

# HASL General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 06/05/14

**Location:** Hanover Community Centre meeting room

**Attendees:** Caitriona Donohoe, David Gibson, Les Gunbie, Jackie Seaman

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## 1. Accounts

The accounts have been independently verified and have been passed about the group and all is in order.

The independent verifier will no longer be able to provide free service so HASL will need to find an alternative for next year.

Thanks to Les for looking after the accounting.

Tracy is willing to put some time into a new application to the council for funding and a report on money use. Vicky Wakehurst-Jarret is keen to put together a bid to UK Power Networks in the name of HASL for private sector tenants to improve the energy efficiency of homes. **DG** to invite Vic WJ to next meeting.

In regards to any individual or group looking to make substantial bids for funding it is possible to do so under the HASL banner and use the bank account

## 2. Groups Update

VEG – Gardening swap was a success with plenty of visitors and plants and gardening knowhow swapped. £25 was raised for HASL. JS raised concerns about not much new interest in the group and worrying about declining numbers during the summer. JS has dropped off plenty of posters but would welcome ideas or help in getting people to come along.

Film – Next film is Happy on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the function room at the Hanover pub. SG will chase up B&H council as to why they have stopped listing the films in the sustainability bulletin.

Fracking – Well attended event at the Brighthelm

10:10 group – meetings are now the 3<sup>rd</sup> tuesday of the month in the meeting room. The group are still heavily involved with the centre. Looking into incentives to get a wood chip boiler installed at the centre and will need the association to give the go ahead. Also the HCA are looking to gain a long term lease from the council so the building is guaranteed to be a community centre for the foreseeable future.

## 3. Social

Simon Hickmott has suggested the 28<sup>th</sup> June to get the bus to Stamner and visit the Earthship and join up with the Hollingdean group. Bike stock is also on that day. Unsure of numbers so fa. JS to mention to VEG and let CD know any numbers. CD to contact SH to confirm and then to publicise to the mailing list.

## 4. Brighton 20:20 & Beyond

LG and SG are planning on attending this event at the Brighthelm Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May. The event organisers have invited key people and groups to attend this event so LG and SG will attend on behalf of HASL. Currently unsure what will come out of this. Will update at next meeting

## **5. HASL Sustainability Bulletin**

The draft copy has been produced and thanks to Tegan for all her hard work. There was some concern over the tone of the text and that the bike hub piece was out of place. Lessons to be learnt for next one – could have included more information about other groups/organisations in the local area. Also considerations towards who HASL are trying to reach and the style and tone. Some of the text may be re-arranged to lively up some of the pieces. Also to look at the readability of the food group page which is yellow text set against green background, may be hard to read. To add price about regular meetings and socials. LG, CD and DG have offered to deliver. DG to coordinate delivery. DG to ask TT to rearrange some text and add the meeting details.

## **6. AOB**

None