



Co-ordinating Group Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at the Great Malvern Hotel, Malvern

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

Apologies

Received from Mike Goodfellow-Smith, Seonaid Barber, Sally Sines, Chris Dyer, Mike Munro Turner and Pam McCarthy

Minutes of 27th January 2016 were accepted by general agreement.

Matters arising

- **Robin** speak to John about approaching the new Chief Executive.
- **Ginny** write a piece for the Gazette.
- **Robin** write an article on electric bikes for 10th May Malvern Hillistic. The article on Inner Transition to be postponed.
- **Gardenshare** Dinah get the paperwork from Sanghajoti.
- **Constitution** Not a current priority.

Chairman's report

- **Council- Invite a representative** to the Sustainable Malvern workshops

Aluna

- Ginny has the film.
- **Robin and Ginny** - will try it out at the venue.

Richard Priestley workshops

Ian - send reminders by Twitter and email.

Ginny- write an article for the Gazette.

Dinah - put the workshops in What's On in the Malvern Gazette.

Article in Hillistic.

Distribute posters.

Buses

There are plans to cut the bus service from Upton via Hanley Castle, Hanley Swan and Malvern Wells without consultation. This would also leave Fruitlands and Court Road with no buses.

The cuts would be devastating for people without cars.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- Although public transport reduces carbon emission in town, large nearly empty buses are not energy efficient.
- Could more sustainable and more flexible solutions be found?
 - Collective taxis?
 - Collective use of a car club?
 - Use of Community Action buses for joint trips?
 - Lift sharing?
- Making medical appointments to fit in with a regular service of any kind was regarded as impossible, because of the difficulty of getting appointments.

There is nothing TMH can sensibly add to the campaign to save the buses.

However, should the cuts go ahead, TMH could be a source for other ideas. For example, a car club with an emphasis on lift sharing. Or other forms of lift/taxi sharing.

Action

Look for at solutions used in other places.

Car Club

Four cars have been bought, the oldest 2011. They are highly economical. The average mpg has risen from 30mph to 40mph, and the tax for all is only £180.

The AONB was thanked for the £2000 grant towards the Ledbury car.

Malvern Community Energy Co-operative

The Government has effectively wiped out new community energy. Watch this space.

Inner Transition

Continues a programme of monthly meetings.

Railways

Individuals can respond to the West Midlands Franchise Consultation, but TMH could not fit a meaningful response into the questionnaire.

Malvern Cube

The extension is nearly finished. Worcestershire County Council has funded it to provide space for Connect activities which used to take place at the Malvern Social Education Centre. The Cube will be able to hire the space out in the evening.

The Duke of Gloucester is fitting in a visit to the Cube.

A major appeal for donations for a large extension will soon be launched.

For next agenda

Transport

Start work on newsletter in April (Robin article on electric bikes)

AGM

Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 18th May 2016, 7.30pm. Lounge, Great Malvern Hotel