TRANSITION BLACK ISLE
Minutes of Comms meeting at Maggie’s – 2pm Fri 22 Feb 2013

Present
Wendy, (Chair) Maggie, John, Teen (by Skype) and Pat Kemsley (member) and Jackie Buckingham

Action points

Be the Change
Pat and Jackie came to tell us about their plans to hold a “Be the Change” symposium at Rosemarkie in September. We agreed we would help them publicise the event and have a stall at it too. Their aims of encouraging people to change but possibly not providing the actual medium of change may result in more members for us. They will keep in touch.

Climate Change meeting
We agreed that having Alex Hill back again was repeating ourselves and possibly sending out a negative message. A possible alternative would be to invite orgs such as THC SNE SEPA SSE etc to come to an arranged public meeting and tell us of their contingency plans. Positive discussions afterwards might reveal how communities could help. This would involve much negotiation with the orgs so would suggest early 2014 as a date. We will propose this to next admin meeting

Transition 2 and other films
Teen and Wendy will host the film at Fortrose on Wed 20 March. Teen will introduce the evening with summary of last year’s conference. No other films will be shown during the summer as enough is going on with Million Miles. No specific decision was taken with regard to “Trashed” – needs to be raised at Admin meeting

Transition Gathering
Sat Oct 5
th has been set aside for this event and we agreed it would be good to run it more as a festival possibly with schools involved in fancy dress from waste products. We could have demonstrations of basket weaving, wool spinning, pole lathing etc plus short presentations from other Transition groups in the area. Get approval from admin group then ACT! There will be much to organise.

Sophie Banks (Totnes Transition) and inner transition
Sophie is offering to provide, for free, an evening session on this or any other issues TBI would find beneficial at some point in May. Teen will follow up

Newsletter and web
We agreed the newsletter should come out at the beginning of every month so that members can see what’s on in that month. To that end we will not have a February one and this week’s (ending on 1st) newsletter will be the March edition. We need to find a way of printing out several copies – mailchimp creates problems – Wendy to investigate with local print companies

Teen has created new Million Miles pages and could do with feedback. John will amend front welcome page which shows only £100,000 received from CCF and not the £295,000

Next meeting – Skype at 2pm on Fri 12 April