

MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING 17th March 2010 AT THE CASTLE,
LLANDEILO

Present: Gerry (chair), Tim, Ellie, Colin, Sue Weaver, Anson, John, Steve B
Apologies: Rhiannon, Ben, Adam

Hustings

We discussed who should chair and whether one of us should be on the platform. Possible chairpersons from outside the group were discussed and rejected. It has to be someone who understands Transition issues. Gerry wanted to speak in order to present the idea of withholding votes. However, the consensus was that he would be the best chair. Sue was happy with Gerry speaking but wanted him to introduce the Transition agenda. He agreed to chair, and from that position, to speak first to introduce Transition. Meanwhile, A World to Win leaflets explaining reasons to reject the election and not vote, will be available.

We need to have decided on some questions and on points for Gerry's introduction. **We will all bring possible questions to the next steering group meeting, and send points to Gerry.**

Steve will circulate start time, the time suggested for opening addresses from each candidate and the question that each candidate in Luton was asked to consider at the Hustings there.

It was agreed that we would invite the UKIP candidate but will not invite a BNP candidate. **Steve will write to UKIP.**

Steve will confirm the date with the Rugby Club and find out whether the bar can be open.

Steve will arrange publicity – local press, radio, posters, literature for the night.

Sue and John will visit the Rugby Club and determine whether a PA is needed.

We may be able to get some funding for this meeting from the County Council's Rural Regeneration Unit. **Gerry will investigate.**

Ellie will put up posters in Llandeilo and do a mail-drop.

Tim can put up A3 posters.

Sue can provide white tablecloths.

Green Day in Carmarthen 27 March

Neil Keidan asked for assistance if we could give some. **Steve will pass Neil's phone number to Ellie.**

John will deliver literature to Anne in the Green Shop to pass onto Neil.

Countryside Council Wales Consultation on Waun Las National Nature Reserve,
National Botanical Gardens, 25 March

Aled Davies (CCW) has invited a representative. Steve has passed this onto Christiane. Gerry might go.

Email

Colin to set up an account at info@transitiontownllandeilo.org.uk, with email to be forwarded to Steve.

Reports from Groups

Heart and Soul – no meetings in February or March.

Permaculture – the seed swap on 7 March was well attended. Next meeting 28 March.

New Economics – met on 1 March.

Energy and Transport

Four projects are getting off the ground:

1. Light-bulb swap. A day or weekend event to allow people to exchange halogen bulbs for LED lamps.
2. Energy reduction scheme for Llandeilo.
3. Energy generation – 3 possible sites for hydro turbines have been identified and applications for funding a feasibility study are in preparation .
4. Renewable energy at the allotments site, plus rainwater harvesting.

John has suggested links to Chepstow or Stroud TT energy groups.

Sundance Renewables are keen to have a distribution point in Llandeilo.

Tim will provide Steve with an article for the website.

Food and Farming

Group is looking at producing a local food directory. Ellie has applied for a grant to the Community Association of Llandeilo. This would cover £250 but more will be needed. The production and distribution of 1000 leaflets would cost about £310.

Gerry will contact the CCC Regeneration people about whether a grant from them could cover this.

Next meeting 21 April.

Funding

Besides the applications to the Rural Regeneration unit and the Llandeilo Community Association, grants are being offered by Environment Wales from their Climate Change Next Steps Fund, and this might be particularly relevant to the energy projects. **Gerry to apply.**

NEXT MEETING April 19th at The Castle...7pm. All welcome