



# Transition Belper

## Minutes of Meetings

	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:</b>	02 <sup>nd</sup> October 2012		
	<b>LOCATION:</b>	Strutts, Derby Road, Belper		
	<b>PRESENT:</b>			
	See corresponding attendance list, but also present;			
	Ian Jackson	IJ (Chairman & Trustee)		
	Craig Scott	CS (Trustee)		
	Kathy Fairweather	KF (Trustee)		
	Mick Hepworth	MH (Trustee)		
	David George	DG (Trustee)		
	Richard Keighley	RK (Secretary & Trustee)		
	<b>APOLOGIES:</b>			
	Alan Foord	AF ((Out-going) Treasurer & Trustee)		
<b>Item:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<b>INTRODUCTIONS:</b>			
	IJ welcomed all the members and Trustees and set out the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting. IJ explained the format for the whole meeting including the requirements of the AGM.			
	IJ explained, with regret, that Alan Foord was resigning the role of Treasurer and that it was hoped that a replacement could be found shortly			
	IJ explained the current view of Transition Belper's Trustees was that individuals receiving the Newsletter were considered 'Supporters' and that only those who had signed a membership form were considered 'Members'. Therefore anyone wishing to vote in the AGM would need to be a member before the voting took place.			
	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b>			
	IJ explained that AF was absent due to family ill health and that in his absence read out the report. IJ concluded that the current Bank Balance was £2000 in credit.			
	KF explained how her 'Open Garden' had raised and contributed £241 towards TB's funds.			
	<b>2011 – 2012 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</b>			
	IJ explained rather than produce a formal Chairman's report he would carry out a Visioning exercise with those present, titled;			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coming Together – what the group has been doing</li> <li>2. Deepening – becoming an official Transition Town, Constitution, Funding, Bids and Third Party Groups.</li> <li>3. Connecting – skill workshops, adoption of Train Station, Well Dressing, Belper in Bloom, Belper Open Gardens, Town Council,</li> </ol>			



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	<p>Cromford Green Festival, Energy Advice Surgery</p> <p>4. Building – Hydro Project, Leaf Bid Assessment, Weir Survey and EA., Co-operative Challenge, Hydro Visits, Discovery Days, Engaging Consultants.</p> <p>IJ explained that the group would be invited to add where they wished Transition Belper to head in the forth coming year (Seperate document to be prepared by RK)</p>		<b>RK</b>
	CS introduced the 'An Economy For The 99%' event in Derby on the 13 <sup>th</sup> October. IJ explained that TB were running a workshop at the event.		
	Dick Watson introduced the 'International Year of Cooperatives' and the 'Bio Gen Converter' events.		
	<b>CONSTITUTION:</b>		
	<p>IJ explained that Transition Belper's Constitution needed to be revised as the group moves forward (Legal status).</p> <p>Transition Belper 's current status is very loose and any liabilities are spread between the Trustees.</p>		
	<p>IJ stated that the intention is to make Transition Belper a limited company registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission. Prior to doing this we would like feedback from the Members.</p>		<b>Trust.</b>
	<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES:</b>		
	IJ stated that the Trustees had been discussing the idea of charging a membership fee for Transition Belper.		
	IJ stated that he had deep reservations regarding fees although he could see the benefit as Transition Belper moves forward to being a Limited Company there would be annual costs required simply for running the business.		
	Tony Cooper explained to the Group how Heage Windmill had introduced a £6 membership fee to help fund the running of the organisation.		
	Tony thought that TB's insurance should cover both the Trustees and the Members / Supporters.		
	RK suggested that Membership would run on a Calendar year with subscriptions being paid in January.		
	The charging of membership fees will require an additional role for the Secretary – Membership Secretary.		<b>RK</b>
	IJ suggested that a £5 membership fee should be both reasonable and affordable.		
	<p>IJ asked Members to vote on the introduction of a Membership Fee for 2013.</p> <p>Members voted unanimously in favour of the introduction of fees, accepting that the final £ amount would be set by the Trustees.</p>		<b>Trust.</b>



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	<b>TRUSTEES:</b>		
	RK stated that there were seven members that have been nominated to be Trustees; Ian Jackson Craig Scott David George Julie Masrshall Kathy Fairweather Mick Hepworth Richard Keighley		
	IJ asked whether there were any other Members wishing to become Trustees. No one identified themselves.		
	RK asked the members present to vote for the nominees in turn. RK asked nominees to identify themselves when their names were called and then asked the Members to vote.		
	Members voted unanimously for the seven Members to become Trustees. IJ explained that the Trustees would meet separately to organise the Core Group and elect Officers.		<b>Trust.</b>
	IJ thanked those attending and stated that that concluded the AGM		
	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</b>		
	None		