

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 11/02/08

Agenda Discussed:

- Is anyone on the steering group qualified in permaculture?
- Group Communication
- Web Presence
- Early Events
- Finances
- Next Large Meeting
- Representatives for: Mapping Current Activities at the Environment Centre
National Transition Conference 11th-13th Apr
Welsh Transition Conference
Transition Training in Llangadog

Present: Miriam Stenning, Sera Rabbett, Hannah Buddle, Roy Jones, Jenny Edwards, Martin Willson and Redfern Barrett

Apologies: Helen Marshall, Helen Grey, Dai Morris and Tom Morris

Permaculture Qualification

The transition Network suggests having someone on the steering group and within other sub groups with a qualification in Permaculture. At the meeting we decided to establish whether any that were absent have a qualification. If not to get in contact with Down to Earth.

Action: Hannah and Sera to contact steering group/down to earth

Group Communication/Web Presence

There was an offer from Jenny that Transition Swansea could have 1 page on the Environment Centre website until a separate website is established. We have an offer from Darren Cadwallader to design a website that we can update. It was suggested that a yahoo group was set up for group communications.

Actions: Hannah and Sera to email Jenny info for temporary page. Redfern to confirm with Darren regarding website design.

Martin to set up yahoo group once Sera or Hannah have sent him the email addresses

Early Events:

Suggestions:

Stall at Mumbles Green Fair in March – Decided it was too soon
Flyers at the Local Produce Markets
Film Screenings – Undercurrents have offered equipment and films
Event at Monkey Bar – Films and Music
Rosehill Quarry/Beach – Outdoor Events
Dylan Thomas Centre – Film Screenings

Next Public Meeting:

It was suggested that we have a couple of informal open meetings before the next large scale public meeting. Previously Liz Parson was organising a green drinks evening in the No Sign Bar. We thought that this would be a good idea to adopt so that people interested in Transition Swansea can meet up informally and network.

Dates arranged for Transition Drinks:

Monday the 18th of Feb and Monday the 3rd of March, 7pm. Meet inside at the back of No Sign Bar, Wind St.

Next Steering Group Meeting:

Arranged for Thursday February 28th 6:30pm in the Environment Centre café.

Finances:

We discussed the possibility of a Treasurer, a rotating secretary and chair. However decided not to make the decision until everyone from the steering group was present. At the moment Sera and Hannah have the donations from the first meeting as well as the invoice from the rental of the Quaker Meeting House.

Next large scale meeting/event:

It was suggested that we have a day event combining film screenings, open space discussions and talks from established transition projects.

Environment Centre offered space for sat the 29th of March. However numbers would be limited to 60 and thus people would need to confirm. Suggestion of using the Dylan Thomas Centre. Need to discuss structure at the next steering group meeting.

Actions: Jenny to contact Dee regarding dates, suitable films and possible larger venues. Jenny to ask at the Mapping Current Activities Meeting if anyone would be interested to talk about peak oil at the Day Event. Miriam to ask Larch about possibilities for talk from him or somebody from CAT. Miriam to ask if Dylan Thomas Centre charge for space. Redfern to see if the University is available for film screenings. Sera to contact Open Space facilitators to see if they're available for Day Event and if they can discuss how it works, possibly at the Transition Drinks. Hannah to contact Rhiannon from Transition Llandeilo and Sarah Pugh from Transition City Bristol to see if they're available for talks.

Representatives for Mapping Current Activities Meeting:

Jenny gave an open invitation to everyone in the steering group to attend this meeting. Representatives for the other things on the agenda were not discussed.