

PACT Minutes of the Action Group meeting held at Bluebell Bookshop on 2nd March 2011 at 7pm

Present: Chair: Nigel Jenkins, Chris Cant, Peter Clark, Pete Dicken, Annie Tomlin, Richard Wood.

Apologies: Peter Ward, John Bodger, Christine Ellerton, Mike Hallam, Geoff Rockcliffe-King,

Steering Group meeting <i>Actions and those involved, in red italics</i>	
<p>Matters arising from last Minutes:</p> <p>Cinema: £66,000.00 now pledged.</p> <p>AGM: John to contact Paul Allan</p> <p>Policy documents: There are now on the website. It was agreed to have discussions with other similar groups re insurance and the possibility of getting a cheaper deal if more than one group involved.</p> <p>Membership: There is now a facility on the website to allow people to donate.</p>	<i>JOHN</i>
<p>Richard reported that his experience of registering on the website proved efficient and easy.</p> <p>Chris mentioned he has created a Facebook page.</p> <p>Peter D reported that the students at Newton Rigg had shown an interest in hosting a film evening.</p>	
<p>Penrith Show</p> <p>It was decided to have a stand at the show. It was hoped we could use the gazebo that had been used at the Plastic Bag free events to keep costs down.</p> <p>Suggestions: Peter D's portable oven with display illustrating how cob ovens are build</p> <p>Joining with other like minded organisations</p> <p>Greenweaver to display/sell glasses made from recycled bottles</p> <p>Eden Giants Storytelling – Info, stories? display?</p> <p>CafS</p> <p>Eden Community Outdoors</p> <p>Peter C suggested having something of interest to farmers. Ideas required.</p>	<i>MEMBERS</i>
<p>Finance Issues</p> <p>There is a Local Economies Workshop in Brampton on 12th March 2011 run by the Cumbria Sustainability Network. All are welcome.</p> <p>PACT should have a representative on the CSN.</p> <p>Chris reported he had got a better deal on the public liability insurance last year. Peter W had contacted the insurers to see if PACT would be able to act as</p>	

<p>an umbrella organisation in terms of insurance for other community groups.</p>	
<p>Volunteers Annie mentioned that over time we had received offers of help from volunteers but had not been proactive in engaging them in PACT events etc. It was agreed she would collate a list of them which would be put on the website so that Action Group leaders and the Steering Group could access the list when looking for help with projects.</p> <p>There was discussion about the possibility of PACT being the centre point of a list of volunteers. Chris agreed to talk to Howard Long who is creating a timebank to see where his information would be stored/accessed and if it would be relevant for PACT to be involved in that.</p> <p>Peter D reported on the presentation by the Royal Society of Arts that had taken place at The Watermill regarding community involvement.</p> <p>He also mentioned Handmade, which is an online book showcasing handmade British products.</p>	<p><i>ANNIE</i></p> <p><i>CHRIS</i></p>
<p>Action Group meetings: Food Group at Peter D's house: 3 Unity Terrace, Shap 4th March 7pm Energy Group at Peter W's house: Applegarth, Nicholson Lane, Penrith 7th March 7 pm Film Night at Quaker Meeting House, 15th March 7 pm. Refreshments.</p> <p>Chris mentioned the Resources and Waste Group was doing a workshop at St Catherine's School on 23rd March, including personalising cotton bags.</p>	
<p>Lee Quinn from Eden Local Community Magazine. The magazine contains information about local companies/organisations working towards sustainability, is delivered free to 4000 soon to be 14000 addresses in and around Penrith. He is interested in PACT having a regular presence in the magazine. Lee agreed to let Nigel have a list of deadline dates. Copy for the next issue is required by Friday 11th March. Nigel agreed to draft a page with photos.</p> <p>Possible subject: Eden Giants – Chris would contact Dawn Ovens Freegle</p>	<p><i>NIGEL</i></p> <p><i>LEE</i></p> <p><i>CHRIS</i></p>
<p><i>Please would members wishing to be involved in helping organise/run events contact fala_tomlin@hotmail.com, info@penrithact.org.uk or mikehallamthree@yahoo.co.uk</i></p>	