

TTK MT meeting notes

Thursday 7 Jan 5.30pm/6.00 – 8.00 at the Druid's Head

Present: Nic Fearon-Low, John Fellowes, Hilary Gander, Marilyn Mason

Apologies had been received from Kim Bailey

1. Items and actions from previous meeting(s):

Working with the Council – main areas could be Kingston Plan, air quality, support for cycling, waste... **MM** would contact waste dept to see if there was any interest in maintaining contact with the Sainsburys Waste Less scheme and whether there is anything we can do to help Kingston reach 50% recycling and/or #1 borough in London. + concerns about negative impacts of alternate weekly collections and withdrawal of free bio-bags for food waste.

Plastic bags - HG had written to Sainsburys, W H Smith, Mailbox etc and Zara Home (and **All** could join in). **NF-L** would draft a joint letter with MM to Comet and other media incl Twitter about inconsistent implementation of plastic bag regs.

REconomy event – JF, NF-L and MM had discussed at 5.30, proposed date early to mid-March to suit JF/speakers. **JF** would find speakers, incl Steve Kean (KU), Andrew Connolly (£K), Andree Frieze (local Green Party), Simone (KUTLETS), nef... and the content, direction, title, blurb and publicity would depend on who could speak (national or local or both?). **MM** would send Andree's email address to JF and would help with booking room, publicity etc.

Food/agro-ecology event – JF had found a film that could be part of the event (MM now has it) and proposed date for that was 2nd half of May/beginning of June. **MM/JF** would liaise with Jeannette of local World Justice Movement group about theme, speaker(s), title... (international and/or local?) **MM** would help with booking room, publicity etc

TTK Vision – it was agreed that, though the joint meeting in October had produced some good ideas and led to some useful actions, it did not add up to a vision, which should express our ultimate aims for Kingston and how we thought TTK could help Kingston reach the emissions and climate targets agreed at Paris in December. **JF & NF-L** would meet with Andy to discuss and create a draft to bring back to the MT, possibly using previous statements about TTK as a starting point (<http://ttkingston.org/wordpress/about-us/> and <http://ttkingston.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/TTK-constitution-with-amendments-agreed-2015.pdf>).

2. Updates/requests from project groups

Energy group workshops – Peter was working on energy-saving workshops on mornings of Feb 6, 20, 27 at KEC. MM had publicised via Facebook, website, HUG and A4 posters for Kingston and Ham libraries, **NF-L** would publicise elsewhere – local media, websites etc.

3. Publicity/comms

The next joint newsletter would be produced by Laura at KEC, who would send our requests and reminders to the usual list – and **MM** could also send a reminder to contact Laura with news and events. The newsletters would maintain their own characteristics

and regular content, so non-urgent items could be held over for the next TTK edited issue (in March. MM hoped that KEC readers were being encouraged to subscribe to TTK newsletter, just as TTK readers had been encouraged to sign up to KEC one - perhaps they all were already signed up to both, we couldn't know).

4. Finance

HG confirmed that there were sufficient funds available to pay in advance for rooms for upcoming events, on the assumption that donations on the day would more or less cover the costs.

5. AOB

TTK AGM would be due in April – what could we do to make it more attractive? Suggestions included: don't call it the AGM; keep essential formal business brief; celebrate achievements; party; have some entertainment... T b main topic of next MT meeting (**All** to consider).

TTK MT meetings – Questions discussed but not resolved: What could we do to make these more attractive and nourishing? Meet less often? Skype? Meet regularly in pub? Focus on achievements? Don't try to manage what can't be managed? What is the MT for?

Flood risk in Kingston – TTK had been invited to send a representative to a meeting organised by Alison Fure on 25th or 18th Jan at KEC. **NF-L** was interested, **MM** would forward info, and if he couldn't manage the date/time he would delegate to someone else in MT.

N Kingston Forum – MM had publicised the next meeting on Sat 9th Jan on Facebook, in the hope that others in TTK who live or work in the area could attend and support protection of green and community spaces in N Kingston.

Notes from MT meetings – we agreed to publish them on the website, retrospectively after reviewing and correcting them, and put the link in the monthly newsletter so that anyone could read them. **MM** would create a space on the website and upload 2015's and future notes.

- 6. Date and time and place of next meeting:** evening of Thurs 11 Feb, probably at Druid's Head – main topic our AGM