

## Transition Town Kingston – core group meeting, Tues 25th February 2025

7.30-ish - 8:30-ish, at The Antelope, Maple Road (after TW's climate concert at St Andrew's church)

### NOTES (Actions and items held over in red)

**Present:** Damon (DHD), Marilyn (MM), Hilary (HG), Paul (PMc), Peter (PJM), Maya (MF, later)

**Apologies:** Marcus (MO); Janine (JM)

1. **Last meeting's notes**, sent earlier, were approved to publish **(MM)**  
**Some matters and actions arising** were discussed below or reported ahead, noted in Appendices; others were held over to a future longer (and less noisy!) meeting.

#### 2. Updates

##### TTK events/projects

- **Energy Group** – no report
- **Abundance** – no report
- **CCG** – no report
- **KE News** (MM): was being finalised and would be going out almost immediately after this meeting, deadline for items 22/2, no more items were forthcoming.
- **Recycling Minds** – no report
- **Green chains/ corridors** (*Appendix 1*)

##### Other groups & orgs:

- **STWC & KEC**: we had missed their AGMs
- **The Climate Coalition** – MM was forwarding notes and reports as and when, including on Show the Love campaign coming soon
- + a few reports in Appendices:
- **Transition Together/London Hub** (*Appendix 2*)
- **Sustainable Transport/KCC** (*Appendix 3*)

#### 3. Repair Café Kingston

**Attendance and arrangements** for next RCK were confirmed [MM had reminded K Library that we'd be there on Saturday and had requested an extra table to accommodate new volunteer fixers].

**TTK (or RCK?) T-shirts** for organisers – agreed to be useful but no decisions about design or style or size finalised (**MM & others** would investigate printing and costs, e.g. Solopress, local firms...).

**RCK Road Show with K University** – HG and DHD reported that arrangements for a joint RCK had fallen through because our insurance cover was insufficient to satisfy the University. As it was ample for TTK needs, we did not feel it appropriate or justifiable to increase our insurance cover and cost.

4. **Coming up - TTK AGM** [2024 AGM docs filed at [https://www.ttkingston.org/files/?folder\\_id=51775302](https://www.ttkingston.org/files/?folder_id=51775302) for reference]

**REPORTS** – **All** please submit reports on project activities April 2024 - the end of March 2025, in writing to MM and DHD so that they can be read by someone else in the case of absence, help DHD with his Chair's report, and help MM compile the Minutes:

- **Chair:** **DHD**
- **Treasurer:** **PMc.** (**All** to please ensure that any donations or expenses are finalised before the end of March so that PMc could finalise TTK accounts.
- **RCK:** **MM**
- **CCG:** **JR**
- **Energy Group:** **PJM**
- **Abundance:** **TI**
- **KE News:** **MM**

- Green chains/ corridors/ KBP: **MM**

- Recycling Minds (**JM**)

**REFRESHMENTS:** **HG & DHD** would arrange, trying to keep costs reasonable, with free first drinks to attendees...

**INVITATIONS:** **All** to invite their volunteers to AGM on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Spring Grove, and refreshments afterwards, RSVP to Damon - DamonHD[**@**]hotmail.com to keep tabs on numbers (unlikely to be a problem!). [**All** - other suggestions/supporters/groups to be decided at next CG meeting?]

**APOLOGY for absence** – HG

5. **Resources standing item** – not discussed apart from T-shirts earlier

6. **AOB** – we were very impressed by and appreciative of Terezie's climate concert – her playing, her introductions to the music, and her account of her climate journey and all the green activity she had found in Kingston (including TTK!).

Other ongoing items were deferred to future meetings.

7. **Date of next meeting: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm at the Spring Grove** – main item would be to finalise AGM arrangements + maybe catch-up on much deferred items.

### **APPENDICES** (sent earlier)

1. **Kingston Biodiversity Partnership** (KBP) meeting, KU, 12 Feb – my first opportunity to introduce TTK and our interest in nature and connectivity to the experts who could help make it happen. There were lots of familiar faces there, mainly because I've been going to Kingston Biodiversity Network meetings for years and there is some overlap + RBK officers and Cllr Ian Manders were present. The agenda was pretty full and interesting: working on the draft KBP statements on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and Local Nature Recovery strategy (LNR – so many acronyms to get my head round!), mainly for local planning purposes. They certainly include wildlife corridors but needed more detail, e.g. on sites worth conserving, supporting arguments and data. I suggested including climate and flood resilience and RBK's climate emergency declaration. General concerns in the room included nature depletion, local housing targets, commercial dog walkers and the over-use of neonics for pet flea treatment, which not only gets into water courses, which we know, but into household dust and birds' nests (via shed or brushed pet hair) – watch recommended video of Prof Goulson's at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDfg75AyyDQ&ab\\_channel=DaveGoulson](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDfg75AyyDQ&ab_channel=DaveGoulson) ). I offered those present space in K E News if they had news or campaigns of interest or wanted volunteers or just their wildlife group listed. Next KBP meeting will be in June, probably at Tolworth Court Farm.

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### **2. Transition Together/ London Hub meet ups:**

- **28th Feb 2pm to 5pm:** In person meet up in central London, National Park City London Visitor Centre, 80 Mortimer St, London W1W 7FE <https://nationalparkcity.london/>. **MM** would be going to help with a session on repairs from 5pm – 6pm, and would also attend and report back on the rest of the meeting about the outcomes of the recent Transition Assembly.

- **18th March 19:00 to 21:00 Online meet up:** "For both the in-person and online sessions, the focus will be on bringing in the outcomes and connections from the Assembly. Reflecting on the London Hub journey (especially the last 1-2 years) Looking ahead together: Constitution? Organisational structure? Activities? Roles? Core group meetings? Maybe all of the above? It'll be a real working session to help us strengthen and develop our core."

3. **Active travel meeting in Richmond, 11 Feb** – with an encouraging talk from Will Norman, TfL's Walking & Cycling Commissioner, outlining the growth of active travel enabling infrastructure projects such as new cycle routes around London and the increasing active travel journeys resulting from these improvements and changing behaviour (both are needed). Remaining problems: borough boundaries, still too many collisions and KSIs (Killed or Seriously Injured), vociferous opposition to LTNs and 20mph limits... He encouraged active travel campaigners to contact their local councils, copying in their MPs, who have no responsibility for roads but hear a lot from drivers, and also to use opps such as Clean Air Days and funding to spread the word. Hilary was there too with KCC, so may want to elaborate.

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*MM's Notes confirmed as accurate and for publication at TTK core group meeting on 5/3/25*