

Transition Swansea Steering Group Meeting
13th May 2008

Present: Mo Green, Clarity Hoffman, Hannah Buddle, Roy Jones, Sera Rabbett, Martin Willson and Darren Cadwallader

Apologies: Miriam Stenning, Jenny Edwards, Helen Grey and Redfern Barrett

Agenda

1. Day Event
2. Peak Oil Tour
3. Beach Event/Sustainable Trail
4. Others

1. Miriam tried to establish a venue. The Unitarian Church is £25 per evening. The May dates we asked for, although available at the Church, are not available with Undercurrents. The Unitarian Church is not available on June 5th (another suggested date). Could we find someone else with a projector?

The Environment Centre is unsuitable for film screenings in the lighter part of the year. Mo suggested the Community Church in SA1 but is unsure of price.

ACTION: Clarity to investigate price and availability of Community Church. All to ask around for others who may have a projector.

Clarity has talked to Llandeilo about speakers and they are still keen to come subject to availability when we specify a date.

Discussion regarding whether beginning of June was now too soon for adequate publicity. July suggested instead. Also other possible venues discussed: Brunswick Church and the Dinefwr Building at Swansea Metropolitan University.

The suggestion was made that the 'day event' could be shown on June 19th or 26th, 6pm to 9pm. People could bring their own dinner with them.

ACTION: Clarity to contact Brunswick Church and Community Church about these dates and projector facilities.

2. The sub-group for this project (now including Lis Parsons) have had two meetings. They are currently working on a format and collating ideas for possible venues/groups. Lis is working on a comedy script of the Four Yorkshire Men Monty Python sketch, based on the extravagances of the age of cheap oil. The original is available on Youtube for those not familiar with it.

ACTION: Clarity, Sera, Hannah, Miriam and Lis to continue working on this project.

3. No progress on this issue as nobody was aware whether the Sustainable Trail had been rescheduled.

4. **Public Meetings:** Sera proposed a once-a-month public meeting, open to all. There was concern from some in the group that the public are not being fully involved in the activities of Transition Swansea. Roy was concerned only existing greenies would come. Darren pointed out the many new faces at both the first meeting and the film screening event. Hannah suggested public meeting to map people interested in the transition process across Swansea. This could be used as a catalyst for starting to form local groups across the city.

Clarity suggested facilitation would be necessary for this meeting.

Ideas for this meeting:

- 'Think and Listen' exercise from the Transition Handbook, based around working in pairs and discussing responses to three questions.
- 'Treasure Hunt' for objects not made from oil, in small groups or pairs?
- Possibility of giving introductory talk from Rob Hopkins available from internet.
- Mapping exercise – large basic map of Swansea on which people can mark themselves. Use this to form groups based on area.
- Exercise to encourage introductions and brainstorming in area groups.
- Ask people to fill in two post-it notes (to be put up for everyone to see at the end of the meeting) – questions proposed to be along the lines of: 'what am I going to do as an individual?' and 'what are we going to do as a group in our area?'

Dates discussed: June the 2nd or June the 5th. Pub quiz is on June the 9th so these could be advertised together.

ACTION: Clarity and Hannah to learn introductory talk.

Hannah to contact Steve at the Quaker Meeting House to book it for June date and also July for follow on meeting.

Hannah and Sera to design flyer/poster for this event and combined events ready for date/venue confirmation.

Transition Criteria: Sera explained Transition formats in other cities and how this might develop in Swansea. Also the functions of a fully-fledged hub regarding funding applications were discussed. Hannah expressed concern that we are in no way ready to be starting to consider the 'official' status of Swansea. All agreed it was more important to get things going on the ground first. Also the idea of Swansea having individual Transition projects with informal 'hub' meetings rather than an official hub responsible for funding etc.

Next Meeting arranged for June 2nd, 6pm. Venue to be confirmed. (Date to be moved if the public meeting is on June 2nd.)

Minutes by Hannah Buddle