Transition Cambridge Steering Group – Minutes of meeting held 14th May 2009

Present: Jono [Chair], Ceri, Irma, Naveen, James, Rob

Apologies: Nicki, Anna, Nicola Terry (IT group)

1. **Sub-groups:** There was a written report from the IT sub-group

2. **Meetings**

   There was a discussion concerning meeting format. This included:
   - should we move towards a more social meeting at SG members houses, including eating together?
   - more SG visioning would be a good idea
   - some feel that the Cafe format prevents more open/ongoing discussion
   - some feel that a home/food based meeting on a regular basis could be too difficult to sustain
   - Irma & Naveen proposed a camping weekend (poss Aug 15th-16th) *Irma to find out more details*
   - *Jono & Naveen to suggest some dates for a SG social event*

3. **Stalls**

   Irma & Naveen have made excellent progress with the stall! Martin from the Food Group is ordering a banner from a local supplier. It was agreed to see how that turned out before making a decision whether to go down the same route.

4. **Strawberry Fair**

   - the Schnews tent will no longer be appearing
   - some seemed unsure about how the Fair presence was being organised.
   - a couple of points arose from the Fair discussion:
     - the ‘Champion’ model of project organisation was queried. Some felt that it left those who proposed an idea exposed and loaded with the bulk of the responsibility for seeing that idea through. Some felt that it was the best model that had come forward so far.
     - the more people we can bring to the transition initiative the better.
     - people involved in ‘championing’ projects need to protect their personal resources to avoid burn-out
     - as a Steering Group we need to focus on the stage we are at – Awareness Raising – that way we will bring more energy into the group and hopefully many hands will help make light work.

5. **Transition Tavern**
The Tavern event will be going ahead on the 31st. Rob will circulate posters for distribution and display.

6. City Council

We have received a request for information from Andrew Poulter [Cambs CC]. Rob had responded. It was felt that, given that there were ongoing contacts with the Council from various quarters, that any Council contact should be circulated via the group as a whole.

Rob to forward response to the SG mail group.

7. Keys

Mary is to be removed from the Café key holders sign-out list and Ceri’s name is to be put on instead. Anna to action

8. Open Space

Proposed for the afternoon of July 5th

9. Transition training

To be organised for the 5th-6th September

10. Rosie Cox Talk

The promotion and viability of this event was discussed. Ceri will discuss the event with Rosie and decide whether the talk should go ahead.