



Co-ordinating Group Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th January 2016 at the Great Malvern Hotel, Malvern

Attendance: Ginny Lee (Chair), Ian Caldwell, Dinah Sage, Robin Coates, Mike Munro Turner, Pam McCarthy

Apologies

Received from Mike Goodfellow-Smith, Jan Dyer, Raphael Bate, Seonaid Barber, Sally Sines, Chris Dyer, Wilma Harrington and Brian Harper

Minutes of 29th October 2015 were accepted by general agreement.

Matter arising are covered elsewhere.

Chairman's report

The Chair is deeply concerned by the lack of connection with Malvern Hills District Council.

The Council needs to acknowledge Climate Change and respond to it positively.

In discussion the following points were raised:

- Invite a representative to the Sustainable Malvern workshops
- With the cutbacks the Council is short of money and time
- The Partnership has been disbanded
- Following Robin and John R workshop for councillors, John Raine worked with councillors to prepare a report on how the Council can save energy. It has gone to the executive, and Julian Roskams is raising it.
- We think that the new part time Chief Executive is significantly more receptive to the idea of Climate Change. Could he be approached?
- Key players in TMH are not being renewed.
- Hereford in Transition has become an alliance of small group under another name.¹ This seems to be attracting a broader range of people. Could this help Malvern? Would need representatives from other groups.
- **Robin and Ginny** put out feelers

Ian was thanked for organising both successful gas lamp walks.

¹ Herefordshire Green Network

The newsletter team was thanked.

Treasurer's report

There is a balance of £1100.91.

A grant of £500 from John Raine's community fund is covering the newsletter printing costs.

Richard Priestley workshops

Ginny will send Richard Priestley a link to the poster and a pdf to Greenpeace and Inner Transition.

Are the sessions stand alone?

- Yes, but will have to charge for all to make sure costs are covered.

Not clear - what would we do and what would we get out of it?

- The first meeting would decide areas of interest, with Richard giving ideas and examples of what has happened elsewhere.
- Ginny ask Richard about the structure, and for examples of topics to go on TMH website

Ginny will write a piece for the Gazette.

Ginny will contact people who showed interest.

Payment can be made by cheque, cash or BACs

Aluna film

Ian headline on monthly email.

Ginny send information to Greenpeace and Inner Transition.

Dinah put it in What's On in Gazette.

Stroud newsletter

The Transition movement is changing, no longer need to explain Climate Change, and Peak Oil is not a big issue. More to do with creating the kind of world we want.

The Stroud newsletter acts as a hosting site for local organisations.

Ginny circulate it, to see if it's an idea worth taking up.

Gardenshare

Dinah's investigations suggest that there are no safeguarding issues as the agreements are between adults. However, several Gardenshare schemes are

covered by their transition group's insurance (TMH does not have insurance), and most have written agreements.

As there has been difficulty contacting Gardenshare, the link will be redirected to Ginny to see if anyone expresses interest. No further action for now.

Energy Tracers

How do Brian's projects fit in with TMHills?

The biggest benefit would be helping people with energy saving. (Contact Age Concern).

Wait till Brian is at a meeting.

Malvern Cube – energy management/vegetable garden/communication

The triple glazing is very good. The hall will have a new curtain wall when the extension is done.

Lights are sometimes left on – switch is hard to find in the entrance area. But most are LEDs and many are on sensors.

Automatic entrance doors are planned.

Building work is being done to accommodate the Connect (Learning Disability Service) moving in.

Would TMH be interested in supporting a covered market in the hall?

The vegetable beds are going well, and have been allotted/allocated? a budget.

Communication – Ginny attends meetings of the Cube advisory committee.

Inner Transition and connection with TMHills

Robin ran a joint session in October, but everyone there often goes to Inner Transition. The idea of support buddies was discussed.

Perhaps short account of actions taken could be given at the beginning of Inner Transition meetings, in addition to the announcements Mike makes.

Malvern Hillistic

TMH has been offered space – 850 words. It comes out every two months.

Ginny will send notes on Sustainable Malvern to **Robin** so he can write an article for the April/May edition. Deadline 10 February.

Then **Mike** for the June/July issue. Putting health issues in a wider context.

Car Club has two new cars. There is now a car in Ledbury, with help from the AONB.

Possible changes to the Constitution

The values and objectives are subjects of ongoing discussion. They could most usefully be reconsidered in the light of ideas from the Richard Priestley workshops.

The quorum for the Co-ordination Group is 4.

Is the quorum at the AGM two-thirds of those present and voting or 15?

Dinah to check.

Any changes needed could be worked out by a committee.

Act for Climate Justice, 14 Feb

Christian Aid talk organised by Malvern Churches for Justice and Peace Group.

3pm Somers Park Avenue Methodist Church

Ian to put on TMH email.

Housing Design Group

John Raine is chairing the Council's "Housing Design and Creating Communities Group" which is hoping to influence the design of new large housing developments. He is interested to know of successful large scale and well-designed housing.

Dinah ask Nathan if he can help.

Possibly Good Housing Bristol. **Robin** will have a look.

The Neighbourhood Plan is beset by government hurdles.

Ian is collecting information on green spaces and will report back next time.

AOB

Colwall Green Wassailing attracted 400 people.

Robin asked that the next TMH newsletter includes an article on electric bikes.

Date of next meeting.

9th March 2016, 7.30pm. Venue Great Malvern Hotel (tbc)