

TRANSITION TOWN LEWES	STEERING GROUP
MEETING	3 rd October, Lewes Arms
MINUTES	
Chaired by Jon	Minutes: Geoffrey

Present: Ann Link, Juliet Oxborrow , Jenny, Jon (Chair), Colin Tingle, Geoffrey, Vicky Action

1 **Apologies** were received from Susan Murray, Sue Fleming, Chris Rowland, Julia Waterlow

2 **Minutes** of 5th September were agreed with two amendments

Action Points:

SOCIAL EVENING

It was reported the Social evening had gone well. It was agreed to hold Social Evenings on the 3rd Monday of each month, and that SG members should be available to greet people. It was thought that name badges and better signs would improve meetings.

3 **Standing Items**

1) Strategy and Forward Planning

The discussion started last month on involvement with Coastal Futures and promoting engagement was continued. Colin agreed to find out more about the risk implicit in the 2150 projections, the links to the maps, and the stage that the Environment Agency had reached in wanting their materials to be available. There were several ideas about promoting engagement. It was agreed there should be one public meeting (February/March 2013) at which people would be able to make their suggestions as to what could be done, rather than TTL imposing its views. It was agreed to see if John Gower could attend the next SG meeting. Ann suggested that a Citizen’s Jury would be a way forward and that it was necessary to prepare for a Transition Streets strategy before the meeting. Colin

2) Communications

a) Jenny reported on website usage statistics. 777 had visited the site in September. More people visited the Lewes eco Open Houses pages (550 visitors) than any other area of the site – more than the entire events section (508 visitors). There were 830 pageviews to Open Houses in total during August and September. Newsletter stats remained constant (delivery to 822 people, opened by 258, clicked through by 66 mostly to the Hearth pizza restaurant!) Jenny

There was a need for more news. SG members were asked to supply items with paragraphs to introduce them. SG

Finance and Funding

Ann reported on behalf of Julia that funds were OK at present.

Group Issues Juliet

a) Railway Land

Jon reported that a voluntary group doing conservation work on the Railway Land was looking for volunteers.

b) Food

Vicky reported on the growing project for 2013. There would be a series of pop-up events every month, encouraging people to plant vegetables etc. Small donations would be requested to make it self-financing.

Seedy Saturday on 2nd February needed an organiser.

The Sow-it, Grow-it, Eat-it project would be promoted in Cliff Precinct in future. Jenny

c) Better Banking

Would be leafleting about the Credit Union.

d) L&OVe

1) Was aiming to collect information from all groups in Lewes aiming for environmental improvement. These would then be mapped. It was hope this would start an engagement process with these groups. Negative events could also be highlighted. He asked SG for information that could be used.

2) The Nature Improvement Group had held a meeting on what was going on.

3) Colin reported on an idea to use boards on shops or other spaces for people to write their ideas and aspirations for the community.

e) Enterprise

1) Lewes Link-Up was beta-testing.

2) First Enterprise Evening on Food Enterprise to be held on 16th November.

3) Demo house for draught-proofing.

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AOB

a) Jon would reply to the request from an academic in Brighton. Jon

Next Meeting

7th November, Juliet to chair. Ann to book JHT. Ann

Next Social

22nd October