

Transition Falmouth meeting: 27th May 2015 19:30

Four Winds, Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth.

Present: Rob, Philip (chair), Lorely (notes). Apologies: Euan, Roger.

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

Food: report from Philip.

- Philip reported on his follow up to the Bishop of Truro's "Feeding Britain" report (copied to other key parties).

Informative reply from Bishop Tim revealed that action on food poverty and waste is being taken - notably by Public Health Team in NHS whose lead officer consultant Cindy Marsh responded that Food and Cornwall Programme is active with "its main focus (being) to tackle food poverty and create food 'wealth' so that no one in Cornwall is hungry. There are specific work streams and projects within the programme that relate to food surplus, emergency food assistance (food banks and community kitchens) children, young people and food in schools, skills and jobs, training, including growing and cooking skills, and a number of overlapping areas with communities and vulnerable groups. Mark Summers has led the work stream which is developing new approaches to rescuing food surplus from various sources and developing redistribution systems, and has made some impressive progress"

More information can be found on <http://www.foodandcornwall.org.uk>

Philip has made contact with Mark, who is Chair of the DCFA (Devon and Cornwall Food Association) Cornwall Steering Group whose "central hub" is at Lostwithiel. There is a suggestion that the DCFA would like to see a "mini-hub" in the Falmouth/Penryn area. Philip to let Mark know of any local contacts who may be interested in taking this idea forward Action : **Philip and others**

Waste and Resources

- Plastic Litter: Philip has posted an update on the Marine Litter Action on the TF website with links to the Marine Directive responses (Surfers Against Sewage) and MCS (Marine Conservation Society) and the list of the 40 organisations supporting the Rame initiative. Not clear what follow up has been taken. PP to check : Action **Philip**
- Meanwhile, investigations show high-street retailer LUSH are taking in plastic bottle tops (HDPE; LDPE and PP) to recycle into new containers. Philip has circulated item of news to TF discuss list.
- Discussion ensued over next steps locally. Agreed to draw up Plastic Action Plan with projects which can be implemented at the local level. Action : **Philip**
- Letter to Sainsbury's re. drinks carton recycling bank still in hand : **Philip**

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

- TREE: 'Open Homes' event 29/30th May.
- Community Power Cornwall AGM : Philip, Rob and Phil Tomney attended, (**Phil T** producing a report for TF).
- TF wish to record their thanks to CPC for all their efforts especially in these 'difficult times'.

Transport: ongoing activities.

Misc:

- Cornwall Local Plan: **Philip** sent a written submission, the consultation was last week.
- 'Case for Cornwall' consultation – next week.
- **2015 election: Gavin's actions via 38degrees ongoing.**
- Falmouth Neighbourhood plan – **Philip** and **Rob** have sent a response on behalf of TF.
- Crowdfunder for 'report on energy reduction v carbon capture' - £3k has been raised so far. **Rob** has promoted via TF website and twitter account.

Next meeting:

- Transition Truro Pot Luck supper – 2nd June- informal get together.
- TF meeting Wednesday 24th June, 7:30pm (preceded by Falmouth LETS meeting at 6:30pm) both @ Four Winds. Falmouth.
- TF meeting 22nd July 2015 7:30pm @ Four Winds. Falmouth. Joint meeting with T Truro.

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