**Winchcombe Green Town – Steering group meeting**

**Notes of meeting held on Wednesday 19 October, 7pm at Winchcombe Club**

1 Apologies – Jane, Tim, Michael, Richard.

Attending : Gill, Chris, Corinne, Stu, Naomi, Annie, JoAnne

2 Notes of last meeting – no amendments

3 WGT Unincorporated Constitution.

All agreed this constitution would be approved in the short term to enable us to obtain a bank account to deposit the seed money from Transition Towns and to give credibility to our activities. All (apart from Gill) signed the constitution and **Corinne agreed to seek formal approval of our status as an Unincorporated Association.** It was agreed that the purpose of WGT was to enable and be the catalyst for green action in Winchcombe, supporting subgroups and other ventures whilst not controlling them.

4 Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as possible future direction

It was agreed that WGT should consider becoming a CIO to provide us with a good foundation for the future as well as to remove liability of the new trustees. **Michael, Stu and Chris agreed to meet to consider which version of CIO would be appropriate and to prepare suitable documentation with the aim of bringing this back to the steering group early in 2023.**

5 Transition Town

**Chris agreed to continue to pursue obtaining £500 of seed funding from the Transition Town network and if necessary to open a temporary charity bank account until a more permanent option could be agreed upon once CIO status had been arranged**.

**Everyone was encouraged to check out Transition Town tools and methodologies on their website which provides a comprehensive range of activities, hints and tips that we could consider**

6 Winchcombe car club

**Open meeting 20 November would need volunteers to help**. A specific charitable organisation was being set up to enable community funding and involvement separate from WGT. **Leaflets would be distributed across Winchcombe week beginning 24 October to 6 November and volunteers would be needed to help with this. Naomi is coordinating these events.** There was a need for financial commitment from Winchcombe community in addition to any money granted by the Rotary Club to start this scheme.

7 Solar panels

Many contacts had been made across the county in the last month and the model being proposed is Minchinhampton School which would involve setting up a separate charitable organisation to enable community support and involvement in this scheme. Winchcombe Junior School were very interested in getting involved linking with Gloucester Diocese. Proposed half day event for yr 5 and 6 along with parent involvement after school which WGT could be involved in. National Grid had opportunities for grants for solar schemes. **Stu to continue making progress on this**

8 Other WGT possible projects:

Winchcombe network actions & business forum actions

**Gill, Chris and JoAnne to work together along with local business forum and network group to identify how to encourage shopping locally and helping with cost of living crisis.**

**Link to Vulnerable Assistance Network to be added to WGT website**

Festival of Thrift/mending/repair session – postponed to November meeting

Tree planting

**Stu agreed to help JoAnne with obtaining the approvals needed for the tree planting scheme at Dell Park**

Fundraising proposal by JoAnne

**JoAnne was holding a book launch fund raising event in the Undercroft of the Museum on Friday 2 December and would like WGT members to join her as a demonstration of the range of activities WGT were involved in**. This event would continue every evening until 6 December, Winchcombe Christmas night shopping date. This would be planned at November meeting

Monthly social meetings

**Agreed to monthly social events (Green Meet ups) on last Thursday of every month starting on Thursday 24 November, 7pm, downstairs in the White Hart for ‘Pint and Pizza’ (self funded!). Chris would put on WhatsApp group to ascertain interest and then book table**. No specific themes but mainly a chance for wider group to get together and discuss progress.

Eco-schools

**Chris waiting for response from school. Gill to coordinate with Chris following Pates making contact about eco-exchange idea.** Further discussion at November meeting

Communication

**JoAnne would check Transition Town website for possible WGT logo**

**JoAnne to draft update for Winchcombe Christmas Shopper deadline 5 November**

**Annie to put together notes on updating WGT website and circulate.**

9 Updates from groups – none

10 Any other business – included above. November meeting to discuss roles of steering group members

11 Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 16 November, 19.00, Winchcombe Club booked**