

Notes for meeting - Friday 27th October 2023

Present: Chris, Jess, Dmytro, Adrian, Martin, Caroline

AGM Prep (Chris / Jess)

Members need 21 days notice for AGM.

Outstanding: 3 Project reports in AR. Addendum: Carbon Map now offline again. Also, social media stats and - perhaps - a summary from Board.

AGM date set for 6:30pm November 27th (Zoom).

The board approved the statutory accounts of the company for the year to 31 August 2023, and Dmytro Bojaniwkyi was authorised to sign them on its behalf.

Actions:

- All comments for AR to be submitted by Weds 1st November.
- Jess to chase Paul H re Carbon Map and report for AR.
- Jess to re-number notes to the accounts. Move ebike and GreenSeen to post balance sheet events / plans for the future. In advance of summary.
- Jess to add information about contracted role changes in AR. and thanks.
- Council members to find a Notice of AGM email / form of words for Jess to copy, plus information about any current directors near the end of their 3 year term.
- Jess to send out AGM invite and agenda by Friday 3rd November, with voting options plus covering note on asking new people to join the Council stating: 'We would like to expand the board of directors and would welcome informal discussion about inviting new people to the Council.'
- Adrian to review AR to make it more appealing after it is approved and Dmytro to come up with a house style (in January).

E-bike hire scheme update (Adrian)

Adrian submitted thoughts on affording 3 pilot projects given costs involved, plus logistics of managing the assets and working with community groups.

Key points of discussion:

Can TS manage the assets or should they be gifted to the community groups?

Bike Drop have to regularly maintain the e-bikes and have an interest in the project's design and success.

Ebike hire income will depend on the individual community group deal with TS.

Refresh bike stock and manage depreciating assets yearly to keep assets valuable.

Retaining assets means we can move the bikes around different communities if needed.

Possibility of match funding for GCC (currently have up to £150k to support ebike hire scheme) to afford scheme expansion.

TS have had 18 org enquiries so far. Proposed info meeting for 20th Nov.

Current pods being discussed: <https://www.asgardsss.co.uk/cycle-maintenance-shed>

Hire period decided by local group. Between 1-3 weeks.

Potential link to the Credit Union to help people access affordable credit if they want to buy their own in future.

Organizing team is Jess, Maria, Adrian and Bike Drop.

Pilot criteria still to be decided: Would like a geographic spread, including places that wouldn't normally get this. Bidding / showing interest / willing and having a viable population / cluster. Also need to monitor use and advertising.

Potential shortfall in funding to get 3 pilots so may need to ask community partners to co-fund 'buy into' the scheme @ £500 minimum. CANs to be encouraged to approach their parish councils and ask for higher contribution.

Actions:

- In principle, it was agreed that TScan incur project costs before it has received the grant.
- Adrian to continue to compile Q&As for community groups based on this discussion.
- Jess to set up and invite community groups and CANs to info event on 20th Nov.

GreenSeen / Stroud Takes Action update (Dmytro)

Actions:

Dmytro to send round a summary by email

CAN Forum update (Jess)

Jess is feeling more confident in light of both CAN survey and meeting. Definite feeling that some groups were really struggling still due to lack of capacity / volunteers. Agreed to increase networking opportunities at CAN planning meeting.

Jess spoke with Fred - previous project manager - he pointed out the importance of projects - now we have 3: E-bike hire, GreenSeen and Community Energy Group for CANs to engage with.

CAN Forum work plan agreed with Dmytro was sent round to Council earlier in the week..

Actions:

- Jess to invite Martin to CAN Forum WhatsApp and promote it next week to build numbers.

Fundraising update (Caroline)

Meeting with Jason Spinney / GRCC set up support on future fundraising - grant & donor. Flurry of fundraising a month ago.

Actions:

- Awards for All and Transition Together are next targets. Deadline on TT in Jan. Jess and Caroline to start work on these.
- GCC ebike scheme approach for match funding in the New Year (Adrian to research)

Other actions:

Dmytro to share CEB notes with TS Council in future

Jess to send notes round on Monday