for the Inner Transition group is often how to change thoughts into action. The “outer” transition people are more likely to stumble on reflecting on whether actions are effective.

Inner Transition is considering a buddy system, where pairs of members give mutual support. This could also be tried between Inner and Outer Transition. Many of the members of the Co-ordinating group are feeling dispirited, partly because of Government policies which are having a negative effect on renewable energy, partly because of little local support.

Both change of consciousness (inner) and new technology (outer) are needed to address the problems of Climate Change.

Inner Transition is flourishing.

Actions

- Experiment with buddying between Inner and outer Transition
- Inner Transition consider what topics or approach they would like Richard Priestley to address in workshops.
- Could someone from outer transition give a brief report at an Inner Transition meeting? Or could some of Inner Transition report to a Co-ordinating Group meeting?
- Perhaps there could be a joint connect event – on neutral territory – the pub at Christmas could be intimidating.

### **8. Calendar**

Need to start work on Feb- May soon.

Hollistic have offered space for articles. Raphael and Robin will ask Inner Transition members – probably a general article followed by specific articles on what we do.

Ian link to Calendar.

### **9. Worcestershire Parkway**

No action taken.

### **10. Climate Change March**

29<sup>th</sup> November, London, impractical by train as it's a Sunday.

Ginny will contact Steve, who may be organising a minibus.

Ian will contact Steve about advertising to the TMH mailing list.

### **11. Gas Lamp Walk**

Start at the Brewers Arms at 7.00pm, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Walk takes about an hour. Ask for donations. Ginny will contact Brian.

## **12. Gleaning Project**

TMH will take a supportive role, eg advertising for volunteers.  
The first large glean involved thirty volunteers. The apples were distributed to numerous local charities.  
Linda Hirshhorn is working hard with Malvern apple trees.

## **13. Website**

Ian Caldwell was thanked for his work on the website.

## **14. Vegetable Garden at Malvern Cube**

The vegetable garden was started as a TMH initiative, but is now being run by volunteers through the Cube. More raised beds are planned, and the Cube is able to provide a small budget.

## **15. Worcester Pound**

To judge from the lack of interest in a Malvern Pound, it seems unlikely that the traders in Malvern would be interested.

## **16. Outer Transition**

TMH has initiated several projects which are running independently.

What next?

Car club

Publicity

Restart Energy Tracers?

Advice on energy efficiency?

Revisit after the Paris Climate change talks

## **17. Date of next meeting**

December 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dinah to book.

