

Agenda

Present: Adrian Oldman (Director), Dmytro Bojaniwskyj (Director), Martin Whiteside (Director), Caroline Pankhurst (Director), Chris Carnegy (finance), Jess Farr (admin)

Apologies: Nigel Westaway, Katherina Child

1. Fundraising planning

- Five bids put in with Transition Together. Find out about TT late Jan.
- Have sent updates to Summerfield & STC, should have £1k from STC this week. Assume ongoing costs associated with GS can be covered by CAN grant post launch (est £300 month).
- STC Community Fund - last meeting in March. £2,500 left. Could approach for SIT funding. Free uses of Lansdown Hall? **(Adrian & Dmytro to look into)**
- GCC E-bikes. Adrian still chasing. Find out in a week.
- Rural Prosperity Fund - re-submitting on 18th Jan? Need 3 quotes for each thing, plus postcodes. Decide on whether to resubmit to RPF after finding out about GCC. Continue to research planning and get 3 quotes (Harry doing this) but not tied to re-submitting. **(Adrian & Jess to meet with Bike Drop and decide on 12th whether worth resubmitting)**
- Rotary Club - up to £500 / core sub by end Jan **(Dmytro)**
- Awards for All in Feb? Esp if we don't get TT funding for SIT. **(Caroline)**

2. The latest position regarding core funding

Can we establish that the £450 & £1,500 can be used for TS core?

Leaves us with £700 to generate for end of this financial year, plus next years' shortfall.

e-Bikes grant: wait to sign off until hear about match-funding **(Adrian to confirm by end of month)**

Okay to sign off on GS budget **(Dmytro to send Chris confirmation email)**

3. Recruiting a new comms person

January: **Caroline and Dmytro to write and put together newsletter & Jess to do socials**

Recruit for March: JD **(Dmytro dig it out / Jess to advertise)**

Fee is £200. Ad published by 12th. Deadline 22nd.

GreenSeen - how this affects: newsletter becomes more journalistic. Signpost to GS

4. Recruiting new Directors

3 expressions of interest so far

Put asks in GYC newsletter **(Jess already done this)**

Dmytro: Meeting with Izzy on Friday, plus Gill Thomas. Richard Lupo / green architect.

Poss Kate Buckingham, and head at Archway. **Dmytro to speak at Community**

Engagement Board to invite members.

What is the process for recruiting? Informal meeting, fill in a form.

What number of optimum Directors is? Aiming for 8-10. Can we go back to action groups (textiles?) and Edible Stroud - or reps from CANs? **(Jess to put an ad on volunteer platforms if not enough immediate interest)**

5. Community Energy group affiliation

Adrian proposing: Dmytro seconding. Martin and Caroline voting to accept. 4 Directors vote to affiliate Stroud Area Community Energy Network.

Should we make them aware that there's no legal protection for them / their money.

(Jess to email welcome email. And cc in Chris).

6. CANs update

2 meetings in March: Energy & biodiversity.

Talking to Standish atm

Advertising / reaching out through Local Council networks to generate new leads.

Jess to email Nicola Hilary - Gloucestershire Nature Partnership / Transition background & talk to Big Solar - Maria, make sure Sally knows what she knows.

7. Shalize / pop-up shop - is it something we want to pursue?

Can we just promote in our socials / comms?

Not something we can help deliver.

We would really benefit from having a pop-up space in town but can't afford it, not can others we know of.

Keep conversation open but make it clear we lack money and energy. But can provide umbrella. **(Jess to email Shalize)**

Other

GreenSeen - Comms message Gloucestershire.

Ecotricity: invite to be a Director or Forest Green Rovers?

Gloucestershire Cricket / good profile

Next meeting: week starting 12th Feb - Jess to send round poll for dates in that week.