

**TRANSITION CITY LANCASTER**  
**SKILLS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP**

**Notes from a meeting held on Tuesday November 2 2010 at 57 Ingleborough Road,  
Lancaster**

**Present: Cherith Adams, Jennifer Maclellan, Anna Lorbiecki, Sandy Staplehurst,  
Gail Capstick, Janine Morley and Jill Robinson (Notes)**

**Apologies: Anne Green**

**1. Notes from the last meeting agreed.**

Matters Arising:

- 1.1 **Transition Café** held on October 12 – Rhiannon on the Politics of Food. Approximately 30 people attended with several people eating beforehand and it was felt that this was a successful event.
  - 1.2 The next **Transition Cafe** is being held on **Tuesday 9 November** at the **Gregson**. The speaker is **Alan Schofield** and the topic **Gardening for Resilience**. Anna will host this event. Janine has done another of her great fliers and Anna has been publicising this event in various ways including to the local Allotment organisations.
  - 1.3 No further action has been taken so far on getting together speakers for a Recycling Panel for the Transition café on 15 March 2011. However, Anna and Sandy will contact possible speakers as per previous notes and Gail will follow up re: possible fashion link.
  - 1.4 **Diversity Radio**. Wendy Haslam is looking for people to be interviewed/contribute to Diversity Radio from the various TCL groups for January 2011. Gail involved.
  - 1.5 **Transition for All Workshop** – Saturday 27 November 2010 at the Friends' Meeting House. Janine said that 9 people have signed up so far but we would like more people. 25 is the maximum. It seems there is a date clash with a LESS training day. Ideally we would like a representative from each of the TCL groups to attend and then to cascade the information to their group. Janine has emailed each TCL group contact person and will promote the workshop at the AGM tomorrow (3 Nov). A discussion took place about opening up this workshop to a wider audience and Janine will send out a more general email. Janine will also contact Catrina Pickering, the workshop facilitator, to confirm arrangements and also put her in touch with Anna who is hosting Catrina overnight. Janine has been trying unsuccessfully to contact Soupa Nova regarding catering but wondering if she has the wrong number. Jill said she would see if she can follow this up and get a quote. Teas and coffees will be provided as well as lunch.
- 2. Publicity** – Anna to send out an email to the whole TCL membership to publicise SCB's next two events – the **Transition Cafe** on **9 November** and the **Transition for All workshop** on **27 November**.

3. **Christmas Café** – Anna had booked the Gregson for a possible Christmas get-together on 14 December but, following discussion, it was decided not to go ahead with this as it is such a busy time. Anna will cancel the booking. Some people might go to the Green Feast at the Whale Tail on 10 December.
4. **Small Sparks Grant** – Cherith has obtained an application form from Fiona Robinson in case we want to apply for a grant for a future project. Jennifer asked if the other TCL groups know about these grants. Gail said one group had already received a grant but it is possible to make more than one application provided they are not in the same round of applications. Cherith said she would email Samagita to circulate this information to the other groups.
5. **Transition Together** is a Totnes initiative to form small social groups of households/neighbours/friends to work together to minimise their consumption of various resources and to look at other related issues. Various towns have been involved in this so far and Anna had printed a list of them from the web. Funding had been obtained from a variety of sources. It sounds similar to the Eco Streets project. A workbook and other resources have been developed in Totnes but need re-working for different areas. Cherith said that it would be interesting to know what the feedback was from the different projects as it was thought there might be existing community groups who could be interested in participating in something similar locally. Jennifer agreed to do some research and it was agreed that she could buy a sample workbook if it seemed appropriate.
6. Anna brought an item about a new computer game she had read about called “Fate of the World” which is based on climate change and set in 2020 in which you are responsible for saving the planet! It is being distributed by Oxfam and costs £14.99.
7. Jill read out some email correspondence she has had recently with Eric Ollerenshaw, the Lancaster MP, regarding “green jobs”.
8. **Energy Descent Action Plan (EDAP)**. A discussion took place regarding what SCB’s contribution might be to Lancaster’s EDAP. Several copies of the Totnes EDAP book were circulated around the group. Some people have read parts of this and others had not seen it previously so it was felt that there was quite a variation in people’s understanding about what an EDAP is and how to go about working on this.
9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – There will be no meeting in December and the next meeting will be held **on January 11 2011** at Anna’s home, **2 Dallas Road, Lancaster at 7.30 pm.**

Thanks to Gail for hosting this meeting.

