

CEWG meeting notes - 17.05.22

Via Zoom

18:30 – 20:00

Present:

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Richard O'Connell - Trustee Totnes Trust,
local resident

Maggie Cornhill - Chamber of Commerce

Ruth Leonard-Williams - Transition Streets

Trudy Turrell - Dartington Parish Council

Ian Bright - TRESOC

Jem Friar – Totnes Climate Hub

Cllr John Cummings

Tammy Skinner

Cllr Sarah Collinson

Maiken Hutchings – Green Travel

Coordinator (notes)

Notes

1. Introductions – who is here

2. Transition Streets update

- More information can be found:
 - Facebook @transitionstreets
 - Email hello@transitionstreets.org.uk
 - New website launching next week
- Project returns by popular request
- Slightly different emphasis in 2022
 - More emphasis on collective action
 - Revised workbook
 - More emphasis on accessibility and inclusion
 - More formal evaluation of impacts on loneliness and social isolation
- About 18 streets in the pipeline with a target of 25

General discussion and questions on the project

- Point raised regarding thermal imaging and the potential to purchase thermal imaging device cheaply. Cost tends to lie in getting expert advice on what to do.

3. Energy Local, TRESOC

More information can be found on TRESOC website: tresoc.co.uk/project/energy-local-totnes/

- TRESOC has been awarded a grant to develop up to five new community-owned roof top solar PV installations in Totnes (approximately 250kW) and to establish a Totnes Energy Local Club to buy the electricity generated
 - DCC - £25,000 grant
- Those who already have PVs can join and become suppliers.
- If anyone is interested, please get in touch with TRESOC – admin@tresoc.co.uk

General discussion around Energy Local.

TRESOC proposal for TTC – start the Energy Local Club with the Civic Hall

- Ian to send presentation to Jacqi (due to limited time in meeting) who will take it forward to Totnes Town Council

4. DCC pension fund update

- Update from Jacqi on DCC pension fund divestment.
- In Feb - AGM - big protest at beginning on meeting calling for divestment
- Question as to whether there could be a poll or vote amongst pension fund holders. This was initially rejected by DCC.
- However, door has been opened on the back of events in Ukraine and money being withdrawn from Russian connections.
- A poll for members on divestment is going forward
 - Will go to next committee meeting for them to approve and subsequently go out to members over the summer

General discussion re the DCC pension fund

5. Climate Action Plan

- Agreement to discuss this in person at the next meeting
- A longer session to sort out the action plan
- Agreed to be held 23 June, 5 – 8pm
 - Jacqi to request some funds for food/snacks

6. AOB

Totnes Climate Hub update

- Climate Hub finally have the keys to the room at the Mansion
- Plan to have it open by middle of June, launch event 25 June
- Event 30th May – St John’s Church in Bridgetown 1830-20
 - “Reducing Our Energy Costs Together”
 - We the Power film
 - TRESOC will talk about Energy Local Club
 - Energy advisor from SDCE
 - Transition Streets presentation

Other events

Transition Streets event

- June 21st – South Dartmoor Community Energy will run a short training session
 - “How to support your community during the energy crisis?”
 - Help people become referrers

Fair Funds - Not Fishy Business - protest in Brixham

- May 22nd 10:30 to 1:30

Rewilding Ackells Field launch

- 28th May
- Social enterprise, encouraging rewilding

End of meeting 20:00

Actions

- Jacqi to request funds for food/snacks for Climate Action Plan meeting
- Jacqi / GTC to book location for next meeting
- Jacqi to take TRESOC Energy Local proposal to TTC