

## SKILLS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Notes of a meeting held on 11 January 2011, at 2 Dallas Road, Lancaster**

**Present:** Anna (notes), Gail, Jennifer, Jill, Sandy

**Apologies:** Anne, Cherith, Janine

### **Transition Cafe: Alan Schofield – Gardening For All. 9 Nov 2010**

Reasonably well attended – 34 people.

**Action:** Cherith to provide info on donations received for that cafe.

### **Transition Cafe – John Whitelegg: Sustainable Transport – Doing a Freiburg. Tues, 9 Feb 2011**

All arrangements have been sorted for the Cafe, plus publicity leaflets are being circulated.

**Agreed:** To ask Cherith, as it was thought she knows John Whitelegg, if she would like to host the evening. If not, Jill is prepared to do it.

**Action:** Anna will ask Cherith.

### **Transition Cafe – Recycling with a Twist – Tues, 15 March 2011**

Anna reported that she and Sandy had met to consider the format/ingredients for the Cafe. After some discussion agreed that the cafe would include: Story of Stuff – as a scene setting introduction followed by a panel of speakers who would each do a short spot (10 mins) and then open the floor to questions and answers. Panel to include a Sustainability/Recycling Officer from the council, with an emphasis on explaining plastic recycling and what happens to recycling stuff, Pascal from Swapshop, as he is an entertaining speaker, and other possible speakers, including Jonnette who had been involved in an arts project in Hungary on making cord from recycled materials. Also, hoping that Wendy might mention her Scrap Store project, if she was at the cafe.

**Agreed:** Anna and Sandy to meet again to finalise the Cafe and possibly think of other, suitable people for the panel.

**Action:** Sandy to make contact with the Council, Anna to contact Jonnette.

**Future cafes?** Need to think whether cafes are what SCB ought to be doing, given the perennial problem of speaking mainly to the converted/ourselves. Jennifer raised queries on why the original Cafe Scientifiques had been so successful? Seemed to have a life of their own, without much need for publicity. Anna raised the possibility of the Gregson running the Cafes under their own steam, giving us more time to do other things. Gail against this on the grounds that she felt that TCL needed to keep a close eye on activities under its name.

**Agreed:** To return to the above discussion once a review of SCB's focus has been clarified.

### **Diversity for All Workshop**

Agreed that the workshop was a great success. However, aware that we had not reviewed the workshop nor decided on future steps, bearing in mind Catrina had offered to come back after 6 months for a follow-up.

**Agreed:** To consider steps to take following the Workshop, together with Sandy and Ian's diversity activity for the SCB, at a future meeting.

**Action:** Janine to circulate notes from the Diversity for All Workshop to us all.

### **Transition Together**

Jennifer was unable to gather any info on this as Janine had already registered as TCL contact point.

**Action:** Janine to provide further info asap.

### **Info from Steering Group/Network meeting**

Jennifer reminded Anna that as the group rep she needs to feed info back to SCB. Apologies from Anna, who will try to do better next time! Gail gave an update, include info on the Education group's range of activities – 100 mile diet, films at the Dukes. Jennifer wondered if there was scope for TCL to run some sort of school's competition on....

### **Review on SCB's terms of reference/focus**

Some concerns expressed that the group was straying away from its focus, though these were not that clear to newer members. It was ascertained that info on this can be found in the blurb written for the TCL newspaper and in previous minutes.

**Agreed:** Jill to send Anna copies of the relevant minutes

**Action:** to have a review of SCB's remit at the next meeting.

### **Next meetings:**

Tues, 15 Feb at Jennifer's – 11 Queen Street

Tues, 8 March at Gail's – 57 Ingleborough Rd