

Minutes of the Transition Ipswich Transport meeting
held 7 December 2010
at the Friends Meeting House, 39 Fonnereau Road, Ipswich IP1 3JH

Present

Heather Bruce
Charles Croydon
Russell Nunn
Julian Turner

Apologies

Kevin Ablitt
Roy & Merlyn Adams
Alex Loh
Steve Marsden
Rona Sharp
Dan Wheals

Schools workshop

Heather said she had met with Kevin. She said she was still doing research and had a list of information to look up. Garry of Transition Woodbridge is to help with a bike generator for children.

Reflective Tops

Charles explained that Dan had made a grant application

Applicant details:

Name: Dan Wheals
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Post held in organisation: member

Organisation details:

Organisation's Name: Transition Ipswich

Organisation's Address: No Premises c/o above address. Our web address is www.transitionipswich.org.uk

Details of Organisation: Transition Ipswich is a horizontal community organisation. We consist of about 20 core members and many interested people. We show a monthly film at UCS for the public on environmental and community themes. Our aims are to respond to the joint challenges of climate change and peak oil and to do so in a fun active manner. People join groups they are interested in on Energy, Transport, Economics, Food so far.

Application details:

1. For what purpose is the grant requested?

Transition Ipswich aims to enable people to live resiliently and to do so safely. A grant would enable us to make people more visible on the roads, a

positive message to counter the doom and gloom predictions of climate change. We would wish to give them away free to cyclists and in engaging with them introduce them to other cycling opportunities in Ipswich and

2. What benefits that will arise will from the project and/or how many people will benefit?

74 more people encouraged to use bicycles more safely. Wider awareness of the transition ideas. Publicity opportunities Students could be targeted as they often have less money for road safety items.

3. What will the funding be spent on? (List expenses that will be incurred)

Will spend the money on printing hi-hiz vests for cyclists. The quote we have for text logos (which could include funded by UCS or words similar are Vest with simple logo £3.35/ vest from vizwear.com (You may have contracts with suppliers that could be used to get better deals and more vests to be printed) £250 / £3.35 = 74vests.

4. Please give details of other sources of funding e.g. other grants applied for/received, funds raised etc.

None for this project. The only funding the organisation has ever received was a £200 award from Suffolk's Greenest County 2010 Awards in the Transport category for the organisation of a large community cycle ride. We could add some of this to print more vests if successful from your grant.

5. Have you applied/received a grant from UCS before? If yes, when?

No

6. Please state the completion date of the project/activity.

February 2011. We would hand out vests to cyclists in Ipswich once vest were printed, a plan of action approved, publicity and a celebration event had been organised.

7. How will you recognise UCS' contribution to this project/activity e.g. inclusion of logo, statement of support on printed material, web links on website?

We are happy to include some text about UCS on the vest. Extra costs would be included if the logo was more complicated than text but it would result in fewer vests being printed. Joint publicity is welcomed.

Completed Risk assessments and health and safety procedures?

(1=yes, 0=no): 1

Charles said he had received an email from Dan from which it was clear Risk assessments and health and safety procedures would require more work if the grant was successful. Julian is to let Dan have details of printer.

Kevin's Proposal

Charles said Kevin had emailed to say

To be clear about what I am able to offer to the Transport Group, I am keen to be involved in :-

1. Setting up the coop/mutual aid/cic/whatever to get a resource off the ground for alternative transport in Ipswich and surrounding area .
This could be just repairing bikes and helping people learn how to do it themselves or perhaps branching out and building trailers and other bits and bobs, offering rickshaw rides, etc etc . Perhaps based in one place or perhaps spread out in workshops over the town .
2. Helping out with technical details with Heathers idea which we discussed at a recent meeting at the FMH.
3. Organising monthly workshops followed by rides, I am currently looking for a suitable venue - must be easy access so I can reverse up to it to unload quickly and efficiently, ideally have a hard, easily cleaned floor and good lighting and preferably free or it would be necessary to charge for the events?

