## Transition Cambridge Meeting Minutes

*Thursday 28 August 2008 6 - 7.30pm @ Community Café*

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<th>Present: James, Iain, Martin, Nicki, Naveen, Jono, Peter, Philip, Ceri &amp; Colin (Food Group)</th>
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### Chair: Iain  
**Minutes: James**

#### DISCUSSION ACTION

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#### 1. Matters Arising

- Nicki: TCB has received a cheque for £500 from the Co-Op. Nicki to email Martin with details for the accounts.

- Libra Aries sold 4 books – Iain to drop off more to shop

#### 2. Public Awareness:

- **a) Forthcoming events/films etc**
  - Peter: (Has connections with Friends Meeting House): To show ‘Crude Awakening’ there on 27 October 2008 – to confirm.
  - 20/9/08: V-Fair – Nicki & Jono to run
  - w/c 6/10/08: Freshers Week – cost to be investigated – James & others
  - 21/10/08: Trumpington Ladies – 4pm – Speaking engagement
  - 27/10/08 tbc: Friends Meeting House - ‘Crude Awakening’ 7.30pm (to start at 8pm)
  - 25/11/08: Arts PictureHouse – ‘Power of Community’

- **b) Ideas for awareness raising**
  - TCB leaflets in GP surgeries, and other places related to our future health.

  - Jono: Real action/purpose of public awareness e.g. establish link with council

  - Ceri: Food group is developing a policy for local food production.

  - Ceri: Medway Climate Change awareness group – mapped affect of CC (rising sea levels) on their area. Perhaps we could too?

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Resources for the Café – e.g. Transition Handbook & other books re. climate change etc. Please donate books to Martin to put a sticker on about please read but don’t nick!

Stall at Freshers week available through Emilia – cost £15-20

Leaflets: Discussion ensued about merits of mass maildrops vs. workload, counter to our message, effectiveness. Decided to use targeted leafleting at stalls etc & posters. Martin to organize £150 worth of leaflets.

Proposed Christmas event - The Junction is unavailable in Nov/Dec. Perhaps we could have a more informal setting e.g. a pub?

3. Sub-groups Check-in:

a) Café

New slot - Thursdays fortnightly 6-7.30pm: meeting 7.30pm – 11pm (or later if wished): café

Nicki: Suggested a monthly open-mike slot at the café.

Philip: We can have a TCB board at the café.

Jono: Board could have an ‘Ideas for TCB’ section – a wish list, proposals etc.

Ceri: We need to focus on the café and existing projects rather than run ahead and lose these.

b) Food

The Food Group came out of the group discussion at the Open Meeting, and it was taken forward by Colin amongst others. They are working on Policy documents governing their group and have already written a ‘Proposed Organizational Operational Structure’ which was forwarded to the Steering Committee with little or no feedback. In
brief it has a Steering Group – Chair, Secretary, Membership Secretary & convenor of Sub-groups (Interest groups). They would consist of Food production; Communications & Campaigns.

Colin wanted to understand, as we all did, what the relationship would be between the Steering Group and TCB as a whole and the Food Group. The Food Group goes public as of the 25/11/08 – (This requires clarification). It was felt that at every Steering Group meeting there should be a representative from the Food Group to give a brief description of their activities and for us to give our approval. Decisions that require urgent approval should be addressed to a select few from the Steering Committee to fulfill this function via email.

Ceri was clear that she wanted the group to called Transition Cambridge Food Group. That it would be an autonomous group but linked to the overarching group. Difficulties could be worked out along the way.

James: felt need for advice from TT Handbook &/or Ben from TT – re. nature of relationship. Concerned that actions will be taken in our names that we do not know about/ agree with perhaps.

c) Education
No update – to invite member from group to next meeting

d) Website
No update – to invite member from group to next meeting

e) Bulletin
No update – to invite member from group to next meeting.

Send any items for bulletin to TransitionCambridge e-mail with “For bulletin” in subject line.
| 4. Reflections on Transition Cambridge | Peter: Due to its size and transitory population Cambridge will require continuous awareness raising exercises/ group.  
Naveen: Training of members is essential for TCB & the steering group should be focused on awareness-raising.  
Ceri: TCB would benefit from focusing attention on, & TCB website linking to, projects already happening e.g. Community Orchard (& learning how that was done), food groups & Conservation groups. |
| 5. Training:  
a) Forthcoming training events |  
9.9.08 – Speaker course in Leicester  
25 & 26.10.08 – TT course in Leicester  
1 & 2.11.08 – TT course in Norwich |
| b) Feedback from training | No update |
| 6. Any Other Business | Bursaries for training courses? Ceri asked about this and it was decided that costs would be found out by people wanting to go on courses and funding found if possible, but could be discussed at the net meeting.  
Naveen: a lady has approached TCB to promote an art course. Group didn’t feel this was our role. Peter to respond negatively.  
Ceri: Downham Market Transition Group – TCB have been invited to support this. Agreed we will if possible. Ceri to liaise with them. |
| 7. Matters to take forward to next meeting | Need to understand what the official going public with Food Group on 25/11/08 actually means. |
| 8. Date/Time/Location of next meeting | 11.9.08 @ 6pm at TCB cafe |