Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2009 – taken by James

Present: James, Iain, Ceri, Irma, Nicky, Rosie & Nicola

Apologies: Sharon, David, Anna, Peter, Jono & Navine

Chair: Iain

ITEM ACTION
We started with a quick go-round to keep us au fait with any Transition-type activities since the last meeting. Including:

James: Had a very positive meeting with Helen Witherington CCC re. Environment Festival – minutes of this meeting already sent round to steering group.

Rosie: Ran a very positive Education workshop with some primary school kids – was amazed and how clued up and advanced they were re. environmental issues.

1. Sub-Group updates:

I.T. (from Nicola)

- From now on Nicola will have less time for TCB since she is starting a course.
- Some ‘icons’ are now being used throughout the website – identifying the different groups and range of activities.
- The newsletter bulletin is now being produced in a different format for ease of use. It will cost after the 3 free week trial around £10 per month. Anna is handling this.
- Success of site: hits are going well – can see that ‘grow your own’ page has received the greatest number of hits. The forums are not being used so much however.
- Online forms are now possible – offering great potential for enquiries and course bookings etc.
- Actions: Nicola to offer link from front page to the latest newsletter James & All

James and the rest of us to look out for suitable photo for a possible banner/ side bar image.

Food (from Nicola & Ceri)

- Have proposed a logo for the Food Group – using the basis of the
current TCB logo with an apple beneath it. Everyone happy to go ahead with this. They are planning on using it to put on a banner. There are some issues with resolution at this scale however.

- Grow your own Scheme – now fully booked. C. 26 people have signed up. A great result.
- Garden Share scheme – not getting many takers. This is being addressed via a Radio Cambridgeshire interview and planned production of a leaflet to distribute to all those on the councils allotment waiting list. This however only targets farmers and not the landowners. Food group are looking at ways to overcome this.
- Sian Reid meetings – Food Group stated they want input into the correspondence with Sian Reid & the council. Indeed Dave Fox & Ceri have already been in correspondence and are meeting with the council on 10.3.09.
- The Food Group feel the Climate Change Charter is considerably an issue about food.
- Future events:
  - Environment Festival ideas: 1) have a local food stall & interactive quiz – perhaps 13 & 14 June.  2) Show a film through the Cycle Cinema – need to review some films to find a suitable foodie one. 3) Rosie Cox – speaker on food issues.
  - Food & Garden Festival – 19 & 20th September 2009 – Food Group would like a presence as they did last year.

Education (from Rosie)

- The next Education Meeting is being held immediately after this meeting.
- Raised concern of dwindling numbers of Education Group members and those available having little time to offer. Rosie feels she & Mark Skipper are holding it afloat at the moment.
- Action: To use the bulletin more targeted to request for help and people to get involved, in general and in specific ways. Also to use Website more fully too to generate interest.

- Proposed that the Education Group offer to schools etc ‘teacher packs’ for the ‘Story of Your Breakfast’ workshop that Rosie has made. Requested help with printing costs. TCB would be willing to donate £50 towards this and would advise on ways of bidding for funding with Sustainable Cities grants.

2. Planning 2009 events:

- Strawberry Fair – Nicky has organised TCB to have a stall again. There is also an opportunity to show a film with Schnews.
- Secret Garden Party – Nicky, Irma & Jono to lead

Rosie, Mark, Nicola & bulletin people

Nicky, Irma & Jono
• TCB Retreat – perhaps during Environment Festival – Well-being Group – Irma
• Earth Hour – On 28th March the ‘world’ will be encouraged to switch off their lights for an hour. Details will go into bulletin and on website

Bulletin people & Nicky

3. Environment Festival 13th-28th June 2009

Group felt it would be ideal to have a presence somewhere in the city everyday during the Festival, whether that be a film showing in a Community centre during the week or a larger event at the weekend.

- Arbury Carnival – 13th June – James to lead
- Milton Country Park stall – 14th June – James to book and lead
- Bee talk – Ceri to lead
- Rosie Cox food talk – ideally 18th & 25th Ceri to lead
- Tony Juniper talk – he’s willing to do something with us and Irma is in contact wit him and will lead this. Ideally get him for 28th Closing Event. (We need to be aware that he is running for Green Party elections.)
- Arts PictureHouse Film showings – Irma to request 2 screenings from Trish at the Arts– ideally 19th & 26th – proposing screenings of ‘Power of Community’ & ‘The Eleventh Hour’ – Irma to lead
- Arjuna Stalls on 20th & 27th –Jono & Irma to lead
- Market Square stall on 27th – Jono & Irma to lead

- Community Centre, community groups & churches film showings/talks – James to lead with this; get list of centres from Helen Witherington & establish contact and availability & costs (aim for free!). Certainly would want events at Meadows, Barnwell Community Centre, Trumpington Village Hall etc. James to communicate the information gained by this with Nicola (Food Group) and other interested parties wanting to run events.

- Ceri to check availability and cost of Trumpington Village Hall – aim for free! (Generally £10 per hour)

- Retreat – perhaps in the middle of the festival. Irma to lead this.
- Transition Tavern – raised in a bulletin, this could be a great opportunity during the festival. Irma & James to liaise with contact person.
- Closing Event on Jesus Green on 28th at 2pm. Ideas: Cycle Cinema film showing, tea party (local produce), Tony Juniper talk, measure your own carbon to get to the event. Publicise in the local press. Perhaps link with CCF & Hub groups.

Meeting decided to have a special Environment Festival mini meeting to discuss progress and plan on 26.2.09 @ 5.15pm at CB2. To attend: Ceri, Irma, Iain & James.

4. Response to Sian Reid

- Ceri & Dave Fox are already meeting with council regarding Food policy

- Ceri to lead with organising a Council Liaison meeting to discuss our response – to be invited particularly will be Jono, James, Ceri, Peter, Anna and David. Also Jono has proposed his mother Bev would be useful to this meeting and is willing to help. She will also be invited.

5. Regional Transition Town meetings

Ceri noted we have missed the Norwich meeting in January, but there is a meeting at Downham Market on 7 March. Iain & Suzie will hopefully attend.

6. Any Other Business

Ceri recommends we look at the Cambridge Architecture journal – very useful and informative resource. Also available online.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 5th March 6pm

Chair will be: tbc

AGENDA ITEMS for next time:

1) Please can everyone read the strategy document that Peter sent round so we can discuss it at the next meeting – need to nail out the time-line of calendar events.

2) Kama’s environmental constellation workshop – would we still like to have one?

3) James proposes TCB buys a projector & screen to enable us to confidently put on film showings and talks without fear of equipment failure/ incompatibility. James to get idea of costs to next meeting.