

HASL General Meeting Minutes

Date: 07/01/14

Location: Hanover Community Centre meeting room

Attendees: Paul Norman, Jackie Seaman, Caitriona Donohoe, Tegan Sonvico Christov, Val Cane, Paul Early, David Gibson, Sarah Gorton, Rachel Cohen, Simon Bannister, Simon Hickmott, Tracey Hind, Les Gunbie, Katey Young

Apologies: Mei-Wah Tang

Paul Norman chaired

1. HASL Social

A discussion was had over ideas for the next two HASL socials. The 11th February was decided for a gathering to enjoy protest and revolutionary songs on vinyl, drinks, chats and to launch the book club. Idea raised of future waste themed social.

- Jackie to ask The Southover if the room is available and confirm with Caitriona who can then update website and send out emails
- Sarah to put in the Hanover directory
- Paul to send the ideas for fiction and factual texts to read received on Facebook and Twitter to Paul Early for the proposed HASL Book Group (see below)
- Tracey to liaise with Chris Pepper regarding April's social

2. Update from Groups

Film group: Next film is Best Before concerning food. Sarah always welcomes suggestions of films as progame until June is under development. Suggestion of Water Aid as a film. There is money available to be spent on DVD films in the budget. Sarah raised a concern over borrowing the equipment and it was suggested that a request for a donation of equipment (principally the amp) was possible, and also to check FreeCycle.

VEG: Three upcoming events planned. A beginners veg growing workshop around the end of March. The annual seedling swap at the end of April. An event focusing on young people/children to promote an interest in nature and gardening around the end of June. A suggestion was made by Simon that a tour or leaflet could be done to promote local places of gardening/natural interest.

Hanover10:10: Insulated roof is complete and the group is consulting on ideas for wider Hanover work beyond the Centre. Possibility of looking at water use and water harvesting at Centre will sustain our connection with the Community Centre. Recent meeting of group resulted in a focus loft insulation initiative whereby the group assist 10 houses in Hanover to create a "buyers group", and enable access to subsidised insulation, and loft clearance sale which the 10:10 group would enable – interested homes called for.

Anti-fracking: There will be a showing of Gaslands 2 in Huxley at University of Brighton on 15th January. Frackfreesussex and brightonactionagainstfracking is the umbrella group. The group recently raised £25 by selling badges and singing anti-fracking christmas carols. Petitions are in the library and online. This week the public can support those arrested at Balcombe at Brighton Magistrates' Court.

Food Waste: 4 events are planned this year. There is a event planning meeting on 16th January in Hanover, contact Mei-Wah if interested in attending. The group will need to produce a business case if funding is required.

Streets are for Sharing: Candelaria event is planned for Grant Street on 2nd February 5-8pm. There will be mulled white wine from Barefoot wine, illuminating chats with a sustainable living theme, braziers and candles and no street lights. The group are looking

for people or ideas regarding the illuminating talks on the day. The group are encouraged to put forward a costed plan in order to obtain money from the available budget. Simon B and Dani are representing HASL at talks organised by "Moving Forward" which is a group which brings together community groups and pressure groups to promote and discuss sustainable transport.

3. Hanover Directory: Deadline is the 15th of each month. This month Sarah will talk about the social and Paul will write something for the loft insulation initiative. For the March issue Mei-Wah will talk about VEG, Tegan about her community survey and an article concerning the Caroline Lucas HASL public meeting.

4. Community Survey Pilot: Tegan discussed her survey which she designed with David as part of a voluntary placement with HASL as a student of the University of Brighton. The results of the survey were shared with the group. 22 people from Hanover Terrace returned the survey with some interesting insights into how people feel about HASL and environmental issues. If more people returned the survey then the data could be used to gauge information which could be shared with people in the area, what type of events people are interested in.

- Tegan to produce more official referencable documents and to add in a question regarding the loft insulation initiative
- David to look into surveying Washington Street, where the people on this street have expressed an interest in completing the survey
- At the next meeting the group will discuss how to take this forward

5. HASL Bookgroup: the breadth of interest was noted and Paul Early the initial instigator agreed to put thought on the launch of the group at the next HASL Social in February, taking on board the the suggestions discussion (could be numerous groups, ways to enable access with out having to but lots of books).

6. HASL 'Annual Sustainability Bulletin': As part of the 2013 BHCC grant HASL planned to produce a annual newsletter and the format of this was discussed. The newsletter would be one that promotes action and involvement, and has positive news and stories. The content is to be engaging, aspiring and positive, with a view to a template being developed that could be reused for future years.

- Each sub group is to write a piece by end of February
- Tegan has agreed to act as guest editor
- Send draft articles to ContactHASL@gmail.com and Caitriona will collate and forward these on to Tegan
- David will consult with David Earl in more detail about the format of newsletter and contact Hanover Directory to ask about possible distribution.
- Articles checked by Tegan will be passed on to David Gibson for David Earl.

7. Caroline Lucas Public Meeting: the format of the event on the 21st of March was discussed. A theme of "Positive Energy" was decided and discussions can be held regarding energy on a global, national and local front. Issues such as fuel poverty, energy buying power, how to switch (renewable) suppliers, reducing energy consumption, and conservation and dirty energy were given as ideas for discussions that could drawn in other outside groups/speakers.

- Tracey will contact the Sussex Uni Energy Group
- David to lead to lead and liase wit Caroline Lucas's Office.

Notes agreed by Chair, 12/1/14