

Transition Town Kingston – core group meeting
Tues 26 MARCH 2024, 6.30 - 7.30 at the Spring Grove
NOTES (actions in red)

Present: Marilyn (MM, chairing & note-taking), Peter (PM), Damon (DHD), Hilary (HG), Toni (T!)
Apologies had been received from Paul and Marcus.

1. **Last meeting's notes** were approved for publication on the website (**MM**). **Matters & actions arising** were covered later or deferred to after the AGM and CG reshuffles...
2. **Updates, as and when needed**
 - Some **TTK updates** had been sent earlier (see *Appendix 1*) and were not discussed further. MM added to **K E News** update that she had started a new section in the newsletter about “our river” as there were proposals and news above and below Kingston that warranted their own space. **Recycling Minds** were planning a meeting and would produce a report for the AGM (though HG would be absent). **CCG** would have an Open Garden on 28/4 during Sustain's Good to Grow Week.
 - **Other groups & orgs**: unfortunately, no CG members had been able to attend **KEC** AGM – is TTK still a paid-up member (**PMc**)?; **TCC** newsletters had been forwarded earlier; DHD reported that **KEF Solar Subgroup** had 5 interested schools, would welcome more + other community buildings - **MM** would add something to that effect in the upcoming K E News. See *Appendix 2* for other updates.
 - Should TTK join the **Zero Hour** campaign (*Appendix 2*) - <https://www.zerohour.uk/> ? There were no objections, DHD thought he might have done so already (tbc, **DHD**).
 - MM commented on how out-of-date/unused/uninformative some green groups' websites and social media were.
3. **Coming up - TTK AGM**
 - **Reminders and prep**: project reports up to end March should be sent to **MM** by 23rd April for publishing on the website ahead of the AGM (**All**); **MM** would publish the agenda asap. The required one month's notice would be on TTK website and in K E News.
 - **Core group** members present were willing to serve another year, so we did not actively need new members, but interested people always welcome (NB, we will have no upper limit on the CG numbers so no reason why we shouldn't recruit). Future CG roles and responsibilities deferred to post-AGM meetings – DHD as interim chair would welcome offers to be deputy and secretary (**All** to consider).
 - **Party afterwards** for volunteers would be at Spring Grove – DHD had booked the back room, and first drinks and nibbles would be provided by TTK. **All project leads** to invite their volunteers to the AGM and thank-you drinks afterwards. from 6.30pm on 30 April, and ask them to RSVP to DHD (dhd@exnet.com) so that he could keep track of numbers:
 - **Constitution changes** were discussed and amended. TI pointed out another issue re fund-raising which should also be amended — see **AGM Agenda** (attached) where changes have been added as an Appendix. **All**, if anyone spots any errors in the Agenda or Appendix, please let MM know immediately so that **MM** can publish the correct Agenda on the TTK website)
4. **Continued / held over from previous meetings:**
 - **Storage at STWC** sorted out – details in *Appendix 1*. Have we begun monthly payments (**PMc**)?
 - **Business planning**... deferred till post-AGM reshuffle
 - **Green corridors/chains/links** across Kingston (with others in KEF and RBK) – **MM** would present the concept to KEF at their April meeting and seek ideas and support. She had had some useful pointers at a Sustain Good to Grow web meeting that day (e.g. <https://wildstroud.org/stroud-urban-corridor/> and <https://www.buglife.org.uk/our-work/b-lines/>) and, along with the useful orgs, ideas and websites collected while editing K E News, had amassed quite a lot of relevant material which she suggested saving in a new section on the TTK website as a resource if the project developed. She had flagged up the wilding/green corridor plan at the meeting about Kingston 2025 1100th anniversary of the crowning of King

Athelstan on 13th March – it could fit well with their aims of building on what we have in Kingston and creating a legacy for the future.

5. **Resources** discussed only as needed imminently, with most (flag banner, high res logo, radical redesign...) deferred
 - We agreed to reprint **current A5 TTK fliers** as we were running out and would need more for 2024 events and to refresh stocks at libraries etc. RCK would be reprinting their A5 fliers too, with minor tweaks. **(MM)**
 - **Transfers of 10% project funds/surpluses** after expenses to TTK general fund to get done before end-of-year accounts for AGM. **(PMc, All)**
6. **AOB:** DHD raised the upcoming **Kingston Efficient Homes Show (18/5/24)** and TTK participation (10-minute talks, one-to-one chats...). Participants **(MM, PM...)** to send him their slides/hand-outs...
7. **Dates of next meetings:** 30 April (AGM), 28 May, 25/6...

Green Drinks followed at 7.30, when we were joined by Gillian, RCK volunteer, DHD did some extra recording for the RCK video for TTK website and RBK, and we chatted about politics etc.

APPENDICES

1. TTK & TTK Project updates

- **K E News** – FYI/reminder, this is edited solely by MM, KEC having found it difficult to do regularly or reliably. MM usually holds publication until after CG meetings in case anything new turns up, but would prefer updates before the deadline, usually around 20th of the month. Still getting occasional feedback from a few readers on some devices having problems with anchor links – what to do: should we abandon them, or can they be fixed? No visible advice or relevant FAQs on Mailchimp website.
- **TTK storage at STWC:** MM & PM had moved TTK stuff into a space within a space at STWC (2 keys at Reception desk), given Eric a list of what's there and who (CG) can have access to it, and MM has signed the contract. The space is bigger than we need and have paid for, so we may be moved or may end up sharing with someone. See <https://www.savetheworldclub.org/the-circulatory> for STWC opening hours (every afternoon except for Sundays) – Eric (eric@savetheworldclub.org) needs 24hrs. notice of name and contact number for any TTK member who wishes access. Before visiting or collecting stuff, please check the inventory to see if what you want is there or elsewhere, and read the license to occupy agreement with STWC, and try to return items promptly and keep things tidy. Both docs have been emailed to CG and are filed in the TTK website private area in the folder - https://www.ttkingston.org/private/files/?folder_id=51570070. If you can't access this area, please join the website.

2. Other group/org updates

- **The Climate Coalition (TCC), newsletter and updates on Great Big Green Week (June 8 – 16)** forwarded to CG regularly. TTK offers for **Great Big Green Week** include: Open Community Garden event (CCG ?+ others); Open Eco-House (weekends of 8, 9, 15, 16 June - PJM, DHD + ?) "Keep Cool and Carry On" @ The Hive on 11/6 (MM & DHD); Kingston Green Week (via KEF) but probably too hard to organise?
- **Transition Together/Vive** – more posts and events than MM can keep up with, including skill-sharing/training sessions, many of them saved on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzYHfM4_lhk5autAyBFX04-Od-tdH1CH
- **Zero Hour campaign for the Climate and Ecology Bill**, formerly the CEE Bill, a plan for a new UK law that addresses climate change, global warming, and the nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science. The Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the emergency - <https://www.zerohour.uk/about/>
- **Campaigns/updates** on some of these circulated between meetings – other members of CG invited to respond as individuals and to share interesting events, campaigns, green news, that they come across.
- **Kingston 2025** - 1100th anniversary of the crowning of King Athelstan, the first King of England, with borough-wide celebrations, cultural events and activities in collaboration with local communities on the people, places and stories that made Kingston, the changes that have taken place and our hopes for the future. We might like to think about this last and contribute ideas – maybe the wilding/green links project we have mentioned in the past +? See <https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/homepage/102/kingston-2025---celebrating-our-past-present-and-future> .