

Minutes of the steering group meeting 19/03/08

Present: Sera Rabbett, Helen Marshall, Hannah Buddle, Martin Willson, Jenny Edwards, Helen Grey, Miriam Stenning, Alan Thomas and Roy Jones temporarily

Apologies: Redfern Barrett, Tom Morris and Dai Morris

Agenda:

- Organisation of Day Event
- Group Organisation
- Film Screening
- Market Saturday
- Dates for next meetings

Organisation of Day Event:

Alan brought a suggestion for the open space discussion for the day event and a consensus decision was made to not use the suggestion until Transition Swansea was further down the line. We were all concerned that it required much more information on peak oil than some residents of Swansea may have. Therefore it was decided to just pose the question 'What would Swansea be like without oil?' to the audience and give them 20 minutes to discuss the answer with people sat around them.

Here is the finalised arrangement for the day event and times:

- Start at 2:30pm
- Begin with an introduction to Transition Towns
- Pose question 'What would Swansea be like without oil?'
- 3pm Film screening of 'Power of the community'
- 4pm – Break
- 4:20pm resume with talk from other Transition Town representatives/Q&A
- 6pm – Finish

Action: Hannah to continue to try and contact Sarah Pugh from Transition Bristol. Jenny Edwards to contact Jayne Richmond re: Transition Town Introduction speech. Miriam to ask Larch if he is available to do introduction at the event as well as possible radio interview. Sera to confirm availability with the Dylan Thomas Centre for the day event in April. Jenny Edwards to contact Evening Post to publicise day event when date is confirmed.

Group Organisation:

It was put forward by Helen Grey that it was unnecessary for the whole group to meet as regularly as every 2 weeks, unless an event is coming up. Then a sub group should form to take on more responsibilities after the entire steering group has arranged the layout for that event. The sub group is made up of volunteers from the steering group and will vary from event to event, to distribute the work evenly among the steering group.

Sub Group for April day event: Jenny Edwards, Helen Marshall, Miriam Stenning, Sera Rabbett.

Film Screening:

It was collectively decided not to show the same film at the film screening on the 31st of March as the one being shown at the day event in April. Therefore we have decided to show 'End of Suburbia'. We thought this was quite apt for a first event as it was the film that inspired the Transition concept to arise in Rob Hopkins and his students. The event will begin at 5:45pm with a small Introduction to Transition Towns and the film ending around 7:30pm. After which Jenny Edwards will inform the audience that if anyone is interested there is Transition Drinks in the No Sign Bar after to unwind and maybe discuss the film further. Jenny will also inform everyone of the day event coming up in April.

Action: Sera to confirm with Dee the availability of Dylan Thomas Centre for the film screening and determine whether undercurrents has 'The End of Suburbia' DVD. Jenny Edwards to provide chart paper from the Environment Centre for people to leave emails on after film to be contacted about future Transition Swansea events. Sera to design flyer and poster for publicity.

Market Saturday:

Market Saturday is an event arranged by Redfern Barrett from the steering group. It involves encouraging students to shop at the local market. Even though Redfern was not at the meeting it was discussed as Hannah explained what it is and its aims.

At the last count there were 14 stall holders willing to give students discounts in exchange for publicity among students on the University Campus.

Action: Helen Marshall to contact Tony Kluge from Food Passion to inquire about publicising the Market Saturday Events. Hannah Buddle to pass Redfern's email address on to Helen Marshall.

Dates for next Meetings:

02/04/08 - In the Environment Centre 6pm - Sub Group Meeting for day event

14/04/08 - In the Environment Centre 6pm – Steering group Meeting

13/05/08 - In the Environment Centre 6pm – Steering group Meeting