

**TTK Core Group meeting,  
Tues 26 August 2025, 6.30 to 7.30pm @ Spring Grove**

**NOTES (actions in red)**

**Present:** Damon (DH-D, chairing); Marilyn (MM, note-taking); Peter (PJM), Hilary (HG); Paul (PMc)

**Apologies** had been received from Janine JM) and Toni (TI)

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1. **Last meetings' notes** were approved for publication on website (MM).  
**Matters and actions arising** were dealt with later.
2. **TTK updates - events/projects:**
  - **Energy Group:** PJM & DHD reported that the EG would be at RBK's Bite Size EHS on 20/9, though MM would not be speaking about keeping cool (too late in the year, already a lot of sound advice available). Discussions with Kingston Council officers about Dan's offer to volunteer were ongoing. Cornerhouse energy efficiency plans were progressing (needing permission from the Church), and some local schools were showing renewed interest in solar PV installations. Only one booking so far for Open Eco-Homes.
  - **Abundance (TI)** – see *Appendix 1*.
  - **Canbury Community Garden:** MM reported that the handover to the Roscoes was reaching completion, and after her August and early September duties and commitments at CCG she would no longer be a lead gardener/coordinator or TTK's CCG link. CCG comms had improved a bit recently, there was new CCG email address ([canburycommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:canburycommunitygarden@gmail.com)), and CCG seemed to be evolving, at least partly, into an CG specialising in education (schools, D of E opps, group visits such as Activity Station's in August...) TTK Chair DHD reminded **CCG** that they should keep in touch with TTK and attend or report to CG meetings if they wanted to benefit from our PL insurance, bank account, networks etc.
  - **KE News:** deadline Tuesday 26th August, with no late news from this meeting. MM proposed to move most of the static items (in grey boxes) to the TTK website, where the items could be edited and updated by **All**. An experimental move or two had proved simple and she could create new pages as needed, probably when working on the October newsletter. There would be links to these pages from the newsletter but moving the info would usefully slim down the newsletter. There were no objections. **PMc** would be editing the November issue during October.
  - **Recycling Minds:** JM had updated by email that there were no updates
  - **Green chains/ corridors:** MM reported that there had been some interested responses, though the summer holiday period had probably not been the best time to launch anything and expect action! **DHD** would try to organise a follow-up meeting with Paul Jennings of Habitats & Heritage.
3. **Other groups & orgs:**
  - **Kingston Environment Forum:** DHD reported that KEF would be holding a 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary meeting IRL at the Guildhall on the evening of 26 Sept - MM and DH-D would be going.
  - **The Climate Coalition** - MM continued to get and circulate updates, e g about the mass lobby follow-up in Sept, though no plans for MP meetings in Kingston or Richmond Park as yet.
  - **Transition Together/Hub**, **TI** had reported at last CG meeting on the London Hub meeting she had attended, and the CG hoped that she would maintain the connection with the London Hub and keep the CG updated.
4. **Repair Café Kingston - standing item** to discuss arrangements for next RCK, updates etc  
MM wondered if there was any way we could ensure that we knew about absent specialist fixers (e g, Dom the sharpener) in time to prevent bookings for those? **MF & HG** to discuss.  
HG would be away on 6/9. Request for help from new St Paul's RC had been forwarded to the

WhatsApp group and **HG** was requested to send to email RCK contacts as well, and **MM** would remind fixers on 6/9.

**5. Coming up / held over from previous meetings**

- **Kingston Carnival. 7/9** – only PMc had volunteered to help at Green Zone, so not enough volunteers to run a stall. JM had offered to display TTK fliers – so **PMc** would collect TTK and RCK fliers from STWC and take them to her stall and maybe KEC's as well, and **DH-D** would collect them up at the end of the day.
- **RBK's Think Green, 20/11** (see *Appendix 2*) – a TTK stall did not seem worthwhile, but members might go along to hear talks, learn how Kingston could be a “circular economy”, network etc. **DHD** would reply to the invitation from Ioanna.
- **Christmas/New Year drinks for volunteers** would be after our November CG meeting, (**DH-D & HG** to arrange)

**6. Resources standing item, to discuss as needed:**

- MM reminded **All** that they could **edit the website**, e g adding to basic info saved there, events etc.
- **Donation button** on website still being worked on by **DH-D & PMc**.

