

Transition Town Kingston – Management Team meeting, 26/6/18, 6.30 - 7.00pm, Woody's

Present: Marilyn Mason, Mo Mohsen, Alison Whybrow

Apologies: Nic Fearon-Low, Hilary Gander

NOTES

- 1. Last meeting's notes** - no one present apart from MM had been at previous meeting so notes not yet approved. Postponed to next meeting. AGM notes have been approved and are on website.
- 2. Post AGM updates:** MT down to 5 after AGM, but Mo volunteered at this meeting to be co-opted and was warmly welcomed onto the MT. It was noted that Nic wanted to stand down as chair - so some discussion of the various roles needed on MT (secretary, treasurer, newsletter, main contact and TTK, representative, TTK publicity/comms/website, links with the wider Transition movement, calling meetings, chairing MT and other TTK meetings, organising events...) and how they could be redistributed/shared. Some chair's functions could rotate?
Could we maintain 1+ event a month as pledged - possibly.
- 3. Ideas & volunteers for future TTK events, activities, projects:**
See Appendix for amended list of ideas and dates. We can keep updating this list as events find an organiser and date and are confirmed, or are rejected/postponed. **Mo** hoped to arrange his sprouting workshop for July and **MM** would send him contacts for venues (see also *Appendix 2*)
Mo to send info about churches' event on refugees, **AW** to send MM details of her workshop for the newsletter. Publicity via KE news (goes out at end of every month), Facebook, What's On websites, Meet-up...)
- 4. Other events:**
Green Zone at 2018 proving difficult to plan or to get promises of participation. No responses recently from Jean at KEC. Should TTK set an example by booking and paying the requested amount of £75? Would this encourage the others? Or would we be alone on our chosen All Saints lawn?
- 5. Resources:**
 - Does anyone know where the **TTK banner** is?
 - Should we continue with **Meetup** and pay for it? It was thought we should, and that we should contribute to the cost, currently paid by KEC. **Mo** volunteered to be a Meetup co-host/editor, and **MM** would arrange.
 - **Website** - should we change to a simpler website, e.g. E-Voice which is free to community groups, one that we could all easily edit and update, make e.g. Donate button work, and that would save old events for the record? Still unresolved - where do all TTK various emails go to? (**NF-L**). For old and new MT members, the website is <http://ttingston.org/wordpress/>, to log in go to <http://ttingston.org/wordpress/wp-login.php>, username is TTK Editor, Password is wDFwJnCceByf
- 6. AOB:** **All** to send any events or items for KE News to MM by Friday 29th
- 7. Date of next meeting:** 6.30pm on last Tues of July - 31st - @ Woody's

Green Drinks: we were joined at 7.00 by Peter Mason, Mark Cooper, John Fellowes, and Martin Birley (who came by rowing boat), but not by either of our local MPs, who had been invited to come along to discuss Climate Change as part of TTC's "Speak Up" week - instead AW recorded some messages for the MPs. Discussion ranged over: divestment from fossil fuels (Mark concerned about RBK's pension investment, MM would add it her list for KSP meetings), behaviour changes simple and difficult, diet, rules and regs v personal choice, how some of us had got involved in green activities, local and national politics, writing to MPs, the complexities of the Quaker meeting House heating system, the growth and normalising of cycling, assessing personal CO2 emissions...Peter and I enjoyed it and thought it more green-focused than Ham Green Drinks, despite not sticking to the climate change theme!

Appendix 1: TTK ideas 2017 - 2018 - for one event a month?

2018 dates

√ *Actually happening:*

Green Drinks √ starting 26 June and then every monthly

BBQ: √ with Canbury Community Garden on Friday 3 Aug (MM)

Alison's symposium: √ "awakening the dreamer" Sat 4 August pm @ JL Community Hub

Green Zone at Kingston Carnival: Sunday 2 September - needs planning and participation

Happiness course √ at Kingston Quaker Centre (Mo), 8 weeks, starts 3 September

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Happening soon:

Car-Free Day - with KCC? RBK Go Cycle? 22 Sept

Mo's course on indoor sprouting and growing v soon (July if he can find a room)

Happiness Café (Mo - finalising venue and co-organisers)

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Other ideas needing organiser, venue, date, plans...

Shaun Chamberlin book event - didn't happen in Surbiton last year - could we resurrect?

Repair Hub / workshop / café / Man Shed - keeps coming up, but needs an organiser and funding

Suggested films for quarterly film shows (all these are full length films, could discussion be the following month?):

- Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Sequel* (+ maybe a talk from a climate mentor?)
- *To The Ends of The Earth* (about energy - see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/to-the-ends-of-the-earth-screening-with-panel-tickets-42312426607> for some info about the film)
- *Plastic Oceans* - <https://www.facebook.com/PlasticOceans/> - could work well with some kind of anti-plastic-waste initiative

Nicaraguan farmer / climate change event (MM hasn't heard back from her NSC contact, despite emailing 2x).

Working with refugees (discussion with KRA, Tooting TT, Des) how to do more, better? MM interested in organising this but is there duplication with Quaker and All Saints event?

APPENDIX 2 - USEFUL VENUES (The first 2 are free, as are cafes and pubs, of course)

John Lewis's new Community Hub, open during JL opening hours. Booking is via email to Lene Wood, Community Liaison Kingston JL clc.kingston@johnlewis.co.uk (working days Monday and Tuesday).

Guildhall - new community room available for up to 12 people and is available from 7.00am to 7.00pm, Monday to Friday, and until 9.30pm on days where there is an [evening meeting](#) in the building. Find out more or book -

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200168/culture_leisure_and_libraries/1330/meeting_rooms_for_hire/5

Rose Theatre, Lesley Rowden, Theatre Manager, Lesleyr@rosetheatrekingston.org

Quaker Centre, Wendrie, KQC@KingstonQuakers.org

Kingston Workmen's Club (secretary, Margaret Boyce, mornings only) 020 8546 0500, margaretboyce18@btinternet.com

All Saints, Kingston Market Place, 020 8546 5964; allsaintskingston@tiscali.co.uk

Kingston Environment Centre Jean Vidler, jean@kingstoneco.org.uk