

# Transition Town Kingston – core group meeting

Date: Tues 2024-11-26 6.30 to 7. 0pm

Venue: Spring Grove

## NOTES (by HG)

**Present:** DHD (chairing), MO, HG, PMc, JM, MM, PJM

**Apologies:** TI, MF

1. **Last meeting's notes** (attached or sent earlier) were approved to publish.
2. **TTK updates**

2025 events - MM has added regular events to the website, with a few amendments, for example, omitting Green Drinks in December and January. Other Core Group members can also add or edit events!

Rakesh and Richard of Transition Hub's visit to Core Group meeting will be on 26<sup>th</sup> January. TTK has funded the end of year party (following this meeting) to the tune of £182 + £20 cover charge. We are grateful to Damon who covered the drinks bill at this event.
3. **TTK events/projects**, Energy Group (PJM, DHD), Abundance (TI), CCG (MM), KE News (MM), Recycling Minds (HG, PMc); Green chains/ corridors (MM/DHD)
  - a. Energy Group – with RCK, members of the Energy Group attended the Circular Economy event at Kingston University
  - b. Abundance – ongoing (in seasonal abeyance)
  - c. Canbury Community Garden – handover of responsibilities and contacts to John and Mary continues and should be complete by the end of the year, by when planting and other 2025 plans should also be in hand
  - d. Comms / KE News – December January KEN deadline 25/11. No complaints about re-organisation of items so far, which MM takes as a good sign. December distractions mean that it will be difficult to extract news from the usual contributors for a January issue or to get the attention of readers, so MM plans a gap in December and is requesting news & events for up to the end of January. MM has reviewed and extended all TTK entries on the KVA Connected website.
  - e. Recycling Minds – Sorting out and clearing the sheds is ongoing
  - f. Repair Café Kingston – new librarian from October; MM will (re-)introduce RCK to Faye's successor
  - g. RBK waste - Library of Things has officially been stood down according to Leonard "running costs were going to be difficult to sustain" – so if we really want one it may be down to us?
  - h. Green Chains – Glendale wanted information about TTK for RBK
4. **Other groups & orgs:** STWC, KEC, RBK (MM, HG, DHD, PM...), The Kingston Hive (PMc), KEF (DHD), TCC (MM); Transition Together, Sustainable Transport/KCC (HG)...
  - a. KEF (DHD report) Ongoing liaison
  - b. KCC (HG report) KCC has put in a strong objection, and encouraged others to submit objections, to the new Kingsgate development which would see the northbound cycle lane on Richmond Road (by the bike shops!) disappear
5. **Repair Café Kingston - standing item**, to discuss arrangements for next RCK, updates etc

- a. RCK had a presence (with the TTK Energy Group) at the Circular Economy event at the University in November
- b. Structural issues at Kingston Library may mean the next RCK has to move or be cancelled

#### 6. Coming up / held over from previous meetings

- a. TTK “umbrella” – we should discuss sometime how semi-independent groups such as Sunray, Kingston Invents and Canbury Community Chicken Collective fit TTK ethos, practices, funds, insurance policies etc.

#### 7. Resources standing item, to discuss as needed: publicity, fliers, flag/banner; TTK funds and Open Collective, website, TTK property/assets list... etc?

- a. The new TTK leaflet has been agreed and 1000 printed; spares to be stored at The Circulatory. They are bundled in 100s to make distribution easier. 100 went to the Circular Economy event on 19/11 and MM will take 100 to the Library, and maybe 70 to RBK for community notice boards.
- b. The double-sided RCK leaflet (with images) has been agreed and is ready to go to print
- c. The revised RCK visitors' form has been agreed – Hilary will print 30 for the next RCK

#### 8. AOB

- a. Marilyn will attend The Climate Coalition AGM on behalf of TTK
- b. MM will attend Alison Fure's Orchard Planting in February

#### 9. Date of next meeting: No Core Group meeting in December (New Year's Eve!) , so the next meeting will be on **28<sup>th</sup> January, 2025** with guests from the Transition Hub (**reports beforehand please!**)

## Notes from MM in advance (2024-11-19)

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Some delays on reprint of RCK flier but it should be ready soon.

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## **Dates**

- No CG meeting in December (last Tuesday is New Year's Eve)
- 2025 events - MM has added regular events to the website, with a few amendments, e.g. omitting Green Drinks in December and January. Don't forget - CG members can also add or edit events!
- Rakesh and Richard of Transition Hub visit to CG, January 26th which seems to be the most likely date so far – should we send in project updates/reports by email ahead of the meeting to save time?

*Notes approved for publication at January 28<sup>th</sup> CG meeting*