

**TTK management team meeting, Druid's Head
Wed 23 March 2016, from 6.30pm**

NOTES (actions in red)

Present: Nic Fearon-Low (chairing), Marilyn Mason (note-taking), Kim Bailey, Hilary Gander, Des Kay, John Fellowes, Amanda Makin

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Review of

- **Items and actions from previous meeting(s):**

- **Agroecology event – Whose Food Is It Anyway?** Some details organised and confirmed: there would be refreshments from 7.00 when doors open, with discussion starting at 7.30 and other opps to take refreshments – **NF-L** to add this to publicity, and to send reminders. **MM** would bring tea, coffee, milk, biscuits, **DK** would bring food. Time at end (till 10.00pm) for clearing up (**All**)
- **AGM:** date (Sat 18 June, 11.30is to 3.00ish) and venue (KEC) agreed, tbc asap (**NF-L**). Suggested format: entertainment (with TTK cider-tasting?), followed by formal business, then picnic/barbecue/refreshments. Some AGM reports essential (finance, chair's review of the year, TTK projects); others (TTK Friends & friends) optional?
- **Notes from previous 2 MT meetings** approved for publication on website (**MM**)
 - **Updates/requests from project groups as needed:**
- **Surbiton Food Festival** – main event 7-8 May, with Abundance stall (help welcome – **All**)
- **From the Ground Up** – TTK response to closure: MT was sorry that FGU had closed so abruptly, **NF-L** would invite Fiona to update and explore alternative food projects at the AGM, **JF** would also contact Fiona to ask if FGU volunteers had any ideas, wanted to continue in any way. FGU thank you and goodbye party this Saturday at Surbiton YMCA, all welcome.
- **Energy Group Feb workshops** – MM reported that though take-up had been small, members of the EG thought they had been worthwhile and wouldn't mind doing them again next year. (But see item 6)

3. Strategy / events / ideas for the future:

- **Management team meetings** format and venue were discussed. Could they move around? Should they be more open and occasionally (quarterly) have a theme to encourage participation (e g cycling)? Did they need to be monthly? Could they sometimes be wholly or partially conducted via Skype? Could they coincide with a revived Kingston Green Drinks (in which case they might need to be in a regular pub on a regular day per month)? **NF-L** to investigate Green Drinks and Kingston Green Drinks.
- **Follow-up from October strategy summit:** JF reported that Andy Atkins was still interested in looking again at TTK strategy, aims and purposes, probably in the summer.

4. Membership/volunteers

- **TTK Friends:** MM thought take-up and revenue from Friends scheme had been very low, despite the offer of easily updatable and editable website space that some of our friends badly needed. **HG** was more positive, thought it worth continuing with and would send renewal reminders as needed. **NF-L** was confident that his Elm Road allotment association, and perhaps others, would become Friends and welcome a web-page.
- **Members/supporters** – MM suggested that if all 100+ or so supporters/readers of the newsletter donated the cost of a coffee or a drink at a pub, even this little would bring in enough to maintain a useful general/contingency fund. Once **NF-L** had sorted out Donate button on website, **MM** would get an appeal into newsletter (probably June issue now).

5. Publicity/comms

- **Publicity materials:** NF-L had not heard from Ruby lately, so no progress to report.
- **Website and social media accounts:** NF-L was working through website snags, trying to link TTK Twitter with Facebook page and asked **All** to send him notes about any problems & changes needed.
- **Newsletter:** **MM** reported that registration now stood at 485, with around 25% opening the newsletter and a much smaller number clicking through to further info etc. Numbers had not increased significantly since joining forces with KEC. Was this because everyone interested was already subscribed to both newsletters? Was it inertia, lack of interest? She was currently working on the April edition, and Laura at KEC would be editing the May issue. **MM** would meet with Laura in the summer to discuss how joint newsletter was going, whether further integration was desirable or feasible etc.

A higher proportion (31.6%) had opened the **Mailchimp email about the Agro-ecology event**, but still only a small number had clicked through to the Eventbrite details.

6. **Finance:** **HG** reported that she was rationalising some of the funding columns so that left-over funds from previous projects could be allocated to similar ones e.g. *Stitch* balance to a more general *Skills* fund. Apart from these ring-fenced funds, there was £558 in TTK's general fund. HG had renewed TTK's public liability insurance and found a better deal than previously.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to try to build up TTK's general fund to pay for e.g. insurance, loss-making events, printing etc.

7. AOB

- **MM** had been interviewed by MA student from Kings College who was writing a **dissertation on different perspectives on sustainable living** within environmental movement: Green Party, Transitioners, and radical Greens. If/when she heard that the dissertation was available, **MM** would pass on the findings.
- KEC was hosting a **Chessington Zoo insect visit** this Saturday, 26th, 11.00 – 3.00.

- KEF & KEC had published and disseminated a **paper on Kingston's flood risk strategy** (published at http://e-voice.org.uk/kef/about/view/flooding/Flood_Risk_Position_statement_with_photos.pdf)
 - The judicial review of **Ham Hydro's planning application** was due to be heard on 13-14 April, supporters welcome.
 - **DK** had designed a new "**Recirculatory**" **logo** to encourage reuse, rather than recycling.
 - **MM** and **NF-L** reported briefly on **TTK and Kingston Environment Forum meetings with Kevin Davies**, leader of Kingston Council – generally friendly, and in MM/KEF's case usefully including Cllr Terry Paton, lead member on environmental issues. But no real outcomes so far, and nothing happened re Kingston's involvement in Earth Hour.
 - **HG** drew our attention to **Kingston's consultation on local air quality**, which like many places in Greater London, was illegally poor in places. RBK action plan was due to be discussed in June. (Cllr Cathy Roberts i/c of this, Council officer responsible was David Kingstone.)
 - "**Transition Tolworth**" - HG was working with some of the local community to revive the community garden. MM pointed out that KEC had a tool lending system.
8. **Date and time and place of next meeting(s)**: Doodle poll sent for week 11-15 April – **All** to complete asap, please.

APPENDIX: meetings May 12th, May 25th, June 13th

Further management team meetings on May 12th, May 25th, June 13th were barely or not quorate, and no minutes were taken, though various actions were allocated. The meetings were concerned mainly with planning and preparing for the AGM on June 18th when TTK news and proposals could be discussed with a larger group.