

Transition Town Kingston – core group (CG) meeting

Date: Tues May 31st, 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: Spring Grove pub

NOTES

Present: Damon (DH-D), Hilary (HG), Toni (TI), Marilyn (MM, note-taker), Peter (PJM), Paul (PMc)

Apologies had been received from John Fellowes

- Meeting notes** from March and April were confirmed and approved to publish on TTK website (by **MM**) as everyone present at those 2 meetings was at this meeting and had no additions or corrections to make.
Matters and actions arising from April and March meetings were discussed as below, or deferred to a future meeting (see item 6), as planning our AGM next month had to take priority.
- Updates:**
 - MM and DH-D updated on new **Climate Action officers/dept at RBK** – MM had had a positive meeting with Terezie Wickenden the day before, and another, with Lillian Lochner, Climate Action Officer (Efficient Homes) scheduled for 20/6 – **MM** would ask if DH-D could come too. The Climate Action team is keen to work with the community, and it seems that MM/the dormant KEF/TTK are the Council's "go-tos" amongst the green networks in Kingston (one good reason for TTK to keep going?).
 - MM also recommended catching up with recent **Transition Together discussions** and workshops, 11 - 21 May (Together We Can playlist [here](#)) as other Transition groups shared some of TTK's problems, and there was an encouraging crossover between Transition Together and Climate Emergency Centres; we should continue to support The Kingston Hive (**PMc** to transfer remains of TT Bounce Forward funds to The Hive, as agreed at a previous meeting).
 - MM reported that **Canbury Community Garden** had had a difficult month with building work on one side of the yard and tree removal on the other side disrupting usual activities, but works were coming to a close and she hoped that RBK would soon construct the promised new shed for Muddy Toddlers kit. Muddy Toddlers had spent and claimed their share of the recent funding they had received from RBK, and **MM** would nudge John, Canbury Community Chicken Collective lead, to spend and claim the CCCC share of the funding.
- TTK 2021 -2022 AGM planning:** **DH-D** would chair the meeting, **MM** would provide and circulate an overview of 2021-2 events and prospects for the future, and the Agenda was agreed (see *Appendix 1* below). It appeared, and **PMc** confirmed, that few if any quorate MT meetings had happened in 2021, largely due to Covid lockdowns, though other events on the TTK website had taken place, practical projects had continued, and the core group had met regularly since January 2022. Project leaders (**TI, PJM, MM**) would provide reports of their 2021-2 activities with a photo or two if possible up to end of May 2022, and **PMc** would provide readable accounts for April 2021 - April 2022 (we agreed that an audit was not required and that more recent, post-April transactions would appear in

next year's AGM accounts. **All** to complete reports for uploading to the website a fortnight before the AGM, i.e., Tuesday 14/6. **All present** agreed to continue serving in the core group for the rest of 2022 (and beyond if TTK survived and thrived) and also to welcome new members and new projects should they emerge.

4. **Other TTK events, activities, projects, connections**

- **A 2022 Green Zone** – we agreed to explore the possibility of organising a Green Zone, either as part of Kingston Carnival if it happened (in early Sept) or as a stand-alone event as part of **The Climate Coalition Big Green Week** (w b 24 Sept) and the Council's **Sustainable September** (a good time of year to talk about energy efficiency), which could also feature other events and talks that TTK and our allies could offer. **All** to keep beginning and end of Sept free if possible, and **MM** would apply for TCC funds for hiring a tent for talks and workshops (TI, DH-D offered short talks), printing fliers and posters, prizes and giveaways (tbc - seeds, draught-proofing materials...), parking expenses etc, as our offer could fit well under one or 2 of the TCC criteria for funding. TTK would invite all our green group contacts and RBK environment teams to participate. [**Climate Justice** event with GJN and Fairtrade – could be included in a Green Zone event.]

- **Campaign idea** – DH-D made the useful suggestion that we could connect traditional TTK support for active and sustainable travel with more general (Council, Seething Wells AG...) concerns about biodiversity and public health and wellbeing, by promoting linked up “**Greenways**” across Kingston – biodiversity corridors combined with walking and cycling pathways.

- **Post-election Kingston Council** – **MM** would register TTK for the KVA-hosted **Meet and Greet for Councillors and Voluntary Organisations** on Thursday, 14 July from 18:00 to 20:00 at the URC – **PM, MM & DH-D** would attend [no tables/stalls left unfortunately]. **MM** would also take up PMc's suggestion that we contact all councillors to remind them of TTK's existence and offer help and support on climate emergency and other eco action, hope to meet them at KVA's Meet and Greet...

5. **AOB**

- **Website** – please join so that you can edit and access core group resources (**All**)

- **TTK bank account** – PMc and DH-D were completing banking docs to permit DH-D to access account and assist PMc

- MM had filled in **RBK monitoring form** re funding for Big Seed Giveaway in spring 2021 and **KVA's State of the Sector survey** of voluntary groups (though we didn't fit into most of their boxes).

- **Items/decisions held over for future meetings** - see *Appendix 2*. MM requested that occasional decisions could be made between meetings by email.

6. **Date of next meeting(s): AGM on Tues 28 June** – will this affect Green Drinks?, **CG meeting on Tues 26th July**

APPENDIX 1

2022 AGM Agenda

Tues 28th June, from 6.30pm at the Spring Grove, followed by Green Drinks

1. **Welcome** (DH-D)
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **2021 AGM Reports** published at https://e-voice.org.uk/ttkingston/files/index?folder_id=45277988 though no formal Minutes available, to be confirmed as accurate and as complete as we can manage under the circumstances.
4. **Overview of TTK activities** (DH-D), end of May 2021 to end of May 2022 – with more detailed project reports available on the website for 2 weeks pre-AGM + at the AGM
5. **TTK Treasurer's report**, April 2021 – April 2022 (PMc)
6. **Confirmation of minor updates to TTK Constitution** – see <https://e-voice.org.uk/ttkingston/files/file?file%5fid=45893046> (MM to explain rationale)
7. **Looking forward** – TTK plans + any other offers of future events and projects?
8. **2021 – 22 core team** – current members willing to continue serving, new volunteers welcome
9. **AOB:**

APPENDIX 2: Items (some standing) and decisions postponed to future core group meetings

- **TTK funds update & Open Collective** report (PMc)
- **Assets list** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e0BDYMeWSyjiQyP511bizdoPYGRTw6-GQ-DuDramHo8/edit?usp=sharing...> Is it complete? Is there anything we need to insure? (All)
- **Website page on community gardens** – inc conservation projects. How do we get gardens to participate – or should we give up? (MM)
- Should we transfer or update our **URL registration** (PMc)?
- Should we close down the **Green Directory** – with circular economy maps being created by Ioanna @ RBK and PMc as better alternatives? (MM)
- **Green history** - [History spread sheet - dates.xlsx](#) has disappeared permanently. Can restart if there is a need, but would be easier to add things as and when to a website time-line (PMc)?
- **Resources:** publicity/comms, fliers, TTK funds, website – do they need updates, revisions?
- **TTK 15th birthday** in (April?) 2023 if we survive that long and want to mark it in some way