

A FEW NOTES FROM SOC PLANNING MEETING 2 Nov 2008

- Review of Election Forum
 - Ian briefed us about the review meeting held & will write notes up so that we have the institutional knowledge for next time.
 - Ian will email round a report/analysis to all groups involved and it will be put on the website
- SOC newsletter – purpose and content relative to ecoNet
 - Each issue should reiterate why SOC exists, concentrating on a different facet each time
 - To promote our own events to members
 - Tangible return on membership and reminder that SOC exists
 - Showing what we are doing with their money
 - Invitation to contribute to our work and the newsletter
 - Leadership on Strong Sustainability, as opposed to environmentalism
 - Thinking pieces and action resources
 - Seed ideas
 - Inspirational cartoon or quotation
- The following was resolved:
 - Where a person considers that membership of SOC creates a conflict of interest for that person, then at the discretion of the committee the person could be added to the SOC distribution list without becoming a member
 - A person will be removed from SOC's distribution list after two consecutive years of non-payment of the membership subscription
 - SOC will exchange newsletters with sustainability initiative groups outside Christchurch, without those groups becoming members of SOC
- Membership drive
 - when the Recycling Plus brochure is posted out to members a SOC membership brochure will be included for members to pass on to someone who may become a member
 - need to upgrade the leaflet & note the activities or events SOC has been engaged in
 - hold a few more social evenings or trips & activities that get people up & doing rather than listening
- Events for members
 - Matariki party was suggested for next year
 - Bus tour to projects, e.g. Tongan initiative at Rowley Ave, Becon, modest sustainable houses
 - Possible presentation of “City Harvest”
 - Community outcomes stakeholder report back/progress report

evenings

- Maybe a presentation on Biodiversity, something from tangata whenua on reading the land
- The mailout will also include notice of the 6 December Christmas party (Halswell Quarry, Finlay #1, 10am - 6pm, 12 - 2 BYO BBQs), notice of the 16 December local currencies discussion with Christoph (WEA Hall at 7.30pm) and Christoph's article.
- Capacity to undertake projects
 - As a voluntary organisation we need to harvest our time. If we don't have time then we should not beat ourselves up about it
 - Plan ahead & determine priorities
 - Relies on the space committee members have
 - Need to know the spheres of influence we work in
 - Will reflect the organic nature of our work.
 - As the opportunities arise and energy levels permit.
- Sustainability Expo
 - Roger has met with Chrissie and Tony Moore. Want donations in kind from CCC
 - Roger and Arthur to pursue this issue and to report back if there is a role for SOC.
- Canterbury Transition Forums
 - No minutes will be written up, blog anything we want to say.
 - SOC role is to help ensure the forums continue to happen.
 - Additional venue(s) would be good.
- Community Relationships
- GPI launch
 - Probably in 2009.
- Biodiversity support - Chch Biodiversity Partnership
 - Rhys and Ian will continue to try and talk with Colin
 - Future public meeting
 - Could republish the Indigenous Ecosystems of Otautahi Christchurch guides
 - CLANZ (Community Learning Aotearoa NZ) possible source for funding an educational resource like this
- Submission on 'Building Sustainable Urban Communities'
 - Primarily suggest that draw together existing resources and initiatives so that we can see the development of thinking over time
 - The present document seems to be all institutional & procedural rather than about actuality & action
 - Structural change urgently needed as often act as barriers to real

change

- Transition Communities initiatives are a sign that people are impatient for real progress as opposed to more talk
- Need to counter institutional inertia
- Support flax-roots action
- ComVoices – proposed actions for relationships between Tangata Whenua, Community & Voluntary sectors and Govt were circulated and SOC agreed to support them – they will be discussed at the upcoming ANGOA AGM on which Katherine will report
- Te Tiriti and Sustainability
 - Picking up on Andrea Lobb's presentation and following on from our discussion of Kaitiakitanga, we should consider Whakapapa and Manawhenua at forthcoming meetings