

TRANSITION TOWN LEWES	STEERING GROUP
MEETING	7 th November, 2012
MINUTES	
Chaired by Juliet	Minutes: Geoffrey

Present: Ann Link, Juliet Oxborrow (Chair), Jenny van Breda, Jon Gunson, Colin Tingle, Geoffrey Cleave, Alexis Rowell, Susan Murray, and Julia Waterlow. Action

1 **Apologies** were received from Sue Fleming,

2 **Minutes** of 5th September were agreed with the following amendments to the L&Ove item 3.3 (d)

L&Ove has begun a Building on the Benefits initiative, which is aiming to collect information from all groups in Lewes, doing environmental projects locally. These would then be mapped. It was hoped this would start an engagement process with these groups over the benefits they receive from our local environment. Negative events could also be highlighted. He asked SG for information that could be used.

2) The group's 'Chalking up the Benefits' (CuB) project funded under the South Downs Way Ahead Nature Improvement Area partnership has established a Steering Committee which held its inaugural meeting on 12th September. This went v. well.

3) Colin reported on an idea dreamt up by Silvia Clausin to use boards on shops or other spaces for people to write their ideas and aspirations for the community, including what they'd like to see in the place of the empty shops. Several others showed an interest. Colin said he'd put them in touch with Silvia to help take the idea forward.

Action Points:

1) John Gower was ill and unable to attend the SG Meeting to discuss climate change adaptation and the CC2150 project. It was agreed that there should be a special meeting with him a.s.a.p. with the same agenda as the postponed one. Colin offered to get dates convenient to John for SG to choose from; the chosen date would then be circulated to TTL active. SG would aim to plan for a meeting in the spring. Colin

2) Re 4(a). 5 students from IDS had attended the social evening. They now wanted to speak with groups. Groups were encouraged to respond to them TTL Groups

3) Re 3 (1) It was agreed that Ann and Juliet would draft a new email about starting a Transition Streets initiative. This would be included in the December newsletter. Ann, Juliet

4) Re item on empty shops and 'I wish this was ...' initiative. It was reported that the administrators for Julian Graves had declined permission for the initiative to use the ex-Julian Graves shop front. However, it was agreed that we should go ahead in some way. Colin agreed to put Silvia Clausin in touch with Susan M. as the Town Council was also keen to see some use of the empty shops' windows. Juliet said the Enterprise Group would oversee the initiative. Colin

- 3 5) Re News Items. Alexis agreed to feed news items through to Jenny. Alexis
Transition Free Press
 Alexis spoke about plans to produce a nation-wide newspaper about and for transition initiatives. There would be a pilot in 2013 with 4 issues. It was agreed to support this on a trial basis by buying 250 copies of the first two editions at a cost of £75 per edition. It was agreed to set up a TFP Group of Susan, Julia and Alexis. Alexis would be the contact person and manage the finances of the Group. Standing Order subscribers would receive a free copy if they could collect it. It would be possible for a Transition Town to have its own insert on a template to be supplied by TFP. It was agreed that we might approach SDNP and SCF for funds to do this. TFP Group
- 4 **TTL Memorial for Adrienne**
 It was reported that there were 2 funds people could support. It was agreed that TTL would hold an annual memorial lecture. Plans to organise would be made later.
- 5 **Standing Items**
1) Strategy and Forward Planning
 a) It was agreed to hold an open review event in the Spring
 b) It was agreed to consider the Sussex Downs NP management plan as it became available. The SDNP has completed its State of the Park report. Management planning is still in progress.
2) Communications
 Jenny reported on October statistics. The website had had 710 unique visitors. Visitors to the Lewes Eco Open Houses page on the web site are significantly high. Approx half the number going to the Events page.
 Newsletter had approx 80 new people added to mailing list following Open Houses. Newsletter sent to 1067, delivered to 880. It was opened by 329 (30%) clicked through to site by 102 (31%). Need more funding to energise Facebook or Twitter.
3) Groups
 a) L&Ove. Gavin Barker was now mapping data provided by people as part of the Building on the Benefits (BoB) initiative. The aim is to do 'crowd source' mapping, with people able to put in their own data. The South Downs National Park has completed its State of the Park report. The management planning is still in progress.
 b) OVESCO. Reported on recent government initiatives.
 c) Lewes Pound. Susan had attended conference on LETS in York. Trialling standing order scheme.
 d) Food. Sow-it, Grow-it, Eat-it project now set for 16th Feb. Seedy Saturday on 2nd Feb
 e) Enterprise. Food evening on 16th November.
4) Farmers' Market. No items.
- 4 **AOB**
 1) Lewes Sceptics meeting on Wed 21st November
 2) Next TTL Social on Monday 10th December at Lewes Arms

Next Meeting

5th December. Chair: Susan. Ann to book JHT.

Ann