

**Transition Town Kingston – core group meeting
Tues April 26 2022, 6.30 – 7.30pm at the Spring Grove pub**

NOTES (actions in red, postponed items/decisions in blue)

Present: Peter Mason, Marilyn Mason (note-taking), Toni Izard

Apologies had been received from: Damon, Hilary, John, Paul

1. **Last meeting's notes** to confirm and approve for publication (**postponed**) + **matters and actions arising** – **All** please (re-)read and check that you are up-to-date with actions.
2. **Updates:** as needed
 - **KE News** – MM reported that it was about to go out.
 - **Canbury Community Garden** – Muddy Toddlers and school visits had continued/restarted. RBK were going to erect a new shed for the toddlers' toys; CCG/Muddy Toddlers had also received their funding from RBK for new equipment and a new hen coop. Seed and seedling planting was well under way.
 - **RBK working groups** continued with some TTK input – MM had met with and been impressed by the RBK Transition to a Green Economy WG and the information provided to the group by council officer Ioanna Rossi. MM had attended on 11/4 to talk about The Kingston Hive project and to consult the business community about demand from green small business and start-ups – a lot of business greening and useful info-sharing going on, including some kind of directory and a circular economy map – work in progress at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1juen8SvqHUHd5d2qwasMVdaxMdORbYry&ll=51.36670147629462%2C-0.20260903984308243&z=11>.
 - **The Kingston Hive** – MM reported that the Hive Directors had got in their application to lease the community space in the former Post Office on Eden Street. It was a good application that fitted the criteria of St George (the developer), but there was competition for the space, and no indication of when the decision would be made. In the meantime, as the space would not be available till Feb 2023, a subgroup would continue looking for other space(s). There was considerable overlap between The Hive's aims and proposed activities and TTK's (e.g. film shows, talks, workshops etc).
3. **TTK - coming up: 2021-2022 AGM** to plan and make arrangements (**postponed**) for audit, Zoom or IRL... Who would like to chair? See * **NOTE** on last year's AGM. There were not enough of us present to plan this event, so we decided **to postpone it till 28th June** and to use the May core group meeting (**All**) to plan. **Project leads** could write and send in their end of May 2121 – end of May 2022 reports even if unable to attend on the new date. **MM** would publicise change of date asap. See **Additional Notes*** for last year's Agenda.
4. **Ideas & volunteers for future TTK events, activities, projects** (see **Additional Notes*** on criteria):
 - **'Planet of the Humans'** screening - TI reported that it was probably too depressing (and maybe too long to include the necessary discussion?) to screen but recommended that the core group watched it – available on YouTube. MM wondered if we should screen **Seaspiracy** - <https://www.seaspiracy.org/> - sometime? Where? When?
 - **Climate Justice** event with GJN and Fairtrade – no more news on this.
 - **Transition Together discussions and workshops, 11 - 21 May** - <https://transitiontogether.org.uk/events/summit2022/> - including on **Sat 14th May, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM** - a full-day workshop on attracting new people to your Transition group, ensuring it grows and sustains itself long term. TI wondered what for – but maybe to recruit more core team, more active members who would do stuff? Two or more of the group need to attend for the full day – seems

worthwhile, potentially useful, but a big commitment of time - any volunteers **(All)?**

- **Kingston Carnival 2022** – HG had reported that it was likely to happen – would it include a GreenZone? Should we plan for this, ask KREC, keep a date (traditionally 1st Sunday in September) free?

- **TTK 15th birthday** in (April?) 2023 if we survive that long and want to mark it in some way

5. **Resources:** publicity/comms, fliers, TTK funds/bank account, website...

- **Funds** and banking update: , Open Collective discussion (**postponed**). Additional access to bank account (DH-D had volunteered) not yet done(**PMc**). [Are we still members of TCC? KEC? Had we made our donation to The Kingston Hive? -**for next meeting**]

- **Assets list and insurance policy**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e0BDYMeWSyjiQyP51bizdoPYGRTw6-GQ-DuDramHo8/edit?usp=sharing>... It now looked complete, but MM suggested that we tried to add

replacement costs for expensive items (items worth just a few hundred pounds would not be covered because of the excess) – **MM** would add a line in the spreadsheet for replacement cost, **All** to complete. Someone should check the insurance policy to make sure that high value items, e g, Abundance equipment, the Energy Group thermal camera, were insured, and if not, perhaps change the insurance policy.

- **Website admin** – so far, no new offers to administrate/edit (**All** to please consider)

- **Website page on community gardens** – those present thought we should also include nature conservation projects (**MM** would adjust and publicise accordingly) – responses and progress so far had been slow.

- Should we transfer or update our **URL registration** (**PMc** – discussion **postponed**)?

- Should we close down the **Green Directory**? **MM** thought we should, as it was impossible to keep updated and accurate and other guides such as circular economy maps being created by Ioanna @ RBK and **PMc** could be better alternatives – but a final decision **postponed**.

6. **AOB:**

- **History spread sheet - dates.xlsx** has disappeared permanently. **MM** still had the info but we needed a time-line on the website that we can add items to gradually.

- **Ham Open Gardens 2022** Sunday 22 May, 12.00 – 5.00pm, probably our nearest open gardens event - [more information and tickets here](#).for those interested (Greycourt School has/had a school allotment + chickens)

[- **TCC monthly meeting** on 27/4, am – **MM** attended interesting presentations on latest report from IPCC, plans for TCC's Great Big Green Week w b Sept 24 (<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> - do we want to participate in any way/apply for a grant? – **for another meeting**), and on a pilot nature-(hedgehog-)based CC campaign in a Tory stronghold (Epsom and Ewell). Notes and recorded presentations will be shared in due course and **MM** will forward.]

7. **Date of next meetings: Tues 31 May, 6.30pm with AGM on Tues 28 June, 6.30pm**

GREEN DRINKS – no additional drinkers turned up, but we had a good catch-up on films, the merits or otherwise of renewable energy and population control, energy return on energy invested... before what formal business we could manage and afterwards, and went home at 8.30pm.

*** Additional Notes – for future meetings**

- **Last year's AGM Agenda** - will this do?) Reports and 2019-20 minutes published at https://e-voice.org.uk/ttkingston/files/index?folder_id=45277988 but no 2020-21 minutes published (red bits need updates):

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's AGM [are there any??]
4. TTK Treasurer's report
5. Review of TTK year's activities, **May 2020 to end of May 2121**
6. **What would you like to do where you are?**
7. Nominations/elections to **2021 – 22 management team**
8. AOB:

- **TTK criteria for attending or running events, 2012** – are they still useful, do they need updating?

General Aims	Specific Aims	Tick 2 boxes
Increasing general awareness	TTK profile, raising the issues	
Being a respected part of the community		
Behaviour change	Initiating change and teaching new skills	
Normalising sustainability	Winning people over	
Being an ethical presence		
Getting new sign-ups	How many?	
Getting new active 'doers'		
Find out direction the people want to go in		
Reality checking		
Networking	Making new contacts Finding new resources	
Fundraising	How much?	
Publicity	Target audience?	