

HASL Annual General Meeting 27/6/2012

The AGM opened by welcoming guest speakers from Transition Town Lewes, Julia and Ann. They gave the meeting an inspiring picture of their activities over the last five years. There are now 500 transition towns all over the world 'more like a party than a protest' characterised by positive action starting at a grass roots level.

In Lewes they have developed a set of principles, anyone can start a new group as long as they sign up to those there are at least 3 members and they send at least one member to the steering group. Groups have come and gone, food, waste, energy, local currency, supporting enterprises, heart and soul group. They get inspiring speakers, and examples of their activities are development of the Lewes £, development of a community owned solar power co. on roof of Harvey's brewery, they have started Lewes food market, which now employs a part time market manager. HASL members asked lots of questions and there was a good exchange between groups.

Annual Report

Paul presented the HASL annual report which was accepted by the meeting . People then joined different tables to discuss different HASL interests

- **Transport** – priorities included a good bus service, pay back from parking scheme for local projects to enhance quality of streets, new group building towards public meeting in September.
- **VEG growing** - ideas - community garden on bigger scale, community orchard , cobden Road possibility of community composting sub group, apple day at community centre
- **10:10.** making work of 10:10 and what they are doing at community centre more visible , e.g visible energy monitor to show impact of insulation, computer mock up of what external insulation would look like, as a student project. Collaborative events with VEG
- **Street contacts and community building** , - st contacts meeting to network, share information, road closures, support Zocalo initiatives, survey , door knocking find out what people might be interested in, carbon conversations, films, petition.

The accounts were presented and the grant givers thanked. Summary of accounts will be available on our website.

Amendments to the constitution were proposed by David Gibson seconded by Sarah Gorton

- a) that members will be asked to renew annually should be deleted this was carried by 13 votes for the change and none against
- b) that we should have up to 6 cheque signatories (up from 3) This was carried by 13 votes for and none against

Paul nominated Les Gunbie to continue as treasurer, Adrian seconded him and there were no other nominations. Les was elected unanimously.

David nominated Sarah as membership secretary , Sue seconded it , there were no other nominations. Sarah was elected unanimously.

Tracy agreed to continue to help with membership and Robin agreed to help with minuting meetings.

We have a vacancy for a publicity co-ordinator, Simon said it would be helpful to have someone to do our tweets. We have 240 followers and he currently deals with that. This opened up discussion of whether we need to have a more formal steering group. The meeting was followed by a social and Chris thanked for the wonderful catering.

Forthcoming events

Regular monthly meetings last Sunday of the month at the Hanover pub Queens Park road 8pm

Bee workshop and film at the community centre Sat 4th August

Look out for the Solid wall insulation event in October