

**Transition Town Kingston core group meeting
Tues 30 August, 6.30pm, Spring Grove**

NOTES (Actions in red) - confirmed as accurate at our October meeting

Present: Damon (DH-D, Deputy), Hilary (HG), Toni (TI, Abundance), Marilyn (MM, Chair, note-taking); Peter (PJM, Energy Group), Paul (PMc, Treasurer), Des (DK, Adviser/Elder)

Apologies: none had been received (or expected)

1. July core group meeting notes were approved as accurate for publication on the website **(MM)**; matters & actions arising were discussed below.

2. Updates: CG had had some updates in earlier emails/Appendices to the Agenda, e.g., on Library of Things; refurb and new community space in Kingston Library; recent Climate Coalition meetings, actions and our unsuccessful bid for TCC funding for GreenZone; (All - See earlier emails and Agenda Appendix Notes and Reports, if you missed these.). K E News would go out the next day. Other updates were postponed in favour of more urgent business such as GreenZone next month, #3 and TT funding bid.

3. TTK - coming up:

- **GreenZone** – MM reported that the programme was firming up - see <https://e-voice.org.uk/ttkingston/greenzone-2022/> though she had no detail on arrangement of the Market Place, which was being managed by others. We had not yet had an invoice from Not My Beautiful House.

Publicity - **MM** would send GZ posters for **All** to share and display (RBK notice boards and libraries already had them). Press releases and events listings were being dealt with by MM and the GZ planning group. Some inconclusive discussion about advertising GZ at Kingston Carnival on Sunday 4/9 - **MM** to raise at the weekly GZ planning meeting, **DHD** to raise with Ioanna on other publicity possibilities in the green business community.

On the day: set-up, when cars could enter the Market Place, would be from 8.00 - 10.00am, with events starting at 10.00. Cars could re-enter the Market Place after 4.00pm, but entertainments on the stage and events in the Market House would continue after that and recommended take-down time was 5.00pm. **DHD & MM** would be on duty in the MH all day, **DHD** would be chairing the Rupert Read talk at 3.00pm; **MM** had sourced flip chart easel(s) and 2 projectors, and would advise speakers to bring a selection of leads from their laptop to a projector (and/or would borrow a laptop?) and to send their presentations as pdfs to DHD ahead of time as potential back-up. **TI & PMc** would be in charge of the stall and the survey and pledges (to be written on whiteboard and photographed - **TI, PMc** to finalise). MM had requested that the stall be close to the Market House so that others could keep an eye on it if needed. **PMc** had taken away the survey sheet to design it (**MM** would send survey Qs to format), **DHD** would be acquiring some stick-on thermometers to give away with instructions and would be borrowing a card reader - **TI** also had one for Abundance and they would work out which one to use and how. (**MM** had tried to find weights to borrow for the gazebo so far without success, so would probably have to purchase some.)

- **TTK Eco-Homes** in RBK's Sustainable September

(<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/events/event/71/sustainable-september>), w/e of 10th and 11th - PJM and DH-D participating - PJM had several takers, DH-D none so far. RBK was publicising - and RBK Climate Action team was also looking for recommendations of solar panel, heat pump etc installers - MM had put a request in the latest newsletter as TTK experience was too long ago to be useful. It could be useful to have recommendations on the TTK website (but updating and checking objectivity of sources likely to be difficult?).

- **KEF relaunch meeting**, 12 Sept, 7pm at Guildhall - MM would be chairing and providing a bit of history and background before handing on. It was agreed that a genuine umbrella groups like KEF was useful. **All** invited to come but should RSVP to Terezie with affiliation(s) - see invitation sent earlier.

4. Future TTK events, activities, projects:

- **Repair café/workshop:** we agreed that this was worth a try as it had been on our wish list for years, initially small-scale to assess demand, that **DH-D** would be the main contact to gather potential helpers, and **MM** would begin work on a funding application to Transition Together, deadline October, and discuss applying jointly with Kew the Transition, which would strengthen an application. Budget should include some professional publicity, a basic tool kit (other repair cafes t b consulted), wear and tear and damage to tools... **MM** would continue ongoing conversation with Faye Jackson about use of new (2023) community space at Kingston Library, which if it worked out could provide a long-term venue in central Kingston (with some storage), and also about **talks** in Kingston Library - some of the GZ talks and workshops by TTK and other local allies may be worth repeating there (or in other places).

5. Resources: publicity, fliers, TTK funds, website, assets list...

- **Reallocating redundant projects' funding** into new funding pots: HG confirmed that "Growing Project", balance left £138.11, had been intended for gardening type projects.
- **QR codes** - thanks to PMc for creating these for TTK, GZ programme page on TTK website, and for Canbury Community Garden.
- **Website** - MM had revamped it slightly recently, with new section titles and internal links to make it easier for new visitors to find things to do.
- **History project** shareable basic info located at <https://1drv.ms/x/s!AuMF5Ud8LGmKj0oYLuUwERqBEZwE?e=5LwgsR> - **All** could supplement or amend, and **PMc** would be turning it into a timeline for the website, with links to photos, interviews, descriptions etc (still t b found and selected) There was some discussion of when GreenZone first started during Carnival on All Saints Lawn and how often we had been there (none of us had kept records, but there are some photos around of TTK at GZ in 2016, 2018, 2019, and in 2021 by the Museum...). We should record Kingston Community Energy dates (**PM**) and Ham Hydro as enterprises worth recording even though ultimately unsuccessful.

6. AOB:

- TTK future-proofing/sharing responsibilities/succession planning

MM did not want to be the only connection to and source of local and Transition news, experience, expertise, offers, networks, conversations (apart from age and general weariness, and stepping down from KEF, she could be eaten by a bear in Canada in October) and urged **All** to consider participating in Transition Together "thrive, support, nourish and strengthen" training sessions in Nov-Dec - see <https://forms.gle/FPZnyeD3G2t25kK46> to register interest.

Also to see Vive – <https://vive.transitiontogether.org.uk/dashboard> the newish UK Transition networking group (like Facebook for Transition groups) to keep up-to-date on Transition initiatives and offers and to share information.

- **Green Drinks** - discussions of local green issues and gossip continued into Green Drinks time, as no one else joined us after the main meeting.

5. Date of next meeting: Tues 27 September, 6.30pm (NB, last Tuesday in December is a Bank Holiday so meeting provisionally cancelled tbc).

HELD OVER for discussion later – or never:

- **TTK funds** update & Open Collective report / training (PMc)
- Website page on **community gardens and conservation projects**, draft now created at <https://e-voice.org.uk/ttkingston/ttk-groups-and-projects/outdoor-volunteering/outdoor-volunteering-opportuni/> - How do we get more gardens to participate – or should we give up (or leave this to a revived KEF to work on (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 more regularly updated alternatives? (MM)
 - **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.