

## Transition Falmouth meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 19:30

Four Winds, Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth.

Present: Rob, Philip, Kate (chair), Lorely (notes) also Transition Truro: Lindsay, Sarah, Robin, Tony.

Brief updates follow – please contact individuals mentioned for clarification and full reports. **Actions in bold**

### *Waste and Resources:* report from Philip.

- Plastic Marine Litter Issue : Plastic Bottle Top Chain successfully launched at Whitsand Bay on 11th April with over 300 participants (including representatives from both TF and TT). Chain consists of over 65,000 tops and 1.1 km in length. Video of event widely circulated together with proposed actions to reduce plastic in the marine environment - including Councillors on Housing and Environment Advisory Committee. Open Letter response to Defra Consultation on MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) now complete with over 40 organisations signing up : print version and email submitted by 24th April by co-ordinator Claire Wallerstein (Rame Beach Care Group) Copy to be circulated : **Philip**. TF has made a formal response using the SAS (Surfers Against Sewage) format.
- More actions to follow including Open Letter to Drinks Industry and taking the Chain to Houses of Parliament after the Election. Update on actions to date to be included in article for TF website **Philip**
- Kate reported good news that High Street retailer Lush are able to make use of plastic bottle tops (not currently recycled in Cornwall) **Philip** to check out and circulate details
- Food Waste : discussed briefly. Agreed **Philip** to investigate if any follow-up action has been taken in respect of implementing the recommendations of the "Feeding Britain" report (outcome of All Party Parliamentary Inquiry co-chaired by Bishop Tim) both nationally and locally
- Tetrapaks : follow up letter to Sainsburys stores as possible location for drinks carton banks in hand **Philip**

### *Food:*

- Fairtrade Falmouth and TF Stall on Farmers Market slowly progressing.
- Proposed that in partnership with other organisations TF develop a Falmouth Food Charter similar to Plymouth Charter - (with Fairtrade and Co-operative working built into it as a part of a movement towards "a thriving local economy"; health and well-being for all ; reduced eco-footprint etc). See [http://www.foodplymouth.org/?page\\_id=61](http://www.foodplymouth.org/?page_id=61)
- Tres Hombres – Fairtrade and windpowered cargo ship visiting Falmouth May 1<sup>st</sup>. Info on TF website **Rob**
- ESI event for All Party Parliamentary Report on Food Poverty - ongoing. More info Philip.

### *Energy:* FEP: Fal Energy Partnership and TREE: Truro Renewable Energy:

- **FEP and TREE** to arrange a meeting for mutual support and activities.
- FEP: Roof PV project slowly progressing.
- TREE: 'Open Homes' event 29/30<sup>th</sup> May.
- Community Power Cornwall AGM : **Phil Tomney** attending on behalf of TF.

### *Economics and Skill Sharing:*

- Falmouth LETS: next work party May at Trevone Permaculture Plot more info Lorely.
- Falmouth LETS original sterling account still being closed – Kate and Lorely.

### *Transport:*

- Car Club ongoing – **Sarah** to write formal letter to Cornwall Council for current position.
- Cycle project: **Sarah** making enquiries to update.

### *Misc:*

- Falmouth University Campus Student currency (20 local traders) more info FXU Green Living Project Currency Project.
- 2015 election: Gavin's petition ongoing <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/put-climate-change-at-the-centre-of-government-policy> Also see <http://truroandfalmouth.com>
- Footsteps to Paris: Robin reported on current activities based in Truro being organised by Andrew Yates.
- Luci Isaacson of Climate Vision setting up a crowdfunder for £5k to produce report on energy reduction v carbon capture using previous pledges. To be completed by Paris Summit. Meeting Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April. Chapter House Truro, 9:00 to 11:30.
- Falmouth Neighbourhood plan – survey launched on important local plan. See <http://planforfalmouth.info> for links to survey and further info. **Philip, Kate** and **Rob** to meet to formulate response for TF.
- 'Waste to Wonderful' student led art event 29th & 30th May 2015. info [wastetowonderful@gmail.com](mailto:wastetowonderful@gmail.com)
- Trelay (nr Bude) is running a small sustainability festival (called Trelay-in-May) at the end of May, are inviting Transition people in Cornwall to hold a special Transition Meeting at the event. More info [jackie@trelay.org](mailto:jackie@trelay.org)
- Transition Truro monthly food shares – first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. TF welcome. Next foodshare Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – venue to be confirmed

### *Next meeting:*

- TF meeting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm (preceded by Falmouth LETS meeting at 6:30pm) both @ Four Winds. Falmouth.

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