Transition Cambridge Steering Group Minutes 11/11/09

Present:
Jono (Chair); James, Naveen, Anna, Ivan, Pippa, Maggie (minutes)

Vacant Shop Window in Burleigh Street
We have been offered this space (5’ x 8’) to use as advertising space for Transition Cambridge. All agreed with Anna that this is a great opportunity.
Action:
To meet on Sunday 15th November, 2pm at Jono and Naveen’s house, to organise display.

Mill Road Winter fair (5th December)
Transition Cambridge have 3 tables. Ivan showed us the arrangement.
Food group to have a ‘Catalogue of Ideas for Christmas gifts’ and focus on reducing food wastage.
Ivan suggested creating an A6 information sheet about Transition Cambridge / ‘Christmas card’ to give out.
Action:
James to co-ordinate this event.

Transition Cambridge Xmas Gathering 21st December
CB1 possible venue (Nicky investigating)
Possibly drinks, mince pies and music
Action:
Nicky and Anna to follow up a DJ
Ideas to Anna/Nicky

Events Secretary
James Thomas may take on this new post. He has ICT knowledge.

Training update
Naveen brought this up as needing action
NVC training
Permaculture

Funding update for events
Lush Fund available for 10 high profile events to start new groups.
Two possible events to receive funding are:
  i. Local Currency event
  ii. University Group event

Story Telling
Anna, Rowan and Bev running a Transition Tales and Visions event at the Christmas Fair at the Steiner School 21st November.

Evolution of the Steering Group and draft Discussion Document.
Nicky, James, Jono, Naveen, and Anna met and created a draft document that was initially circulated to the Steering Group members.
Suggestions Include:
Steering group to dissolve to become more inclusive and transparent;
Monthly hub meetings with 2 representatives from each group.
Group to have a co-ordinating role.
Awareness raising group to form.
Action
· Meeting to be convened to discuss these proposals and plan way forward with members of groups (11th January suggested date)
· To get a facilitator for this day (Anna to do this)
· Discussion document to be circulated to all groups
· Maggie to collate feedback comments.

Agenda for meetings
Pippa suggested that she could collate agenda items prior to the steering group meetings.

Room for hire / use at Emmanuel United Reform Church
Emmanuel United Reform Church has another church. There is the possibility that Transition Cambridge may be able to use the small vestry room for storing equipment/as an office.

Future Events / action points
· 4th December: Biodanza with a pot luck supper at the Friends Meeting House
· 6th December: Meditation for Copenhagen
· January: Age of Stupid community showing with shared meal.
· Pippa to make follow up contacts re. Grow Zones and Local Currency Events.
· Ivan to contact Molly who is linked with the Stroud Transition group

Open Space Training Day and Bursary fund.
Pippa wants to attend this day in London. Asked if Transition Cambridge would be able to contribute to the cost of £150.
We discussed the need for a Bursary Fund. Agreed we would all benefit from her attending this. No decision made.
Ivan proposed setting up a ‘Friends of Transition Group’ with a subscription. He will write ideas for this.

Constitution
James and Anna to work out a constitution

Next meeting at the Café: November 26th November 09