Transition Cambridge Steering Group meeting – minutes
16 April 2009 in The Shop, Jesus Lane

Present: Rosie, Nicola, Naveen, Rob, Jono, Anna, Charlotte Synge (at the end)
Apologies: Ceri, James, David, Sharon, Irma

Reports from sub-groups:

Food Group: Nicola brought us up to date with the food group’s activites.
There was a particular issue regarding the Farmers Shop on Lensfield Road, who thought they had given us a basket of fresh produce for a raffle, and that we had never thanked them. This wasn’t us, it was possibly someone from one of the colleges. Ceri, Rob, Anna and Nicola will look into it and try to sort it out – we want to build good relationships with local businesses.
Nicola asked about a food group social in the café, and the next available date is 28 May – she’ll see if the food group wants to use it then.

Education Group: Rosie - Rosie told us about the presentation at Linton College and showed us the 'Story of your Breakfast' resources cards that have been made. She can make these available to us, and possibly Naveen can use some of them as part of the new stall.
Rosie and Nicola left.

1. Environment Festival
   - Rosie Cox talk - decided to leave it and not challenge the Council about it further.
   - Further discussion about the Environment Festival events to wait until James is here.
   - Re speaker for the “What is Transition?” event, Rob is leading on this, and we will all try to get ideas about possible speakers to him so he can put a list together and start inviting people. Anna and Naveen can help as needed. Rob to contact Ceri about nationally-recognised speakers.

2. Sustainable Communities Act - Jono explained what it was. There's a meeting next week that he and Ceri will go to. He has two points he wants to make re local food production and energy rating of new homes.

3. Logo - While it was agreed that the logos done by Sharon's friend are beautiful, it was felt they were too complex, and that our current very simple logo is better because it is very simple and easy to recognise. So we decided to stick with current logo and leave a decision about a new logo till later.

4. Transition Taverns. No-one has replied by e-mail wanting to help organise it after it went out in the bulletin, but we all felt it would be a good meeting to organise, and Jono, Anna and Naveen agreed to help as required. Rob will lead. The landlady of the Six Bells pub is keen. Date will be Sunday 31st May, and Rob has speakers from the various sub-groups who are interested.

5. Irma asked when is a good date to invite Tony Juniper to speak. The 2nd week in May is empty so would be a good time. Anna to talk to Irma about date, time and venue.
6. Naveen and Mary are putting together a **stall**, which ideally will be readily transportable. They are hoping to sew on A4 plastic folders onto material, and then the contents of the plastic wallets can be changed as what we are doing changes. They would like to invite people to come and help them make this at a Transition café session on 14 May – Anna has added this to the café calendar. People can put poems pictures etc (e.g. ones from the storytelling event).

7. **Open Meeting** – possibly 2nd weekend of July – check again with people at next meeting, to see if enough of us can make it.

8. **Storytelling** meeting coming up, Anna and Kati will be on 209Radio this coming Monday.

9. There is going to be a **new community centre in Cherry Hinton** and they’ve contacted us about doing a Transition event, but it may be at short notice as they’re not sure of dates yet. Possibly we could show a film as that’s easy to organize quickly.

10. Anna has made a little **diagram showing all the TC sub-groups** – will put on web and give to Rob to use at the Transition Taverns event. There are quite a few now!