

Landwise meeting

January 2nd 2020

Present: Fran, Dilly, Dave, Josie, Kevin, Jeanie, Rhiannon, Nick

Absent: Kath, Jas

Charitable structure

Our plan was to write our own articles to become a Community Benefit Society but this will cost us with the FCA to review them. It may be better after all to use the Co-op model articles as this fee could be cheaper. We need a final decision by checking whether we really need to change any conditions. Meeting to happen next **Friday 16th**, at Stroud Brewery from 6. Staying on after the meeting for beer and pizza.

We will need funding for the application. There is approx £250 remaining in the bank. We need to approach the town council (**Josie**) and Transition Stroud (**Nick**) to see if we can access any local community funding.

Directors

A discussion of the requirements of directors. The conclusion was to go with Josie, Fran and Jas. They only need to hold these positions until the first AGM to give us chance to complete our registration. We can then think more closely about the roles and who would be best to fill them. The intention would be for the directors to mostly delegate the running of the organisation to a steering committee.

Project leads

It is best if we allocate a particular person to each of the projects to be point person. This is organised as follows: Josie (Park Road), Fran (sub rooms for Earth week), Jeanie (The Old Convent – TOC), Dave (Moreton Hall - MH).

Nick to set up emails for each person and for each project.

Risk Management

Dave has created and shared a document to assess risks and impacts for TOC and MH

Moreton Hall

Need to chat again to CSA2 group to see how their discussions have gone. **Dave to chase.**

Earth Week

The discussions so far have been positive, with the Sub rooms planning a whole Earth Week event. We will have a meeting on **Saturday 4th**, 10 am in the Sub rooms café to bring our suggestions. Landwise will suggest some strong concrete ideas for inclusion – workshops, debates, kids activities etc. and could include Hedgehog Republic, Common Edge permaculture, XR?

Stonehouse gathering

Delayed

The Old Convent

Need to present a proposal to the owners and find out about inside spaces, proposed lease length etc. Still very keen to work together with the Seed bank if this is possible. This central location of this space lends itself to public outreach, courses, therapeutic use etc. **Jeanie** to circulate a plan to finalise by the end of January.

We would probably need to raise some funds to employ an administrator and then earn income from bookings and courses.

Park Road

Discussions with the Glos County Councillor have been fruitful. The previous proposed sale didn't go through but now there is the empty adjacent care home which could lead to an attractive site for a housing developer. It will be a good idea to try to gather as many local groups as possible for whom this site would provide a benefit and present this to the council.

CAN

There is a meeting due for the Stroud Climate Action Network group with Transition, Ecotowns, SVP and the Town Council. They will probably all be keen to get involved in the Earth Week. There has been discussion about the use of our mailing list for their communications. Nick has suggested that we manage the comms for the CAN and make sure we can keep contacts and details separate according to GDPR and other consent. **Nick** to produce a proposal for this for the next CAN meeting to discuss.

Community Group

Jeanie is planning to launch a group to discuss the Community strand of Landwise, which was of interest to many of the attendees to the original Landwise meetings.

Harvest Festival

Most attendees have now confirmed their consent to be on the mailing list.

We have only received a few forms regarding the group profiles. **Nick** to chase again in a mailout and then we will need to either create a basic profile or contact through individuals again.

The CO2 Neutral group is holding their map jam on 18th Jan so **Nick** will be arranging to meet up with Paul from that group and George from Ecotowns after that to see what we can learn/share regarding mapping.

The wider Landwise Community

We should update many of the early attendees about the current Landwise projects and ask who might want to be involved. This is probably best done at a public meeting. **Josie** to check with Naomi to see if we can use the co-housing space on Jan 30th or Feb 6th. We will send out invites as soon as this is confirmed.

Newsletter

We will aim to send out a newsletter in advance of the meeting to share updates and remind people to come along. **Nick** to manage this to be produced by the 26/27th January.

Website

We will need to put up project info but this may best be done when we are a little more advanced with proposals. **Jeanie** to produce a draft mission statement for the site which we can also share with the group in Tewkesbury who have asked for something along these lines.

Volunteer hours

Nick reminded **everyone** to try to remember and complete the documents for the hours we have all contributed so far. This can be done on a simple spreadsheet attached to the email.

Next group meeting: 16th January