**7. AOB**

- **Roles:** MM pointed out that DHD was “interim chair” and MM was “acting secretary” and wondered about succession. [We are a small group, some of us aging, with limited capacity (c f lack of volunteers for GZ), no succession plan, only ad hoc deputising, and no pool of members/supporters to draw on – a matter for concern, for further discussion?]
- **HG was congratulated** on becoming chair of Cornerhouse.

**8. Dates of next meetings:** 30/9/25; 29/10/25; 25/11/25 (t b followed by Christmas party for volunteers); meeting on 30/12/25 t b cancelled.

**GREEN DRINKS followed**, when we were joined by Jay, from Kensington, and an interesting green conversation ranged over London Park City, community gardens, repair workshops, what Transition meant, XR, TTK's relations with the Council, the doughnut economy, the mass lobby of MPs, writing to MPs, a wide range of local and London green organisations and activities...

## APPENDICES/NOTES SENT EARLIER

**1. Abundance update** (TI)....busy harvesting. Juiced at Surbiton farmers market on 16th and got through a record 400k thanks to so many volunteers for helping.

Next session Saturday 6th September at New Malden farmers market. It's a lot smaller than SFM, which is lucky as lots of the usual volunteers can't help that day as they are already volunteering at Repair Café.

Also booked in for Surbiton farmers market on 20th September.

Have taken around 100k of apples to Surbiton community fridge. It gets some more used but sadly they don't want more than 20k per day.

Have the 12 Litre press out on loan for a few weeks to Yuwing to use in Jubilee Square New Malden, which adds to the total that we can juice locally.

Lending the other press next weekend to STWC.

Not charging for either loan as we're all partners in saving waste.

## **2. Invitation to exhibit at 'Think Green: Developing a circular economy for Kingston'**

Dear partners,

[Kingston Council](#) and [Kingston University](#) (KU), in partnership with [Kingston Chamber of Commerce](#), invites you to participate as an exhibitor in the [Think Green: Developing a Circular Economy for Kingston](#) event on 20 November 2025, 13:00 PM to 18:00 PM.

Building on last year's [successful event on circular economy](#), academic research and successful local case studies, we are bringing together at the [Town House](#), businesses, academics, policy makers, students and residents.

This series of events aims to accelerate the transition of Kingston's economy to a circular economy through collaboration, innovation and behaviour change.

Please fill out this [Google form](#) to register your interest.

All the best, Ioanna

## **3. Update from Mac Downes, Kingston 2025 Project Volunteer**

I hope all is well for you. I thought you would like an update on my interview progress (many of the contacts thanks to you!)

Apart from our initial interview on 6<sup>th</sup> July I have recorded the following interviews:

- Antonia- abundance Project
- Mark- Repair Cafe + Save the World Cafe
- Brian - Hogsmill Community garden + further interview with Julie planned
- Janine & Simon - Sunray Recycle + Local Residents Association

+ Further interviews planned with Save the World Cafe and Kingston Orchard Project (Roland); Repair Cafe- Book Repairs(John); Edith Gardens (Susan and anr.); Crystalisr Co-op --(David)-meeting to be confirmed.

I have also copied Peter in as I hope to visit the TTK Energy group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September- possibly not to interview on the day but it would be good to interview a member of this group at some stage

The Project Manager has tasked all volunteers with at least 5 interviews over August- I am pleased that I have met that quota and managed to centre it around my particular interest in environment and the important role played by volunteers.

I would be most grateful if you could update everyone at the next Spring Grove get together on the 26th- I will not be available that evening but always happy to meet up with anyone else keen to be interviewed