

Transition Stroud Directors' meeting 5 June 2023

Attendees

- Jess
- Camilla
- Kat
- Martin
- Adrian
- Caroline
- Dmytro

Apologies

- Chris
- Nigel

AGENDA

1. Finance

a) Fundraising update (Caroline)

Looked through all old documents, concluded should apply to

- Post Code Local Trust which opened 1 June, next one is 4 September. But didn't have the right documentation all together
 - Annual accounts >>> Need version of annual accounts with narrative
 - Strategy
 - Comms Strategy
 - Awards for All, National Lottery
 - Town Council for Community Funds. Needs Match Funding. Next one opens in September. Tends to be for specific community projects rather than general funding
 - Use Funder Finder
 - >>> **Jess** put Caroline in contact with Community Fundraising Advisor
 - >>> **Camilla** look through Nick's documents to find final annual report & accounts, strategy and send links to Caroline
 - >>> **Jess** send comms figures & CAN comms figures to Caroline
 - >>> **Camilla** look at & comment Comms strategy, which can be used as the basis of fundraising request
 - >>> **Caroline** look for other fundraising opportunities to fund a new coordinator, with main focus on communications
- b) **Latest finances** (Chris) - attached by earlier email.
- c) **To approve a transfer of unspent funds sitting in the Big Solar 'pot' (Big Solar £1,101) to general funds.** (Chris) >>> **YES**
>>> **Chris** to transfer unspent funds in BSC pot to general funds
>>> **Kat** keep chasing Paul for an answer on unspent mapping money £215.84

>>> **Adrian** ask the Stroud Town CAN website members about the unspent £780

2. **Big Solar Co-op Close-out report** (Adrian)

- Contract ends next week 12 June
 - No funds to extend from District Council or County so Big Solar are going to keep Maria on but as a Gloucestershire coordinator e.g. schools in Stonehouse, Stroud College
 - Maria met with Siobhan Bailey to talk about barriers e.g. panels can be seen from areas of Outstanding Beauty
- >>> **Adrian** to share final report

3. **TS participation at events** (Jess)

a) Stroud Nature Festival 2nd July

- Steve Roberts has created a brochure with all the listings
 - Jess, Dmytro, Kat come via Repair Café
 - Get people from the CANs
 - Jess to do an interactive network e.g. CAN map with dates of foundations
- >>> **Jess** set up meeting with Kat & Dmytro to discuss details of the day

b) CAN Community Toolkit event 8th July, Trinity Rooms 10-2pm

- Open to any environmental group in Stroud to help them use Climate Toolkit created by
 - Richard & Jess leading
- >>> **Kat** might attend

c) Peer learning support for working with councils 17th June 10-1.

- Jess is on the programme
- >>> **Adrian** to join

d) Sustainability fair at Sub Rooms – 14 September 10-2.30pm

- Coordinated by SEED

5. **Assigning actions recommended in the strategy** (Camilla)

- focus on recruiting a comms expert as a coordinator.

6. **Comms strategy update** (Dmytro)

>>> **ALL** to read & provide feedback

>>> **Jess** integrate stakeholder notes

4. **Wild Stroud / Transition Stroud events calendar proposal** (Jess)

- Chloe has proposed coming up with a third website instead of hosting on Wild Stroud OR TS because
 - Using software [Divy] that she's very familiar with so set up costs are quite low because she already has. Which is hard to embed into an existing website
- Chloe has put costs together and running for 1st year to set up just a calendar - £800

>>> **NEXT STEPS??**

5. **Repair Cafes - mini webpage revamp proposal** (Jess)

- YES
- >>> **Jess** to do mini revamp of repair cafes bit on TS website

6. **Community Engagement Board feedback** – (Dmytro, Jess, Kat)

- led by Anne, SEED.
 - No budget.
 - It *was* supposed to be catalyst to encourage the network members to take on the carbon neutral agenda [who aren't ALREADY doing stuff] BUT there has been mission creep and it's a network of people already doing stuff around climate change in the community
 - Relationship between CEB & District Council is very arms-length. District Council will only fund/support it if CEB come up something really good
 - Want to use CEB as a free think tank
 - District not interested in hearing any feedback on their 2030 plan
 - Surprised that they haven't achieved much
 - 4 project ideas but haven't done more
 1. Cut engine idling time in traffic
 2. Go into pubs to create discussions on climate
 3. Apps
 4. Going into schools as community hubs
- >>> Would like some case studies from us. **Do we need to action anything here?**

7. **Date and organiser of next meeting w/c 10 July**

- >>> **Jess** to send around Doodle Poll