

Transition Black Isle Meeting - 4th June 2009

Date: Thursday 4th June 2009 at Glachbeg Croft.

Present: Maggie Dove, Penny Edwards, Ken Naismith, Wendy Price, Martin Sherring, Anne Thomas, Sue Varley. Katy Kitchingham of RoWAN also attended part of the meeting.

- 1) The meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Wendy Price was appointed facilitator. It was agreed that the facilitator for the next meeting should be chosen at the end of each meeting instead of at the start of the next meeting. Responsibility for finding a replacement facilitator was to be with the facilitator if that person became unable to attend the next meeting in the meantime. Sue Varley will change the constitution to reflect this agreement.
- 2) Apologies for absence were received from Agric, Bob Bull, Helen Bull, Mary Bowen, Hugh Collins, Sara Mann, Erica Mayhew, Anita Murray, John Wood.
- 3) The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

4) RoWAN and Open Gardens – Katy Kitchingham

RoWAN are arranging an open gardens day to publicise and demonstrate composting. TBI wants to involve Changeworks and make this a gardens and homes day which will cover composting, food growing, energy efficiency and renewable energy on the Black Isle. Provisional date is 5th September. There are three composting sites and around 5 renewable sites, spread from Cromarty to Strathpeffer so there is a logistics problem with time, shared transport and possibly parking. Need to get “exhibitors” committed – Katy is to draft a form for people to sign up to the day and describe their “attraction”, which she will send to Anne Thomas. There may be a problem with liability although it was felt that most household policies will cover this, exhibitors will need to check their insurance and there may be a need to arrange additional insurance for the day. The energy group is to be responsible for co-ordinating and liaising with partners, and the awareness raising group are to arrange the publicity.

Since the exhibitors will be tied to their own property, it is hoped to organise a preview day where all can see each other's offerings. If this was held before the public day then it could be used as a dry run to see how it all works out.

5) Constitution and Bank Account

5.1 The application for the bank account has been sent to the Co-op, we are awaiting a response.

5.2 Changes agreed at last week's constitution meeting have been incorporated and advice sought from CVS. Changes recommended by CVS were agreed at the meeting and will be incorporated. The final draft will be posted to the forum, if no adverse comments are made by 18th June the constitution will be deemed to have been accepted.

ACTION Sue Varley and Wendy Price.

6) Federation of Small Businesses Stall - 6th June

Wendy Price has produced 3 posters for display, these were agreed for use on Saturday, to be printed at size A3. Wendy is to produce an extra poster inviting sponsorship from any local business to cover printing and laminating at A2 size. The new leaflet will be used on

Saturday.

7) Presentation at Black Isle Ward Forum – Thursday 11th June

We have a 5 to 7 minute slot, Wendy will speak on Transition in general and TBI in particular. Martin will talk about Peak Oil. Comments were made on the new leaflet to be incorporated before, and made available at the event. Wendy will post the agenda to the TBI forum.

8) Raising Awareness

Due to time constraints this item was taken very briefly. Penny Edwards is to join the sub group, Wendy is happy to help out. Dave Lynch at the Greenhouse in Dingwall is getting the Age of Stupid film and is happy for TBI to show it.

9) Climate Challenge Funding – Penny Edwards

To apply before the November deadline we need to put together an Expression of Interest with a 500 word summary of proposal. Any group can submit multiple applications so it is better to start with a small application, possibly for money to hire halls for showing awareness raising films, and/or for Public Liability insurance. Penny is to ask Eva about this.

TBI needs a plan of where we want to be in 6 months time, and some idea of how we are to get there so we can apply for funding to carry this through. Penny is to put together a framework for comment/contribution through the forum. It was noted that Vanessa Halhead also has experience in applying for funding.

10) Fun Day.

The joint social event with Friends of the Earth has been postponed. We can't organise an alternative fun day by the next Saturday meeting which is on 27th June. Wendy is to contact Agric to see if he could use a working party and get some possible dates, with a social afterwards. A venue for the social part other than Netherton would need to be found. A beach clean followed by a barbecue at Rosemarkie was also suggested as a possibility.

11) Any Other Business

Wendy Price agreed to facilitate the next meeting which is on 27th June, 2.30 pm at Glachbeg.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.