

TDEG: Steering Group Meeting

Agenda and Minutes

3rd February 2021 8-9pm



Present: Andrea Mitson (Chair), Lynn Crowe, Sheelagh Handy, Laura Saunders, Alice Overton (Secretary), Claire Mckenzie, Julia Fell, Suzanne Lockie, Steve Elliott, Rob Mitson (Treasurer)

Apologies: Sue Barber

Minutes of the last Meeting: Approved subject to the amendments already noted in the agenda.

Matters arising: As noted in the agenda. In addition:

4c Website Link to Bulb Energy As Jules is already a Bulb customer it may be possible to channel referral fees through her. Jules will discuss this further with Rob.

ACTION

Jules
Rob

5b New dates for Litter pick Steve will contact those currently on his list to suggest that since they can't meet at the moment they each select a part of the existing route to clear. Lynn will add this information to the website and Claire will paste this onto Facebook.

Steve
Lynn
Claire

Actions from last meeting: AGREED as noted in the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Chair: A letter was published in the Village Voice recently with some controversial views on local wildlife which provoked a fair amount of comment amongst TDEG members. Lynn has responded on the website. Sue Mayer has written an article for the next Village Voice.

Treasurers Report: Rob thanked Laura and Adam for offering to take over this role. There is around £160 in the bank.

Project Updates: Sheelagh reported that an initial sample of 12 young people have expressed interest in the Youth Forum. There needs to be safeguarding in place. As TDEG is registered with Friends of the Earth (FoE) then the Youth Forum can be covered under FoE umbrella in terms of welfare, insurance, advice etc. It was **AGREED** that our CAG would be the host group for the welfare role on behalf of the Youth Forum.

ACTION

Agenda Items

1. Upcoming vacancy for secretary: Alice would like to stand down asap and will draft a job description. A personal approach to potential candidates is often more successful than advertising. All to consider possible candidates, Lynn to put the post on Facebook.

Alice
Lynn
All

2. Next whole group TDEG meeting:
Wednesday 24th February 19:45-20:45
Title: The Climate and Ecological Emergency ~ What are our local decision makers doing?

Speakers as detailed on the Agenda.

It was **AGREED** that the invitation go out to other groups (DD climate hub, HVCA, Derbyshire Coalition)

3. Speakers for whole group meeting on 21st April

It was **AGREED** that 'food' would be a popular topic which might attract a wider crowd.

A small group volunteered to help Laura with arrangements (Jules, Claire, Lynn and Suzanne). It's hope that the sustainability pages will be up on the website by then.

Possible speakers :

- Ed ?? From Oxford who could talk about labelling and carbon footprint (Laura)
- A speaker from the Abundance group in Sheffield who distribute throughout Sheffield. (Laura)
- Sara price who would be a local speaker. Claire offered to approach her.

Laura
Claire

The other ideas could be considered for future meetings:

- Domestic energy which would be Bill's domain
- Surfers against sewage (Steve and Rob)
- Plastic free schools

4. Hope for the future

ACTION

Sheelagh was supported in her request to build contact between TDEG and Sarah Dines MP and also in her offer of training to TDEG 'Building Relationship with MP'. It was **AGREED** that this training could be offered out to other environment groups in the Derbyshire Dales constituency.

5. Request to fund Printing

Laura would like funding for the Sustainable Food Project to produce promotional material for the plant and seed swap. She anticipated around 50-100 A5 leaflets although as the setup costs tend to be a major part of cost the committee agreed she might consider larger quantities and require a larger budget. The information will also be distributed online.

She will consider local and ecological printing. This could be an opportunity to connect with the village Allotment Association and the Community Gardeners. Neil Buttle might be interested in funding the leaflets and Rob offered to approach him. Lynn offered to help with the design.

Rob
Lynn

6. Use of Mailchimp by Project Leads:

This item was moved to the next meeting for discussion. In the mean time Lynn and Alice would consider alternatives.

Alice
Lynn

7. What makes a project group fully fledged?

Andrea suggested that the guidance in the agenda, to establish a new group, could now be used. The SG edited the guidance by email before the meeting.

8. Reflections on the TDEG project group model

Andrea has edited the TDEG model to reflect the newly established Sustainable Food Group.

Any other Business:

Rob made the suggestion that the group change the name to Support Group rather than Steering Group to reflect its role more accurately. This will be discussed at the next meeting.