

Transition Falmouth meeting: Wednesday 24th June 2015 19:30

Four Winds, Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth.

Present: Rob (RF), Philip (PP), Lorely (LL) and Lauren Sadler - Post Graduate Research Student Exeter University (Penryn Campus)

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

Research Project (LS):

- Lauren outlined content of her 1 year MSc. Course in Sustainable Development. Nearing completion, and now focusing on dissertation with Transition Towns as subject, particularly on what motivates individuals to get involved (or not!), and keen to interview cross-section of organisers and participants. Useful discussion ensued and suggestions made on best way to help LS. Lauren to interview Lorely and Rob. Rob to invite LS to join TF discuss list so she can ask for further interviewees. **Actions: LL, RF and LS**

Food (PP):

- Mark Summers (Chair of DCFA Cornwall Steering Group who are interested in setting up a mini-hub in the Fal/Penryn area) has been contacted with an offer of help to publicize any new development and provide list of possible contacts who may be willing to offer support. Mark has since met with the Manager of the Dracaena Centre who is looking at the feasibility of providing room for a mini-hub.

Mark would like to come to future TF meeting to explore idea further should proposal progress. Agreed action: **PP** to arrange.

(N.B. DCFA hubs are not foodbanks - they consist of storage space (usually with freezer) where collected surplus edible food can be stored and then distributed to groups in contact with families/individuals who are in need)

Waste and Resources (PP):

- Section of the Plastic Bottle Top Chain has been taken to positive meeting with the EU Commissioner responsible for waste (set up by SW MEP Clare Moody) - report from Rame Group circulated. Next steps involve taking Chain to London and lobbying Drinks Industry.
- Local Plastic Action Plan being developed - involving action on a) single-use plastic carrier bags b) single-use plastic bottles and c) disposable plastic-coated coffee cups, drawing partially on the inspiring work being undertaken at the FXU Green Living Project at the University's Penryn Campus and the Responsible Cafe Network Project in Brighton. Agreed invite FXU rep. to future meeting to share ideas **PP**
- Report received from HEPAC Chairman that 6 mixed plastic recycling trials may well be going ahead later in the year in pilot areas (report to Committee due end of July) - involving bids made by local communities wishing to improve recycling rates in their areas - more information to follow **PP**
- Philip also reported on visit to Waste to Wonderful event in Falmouth - useful contacts made. Notably with the organisers (graduates from Event Management Course) and the FXU GLP mentioned above.
- Correspondence on Tetrapak (Drinks Cartons) Recycling on-going. Report next meeting **PP**

Energy (LL):

- Lorely reported joint Open Homes Event (FEP with Transition Truro/TREE) being planned for October. Application for funding now lodged. **LL** in hand

Local Economics/Skill-share (LL & RF):

- Olive Branch Community Cafe in Penryn keen to develop skill-share project. **LL** liaising with Group
- Rob reported on proposed re-write of Local Exchange UK web software (as used by [Falmouth LETS](#) and many other LETS groups in the UK), in collaboration with colleague on Falmouth LETS (now based in Cardiff). Funding options to be pursued including partial use of LETS funds plus possible crowd-funding initiative. Rob to keep group informed on progress **RF**
- Philip to attempt response to EU Consultation on the Circular Economy http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/closing_the_loop_en.htm **PP**

Other Business:

- Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan: Noted that next step after publication of results of questionnaire is setting up of Theme Teams. More discussion at future meeting. Meanwhile see <http://www.planforfalmouth.info> for update on progress

Next Meeting:

- Joint Meeting with Transition Truro at Four Winds on Wednesday, 22nd July at 7.30 p.m. - preceded by Falmouth LETS meeting at 6.30 p.m.

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