I am currently working 6 days a week to keep things going so I don't have any time for meetings as I wouldn't be able to do anything extra anyway.

Kevin's proposal was discussed and it was decided that Charles should ask Swaraj Jeyasingh to arrange a joint meeting with TI Energy group. Charles is also to email Kevin's proposal from last March to Russell (for reference this is titled Proposal working [1].txt which is in the TI Transport group folder of the Files section of TI Zone). Two possible locations for the monthly workshop were discussed- the Parkside center in Spring Road (about opposite Cowper Street) (see photo PO20101205_0029 in the Transport Group Dec 2010 Meeting folder in the Photo section of TI News) and the back of CSV Media Clubhouse on the junction of Princes Street and Portman Road. (see photo PO20101226_0022 in the Transport Group Dec 2010 Meeting folder in the Photo section of TI News)

Website

Charles to ask Alex to put picture of the bike parking outside Sainsburys on TI Transport page. More photos could be taken by Heather and Julian to provide other images to be used in addition if it was felt necessary.

ERDF

Steve Marsden's email about ERDF funding available for low carbon transport projects in the East of England was considered.

See

http://www.eeda.org.uk/files/Bidding_Round_9_Guidance.pdf

for more information

It was decided that we should develop the 'Transport Plan' so it can be used for future grant application. The importance of a 'tick box' approach such as saying a project would employ people was noted.

Julian is to have a go at a proposal to be submitted in January Charles is to email Peter Miller's contact details to Julian.

New Ways to Work Meeting

Rona Sharp, Steve Marsden, Julian Turner, Russell Nunn, Barry Moore of Campaign for Better Transport, Bryan Frost of Felixstowe Travel Watch, Malcolm Robson (of Ipswich Buses) and about 35 other people had attended this meeting.

The Plugged in Places Workshop had people involved with Transition Ipswich. The application was proceeding. Security for cycles while being recharged was discussed. Julian said something like the organisation of a bike hub where places would be booked in advance was required. The Workshop had expressed some skepticism about the uptake of electric bikes.

The Ipswich buses joint scheme in which BT subsidises buses from Ipswich station to Martlesham was discussed. This is an hourly service timed with train arrivals. The route using Wherstead Road and the Orwell Bridge takes 20 minutes as opposed to the 66 route that takes 55 minutes. There is also a loop around the BT Handford Road site. In the near future the current single decker bus is to be replaced by a double decker bus. In addition it was mentioned that BT staff can purchase discounted tickets for travel on the route 66 buses, tickets can be purchased using a mobile phone and that some car parks at Adastral Park are only available for car share.

Technical Update

The initial results of rural hybrid bus operations were noted - provide link to Swiss bus item Julian said that the results of an improvement in fuel efficiency as a result of using electrolysis powered by fuel via the battery and providing hydrogen and oxygen to go into the engine of diesel minibuses was an improvement of 4%. However the particulate emissions had been halved. Julian is to try and get more information on how the other emissions had been affected.

Next Meeting

7:30 pm Tuesday 4 January in the Children's/Quiet room of the Friends Meeting House 39 Fonnereau Road, Ipswich IP1 3JH where among other matters will discuss the proposal to visually represent carbon dioxide see below

44g of carbon dioxide occupy 22.4 litres
1 tonne of carbon dioxide occupies 509091 litres
1 litre is 10cm cube
1 metre cube contains 1000 litres
1 tonne of carbon dioxide occupies 509 cubic metres
Each side of the tonne is therefore 8 metres long or a 3m-high structure, 13m square
Fuel derived carbon dioxide is 2.62 kg per litre
1 tonne is therefore 382 litres of fuel
Modest car achieves 10 miles/litre
So tonne of carbon dioxide made at 3817 miles
Walking person produces no significant extra carbon dioxide
Cyclist produces no significant extra carbon dioxide if non-manufactured things only are included.