



Developing community action to make Portishead more resilient

Steering group meeting 11/1/2010

Minutes:

Present: Gill Gething, Paul Thurston, Jon Gething, Ann Orchard

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from Elizabeth Norville.

2. Officers for meeting

Jon to chair, Ann to minute.

3. Feedback from Victorian evening

By asking for donations we raised £50.93. for items we had been given. Only two other people brought items to swap. We agreed it was a worthwhile event apart from the income in that it gave us a showcase, and we took some contact details. The location was good, we will ask for similar in the future.

Next year we will ask for Christmas items from people on our mailing list before the event, & we intend to use the banner.

4. Community garden/orchard/nut grove

Jon has spoken to Gary Withers, North Somerset Council about a nut grove at Welly Bottom. We do not intend to run this ourselves, there needs to be a group to take this on, who would then deal with funding, planting and management of the area. We would like to work with, possibly, people from Portishead in Bloom and other interested groups, eg The Horticultural Society, & Avon Wildlife. To form this group, we may need to advertise for members. We envisage a mixture of trees, native species. Transition would then be concerned with annual harvesting.

Jon will talk to Sandy Tebbutt.

Action JG

5. Energy Day

Jon has been unable to find a sponsor for this. We decided to cancel the Somerset Hall booking for 6th March. The Government is offering an incentive for renewable power generation from April, so later in the year might be a better time.

Jon & Paul will meet to plan future activity. Paul will consult Bill Roberts, Long Ashton Transition.

Action JG, PT

6. Open evening St Joseph's Hall 21st Jan

£25 to Jon in payment for the hall.

We are showing 'The power of community'. Paul thought we should consider how we

market this event. We will contact local people to try to raise some support for this. We planned the evening, Jon to introduce, Paul to lead small group discussion.

We need :- 'The Power of Community'

peak oil folders
drinks & nibbles
wine glasses
cloth
flip chart

Action GG, JG

Action AO

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Action PT

Set up hall 7.00p.m. for 7.30 start.

Jon to send out mail to our list and contact press

Action JG

7. Farmers market 13th Feb

We decided that though a presence would be good there would be little to swap at this time, so to postpone starting a regular swap table until May after our seed/seedling swap on 24th April.

8. Schools

Gill & Jon have devised a questionnaire for schools, we have been undecided when to send these out. Gill has been asked for involvement in Highdown Junior science week. Gill & Ann have started planning for 6 workshop sessions. We intend then to leave the questionnaire with the science coordinator. If the workshop is successful then we will offer it to the other primaries.

Action GG, AO

Gill will arrange dates for workshops

Action GG

Elizabeth has contacted Paul Wilson at Gordano

9. Town Council

We had intended to make a presentation to the Town Council in Feb to inform them further about the organisation & ask for support, financial & other.

Jon says that we can either talk to the Recreation & Works Committee who will then carry it to the main meeting or talk to the council as a whole. Jon will talk to the town clerk to see when & what would be best.

Action JG

Gill & Ann had provisionally intended to do this, Paul expressed an interest.

10. Actions from last meeting

Ann had asked Paul B if he wanted to be involved in the energy group, he was unsure, but would like to know of events & meetings. Jon will still mail him.

Action JG

Offer talk to other organisations

Jon will contact Avon Wildlife, & Gordano Society

Action JG

Gill will contact Lions

Action GG

Ann will look at list & contact other appropriate organisations

Action AO

11. Fund Raising

We have had £100 from the Coop. There is a possibility the Town Council may help.

12. Bank Account

Gill will take in necessary document

Action GG

13.AOB

We are still considering how best to publicise us & our events. Paul suggested that Transition is not an easy notion to convey to other people.
Gill suggested a Hessian 'transition Portishead' bag.

Action GG

13.Next meetings

20th Jan, Plan school workshop 12.30pm 89 Burlington Rd GG, AO
21st Jan Open meeting, The Power of Community, 7.30pm St Joseph's Hall
24th April, seed, seedling swap
16th May, provisional date for car-boot swap