

NHTT Coordinating Group Meeting

Monday 13 September 2010, 7.30pm Cunnoquhie Lodge

Present: Louise Barron, Neil Stoddart, Crispin Hayes, Sandy Finlayson, Hamid Van Koten, Tom Morton

Apologies: Dave Hamilton, Hayley Mills, Andy McKie

Chair: Tom Morton

Minutes: Louise Barron

- Meeting opened with a discussion around the resolution to add a new object to the Articles of Association to allow us to apply to Entrust. Consensus was reached. This is minuted separately.
- **TSS Business Plan – Neil**  
Neil provided an updated on TSS Business plan model.
- **Engagement with Letham Primary School**  
Hamid provided an update on the progress Letham Primary School. We have now set up a sub group to deal with this. Neil has already been working with the school as part of the energy projects.

Leilani and Hamid have been working up some ideas for food project work. These include Herb and edible plant workshops, eco songs and eco art work.  
We have not yet had feedback from Mrs Gibb regarding this proposal.

Hamid is working on another idea and has been in touch with film makers Gemma and Serge who did our previous transition film. They would be interested in doing a film project with the school modelled on some of the work Rob Hopkins has done, e.g. News of the future. This would be an awareness raising exercise. Also suggested was the idea of getting older members of the community involved, drawing on memories.

Discussion followed.

Budgetary issues were highlighted. Should it come from existing pots or should we apply for funding for this.

Discussion followed around how we include the children of Giffordtown, Charlottetown and Edentown. If after school we could invite the children from this area? We need to think about how do we integrate the children in these areas. Should we be more flexible with our area as it would be beneficial to the group as a whole.

**AP Next Steps-We need to scope out the project a bit more and speak to the school, think about how to make it inclusive and then think about the funding. Sub group to do this.**

Energy group also talking about turbines for the school

- **National Transition Gathering and Conference, in Edinburgh**

19<sup>th</sup> Nov Gathering, South Hall, Pollock Hall, is free but we do need to need to register for places. This is liable to be an open space event.

Conference at John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh is the following 2 days for which there is a cost of £100, <http://transitionsdiverserroutes.eventbrite.com/>

There followed a discussion around funding places for members. Neil suggesting that we get as many people from our group as possible.

The group agreed that we should offer a handful of places free and this should be advertised in the ebulletin and the next community newsletter.

The group discussed which budget this should come from and how many places we should pay. It was agreed that we should wait and see what interest is like.

**AP-Hamid to work up details and then Louise will circulate.**

- **Community Visioning Event - Sustaining the initiative**

Eva is happy to facilitate an event for free. This type of event would be to celebrate what we have achieved and how we want to move forward rather than being an end point.

Hamid attended a workshop around a community timeline asking the community where they would like to be in 30 years time.

It was agreed that this should be very open and well publicised. It should be a fun event with food and drink and about the community as a whole. Ideal timing would be February/March. We may run an event in each village hall.

**AP-Events group to move it forward**

- **Funding Post March 2011**

Louise circulated findings

Tom and Neil met to go through potential funds to identify funds we can and cannot access. This was primarily for community renewables.

Scottish Community Funds provide funding for core activities. We can apply for £5000.

The group discussed how the core activities could be funded. Some of grant applications for specific projects have admin costs built in at 5-10%.

In long term we are going to rely on project costs but it was highlighted that we can start to develop profit making activities without CCF funding as we need to become self sustaining.

**AP- Neil to apply to Scottish Communities Fund for core activities following March 2011**

- **Letham Woodland Group**

The Letham Woodland Group is currently reconstituting to a CIC and would like to use NHTT for Asset Transfer.

The Group agreed that this was acceptable.

- **Monimail Community Council Nomination**

The nominations for local community consultations are due to be in on Thursday 16 September.

**AP-Louise will get forms and nominate Neil and Tom**

Discussion around Collessie CC- Neil to talk to Bill

- **Financial Update**

Andy has emailed financial update to Directors

Discussion followed Food Storage Feasibility, could the money be transferred over. This is for the food group to take forward

**AP-Louise to put on agenda for food group**

- **Group Update**

**Energy Group-** The projects are progressing to plan. The group are currently working through the insulation and draught proofing measures.

**AP- Louise to local final Survey and get it on the website and in the bulletin.**

**AP- Tom to email Crispin the survey**

**Transport Group-** The last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for Monday 20 Sept. Crispin has been working on pathways and bike parking and has worked up a detailed project plan totalling £91,500 detailed plan. He is looking at various potential funders for this.

Trips share – very lengthy discussion even about putting a sign on a bus shelter so this is ongoing

**Events Group-**Crispin proposed that the cash till, rolls and print head become an NHTT asset. Consensus agreed that we should do this.

**AP-Louise to send invoices to Andy**

**Food Group**-The Food Group organised a wild food foray at Tentsmuir which was attended by 20 people.

The next Food Group meeting is 20 October in Collessie Hall where Mike Small from Fife Diet will be talking.

- **AOB**

**Office bearers**

We will need to organise new office bearers moving forward. Current chair has taken a step back from the organisation. This will need done at a co group meeting.

We should be drawing in new Directors. We need to think about possible people and also put out a call for Directors and bring ideas for discussion at next meeting.