

HASL General Meeting Notes 15/09/15

Present: Paul, Ian, Les, Sarah, Caitriona, Jake from SPRU
Apologies : David, Tracy

Minutes of last meeting

Actions; Tracy has circulated request for funding reports and requests. Sarah Still to do and others to be finalised at this meeting
Paul has confirmed date for OPL and room booked and paid for and speaker form Bio regional arranged
Tracy discussed Sarah and Ian co-ordinating HASL support for cyclists going to Paris which they are doing
Paul still trying to locate Sustainability partnership within council
Les organised CAT membership for DE as a thank you, he was very pleased.
Caitriona is going to be trained in design programme so she will be able to do it going forwards .
Sustainability bulletin went out and the soup was v nice
There still needs to be decision on who emails go out to as core group- always some confusion.

Update from sub groups

VEG No-one there from VEG but Ian reported there is a functioning group that meets regularly and does stuff. There are tensions with committee. Car park, beer festival space versus VEG growing , don't like it to look like an allotment. Ian working with them to suggest making new planters, rebuilding more sustainable compost bins etc. Bid going into Tracy to cover this, Ian happy to do the work in his own time. Also Jackie getting some money to create more lasting notices that will look better

Film Group

Films still on summer break. Some hesitation because increasingly chased up for community screening fee which we can't afford. Sarah went to library to discuss doing programme in conjunction with them but didn't go anywhere. Other possibility is to screen free films from internet and have discussion eg TED talks etc. Sarah will check wifi at pub. Once we start on OPL theme a month we can have films /discussions on that theme. Sarah will put in budget for community screening of This Changes Everything plus hall hire and for some DVDS.

10:10 John got money from Low carbon workspaces 5k and Hanover Community Centre put in 9K for renewing all the heating at the centre and also got 5k form British gas for LED lighting.
20 households expressed interest in loft insulation. First 2 are going to be done with support of BHESCO and Freegle. There will be garage sale and Freegle will take any unsold items. Before and after photos. Bid going into do further 10 houses.

Accounts

We are more or less spent up, have about £35 left. Food Waste Collective have £400 and VEG a little under £200. Tracy needs to send report in on all spending.

One Planet Living Workshop

Paul booked upper hall 28th November 1-5. It will be managed by Bio Regional, basically 10 themes for OPL and plan is to get community there and sit people around 10 tables related to the 10 themes:

Health and happiness - Encouraging active, sociable, meaningful lives to promote good health and well being

Equity and local economy - Creating bioregional economies that support equity and diverse local employment and international fair trade

Culture and community - Respecting and reviving local identity, wisdom and culture; encouraging the involvement of people in shaping their community and creating a new culture of sustainability

Land use and wildlife - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and creating new natural habitats through good land use and integration into the built environment

Sustainable water - Using water efficiently in buildings, farming and manufacturing. Designing to avoid local issues such as flooding, drought and water course pollution

Local and sustainable food - Supporting sustainable and humane farming, promoting access to healthy, low impact, local, seasonal and organic diets and reducing food waste

Sustainable materials - Using sustainable and healthy products, such as those with low embodied energy, sourced locally, made from renewable or waste resources

Sustainable transport - Reducing the need to travel, and encouraging low and zero carbon modes of transport to reduce emissions

Zero waste - Reducing waste, reusing where possible, and ultimately sending zero waste to landfill

Zero carbon - Making buildings energy efficient and delivering all energy with renewable technologies

The idea is that we will then follow a theme a month with e mails, articles in Hanover directory and films etc etc Paul suggested a plan to rebuild our website along these themes and ask for a volunteer from university or community to do that. Jake suggested mutual exchange café at university as one place to promote.

UN Climate Change conference / Brighton network and local plans

Sarah and Ian have been going to CAN meetings. Current plan is to have a week of environmental events, speakers films etc 15th – 22nd November, we have booked community centre to show This Changes everything (20th Nov) and for a flag making workshop and bike maintenance 15th Nov. The idea of flags is that people make them, write on them, sending messages with the cyclists to Paris. Also hoping to get schools, faith groups TUs etc involved. Also to support 150 cyclists coming to Brighton on way to COP21, support them in cycle round Brighton with lots of noise and flags on Dec 6th and accompany them to Newhaven on Dec 7th to see them off on ferry.

AGM discussion postponed but briefly plan to do it in 10 minutes in OPL workshop.

Date of next meeting Nov 3rd