

Summary of Minutes and Action Points – HASL meeting Sunday 29 April 8pm

The Hanover Pub (Community Room)

Present: Mei-Wah, Jackie, Les, Paul, Tracy (Hind), Chris, David (Gibson), Katie, Philip, Janina, Dani

Apologies: Sarah, Tracy (Hill), Sue

1. Local festival project 'Make-Shift' - Janina

Janina, a local artist, attended the HASL meeting to find out about HASL's work and to talk about a piece of work she is hosting during the Festival on 'communication, connectivity and sustainability' to discuss and raise issues on climate change – a small group will talk about issues in Brighton and Berlin on 11/12/13 May via live internet streaming. Info at www.make-shift.com

Action: Janina has asked that information about the project will be sent out in the next HASL email.

Action: Mei-Wah will drop HASL leaflets round to Janina's house prior to the dates

2. Council Report – Les

Les has compiled the report required for last year's council funding. This money was mostly for events and for setting up the VEG project, and two insulation events at the Hanover Centre. There's been some useful 'stories of change' from HASL and VEG members – interesting and practical changes which show the value of the work. Group discussed whether to submit another bid for the May round, but agreed this was too soon as we need input from the groups about their future plans and associated costs, and what events HASL might want to put on. It was agreed to submit another bid for the 10 August deadline. The contributors were thanked and in particular Les who pulled all together into a good report.

Action: Action-groups to discuss future plans & submit ideas for next funding bid. Workshops at AGM potential generation of ideas for future plans.

3. Climate Connections Event 9 June – Les

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre's Climate Connections project is ending and there is a celebration event on Saturday 9 June at the Brighthelm Centre. HASL is one of the groups and organisations invited to have a stall at this event; we are one of BPEC's 'stories' so it would be good to have a presence there. The Brighthelm is in the process of considering how it could be a 'green hub' for Brighton. The event is 12-4pm, and there is a refundable stall deposit of £50.

Action: Agreed a HASL stall. Les will pull together information and any contributions from the sub-groups. Paul, Tracy, Jackie and Chris will also do shifts at the stall. Les will co-ordinate this.

4. Sustainable Transport – Dani

A meet-up of people interested in talking about local sustainable transport issues is being arranged for May; Mei-Wah and Tracy will attend and offer initial support from HASL if there is interest in setting up a sub-group. Dani brought ideas for a funding proposal to CanDo Health, around using incentives for people to give up their cars – such as 'swap your tax disc for a bus key card'. These ideas were discussed briefly and it was decided a May deadline was too soon, that these ideas had to be fully discussed and fleshed out and maybe the meeting on transport issues was the best place for this. It also

raised the issue of how does 'HASL' decide what will become HASL projects or not – we have no process for this as yet. Other issues raised included whether HASL could campaign around reducing bus fares and enable spreading of payments via direct debit for the cheapest bus payment methods.

Action: Dani to bring funding ideas for discussion to meet-up on sustainable transport.

5. HASL AGM - David

David fed back on ideas from the AGM planning meeting, the broad outline he proposed was agreed as well as the following:

- AGM to be held Weds 27 June 7.15pm
- It was thought 6 workshops may be too many, but currently these are:
 - Sustaining the local economy (no facilitator identified)
 - Campaigning (Jackie to facilitate)
 - Involvement of the community (including street contacts) (David to facilitate)
 - Food-growing/composting (Mei-Wah to facilitate)
 - Transport (Tracy, but pref. someone from possible new sub-group comes forward)
 - Cutting carbon in Hanover (someone from 10:10 to facilitate)

Action: Jackie will follow up with finding a suitable speaker from Transition Town Lewes.

Action: Chris will invite the Local Action Team

Action: David will book venue

Action: Tracy will ask David Earls if he will design an AGM poster.

6. Sub-groups feedback – Wei-Mah & Paul

VEG – going well, 2 partnership events coming up, Hanover in Bloom & Community Gardens.

Action: Mei-Wah will write a piece for HASL email to submit by 1 May. Posters to go up, via Street Contacts (Chris will help with this by delivering posters to Street Contacts)

Hanover10:10 – the Hanover Centre Carbon RACE had good volunteer attendance for its installation of insulation in the Centre, with 15 people participating; some the student projects will shortly be coming to their end and will be presented at the net Hanover1010 Project Meeting (3rd Tuesday of month).

7. HASL Development - Tracy

5 interviews still to be completed. Agreed also useful to interview Dani to give an 'outsider' view of HASL. Tracy would also like to be interviewed – Jackie has offered to do this

Action: Tracy to aim to complete all interviews and send round collated info by end of May.

8. AOB

Tracy – can we avoid sending mins. of meetings to everyone on the HASL list, and post on the website instead? Noted that this was done up to last summer at: www.hasl.org.uk/paperwork.html

Action : *Paul will write instructions on how to put mins on the site and circulate.*

Next meeting: Sunday 27 May 8pm