



Ecochat

Minutes of the meeting held at 11am on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at Greenlink, Malvern

Attendance: Ginny, Robin, Ian, Dinah, Seonaid, Pete, June, Mel, joined by Jo and Kate

Apologies: Philly

Inclusivity

Could Transition be more inclusive?

All are welcome, but it is difficult for people who are short of resources to get involved. Need to take this into account.

Consider disabilities when making suggestions.

Offers

Jo and Kate offered to lend Transition some artwork, being named as sponsors. They suggested two very large posters, made from recycled materials.

Philly's friend is writing an article on living plastic free.

The Quakers could lend display boards

June offered to pay for a display in the Tourist Board window.

Ideas to consider

- Trough of waste plastic
- Table with examples of plastic-free solutions
- Try to get some areas of Malvern plastic-free
- Approach manufacturers eg of paper cups
- When the plans are further forward, could approach AONB and the councils
- Give concrete suggestions for different level of commitment from reducing packaging to going completely plastic free.

Actions

- June research microbeads and Nalgene
- Ian add links to sources of information on plastic to the Transition website.
- Mel see when the Tourist Information window is free.
- Mel contact Tradecraft/Fairtrade outlets to see about their use of plastic
- June hopes to bring up the topic of single use plastic at the Coop AGM in April

- Pete look for ten alternatives to plastic items
- Robin investigate ANOB grants, possibly Waitrose, write something for All About Malvern and Hillistic
- Seonaid summarise the research into gardening and agricultural supplies she's done for her business
- Ginny act on her notes, look at venues, coordinate displays.
- Dinah - find out where plastic disposed of in Malvern actually goes. And check facts about plastic are scientifically correct.

Budget

The £500 allotted to the project on plastic waste is to cover the whole project - artwork, design and printing of leaflets, and any other expenses.

Date of next meeting

Ecochat, Wednesday 7 March, at Greenlink, 11am

Topic - The display on the problems of plastic