

Green Action In Central Tottenham

Report of meeting, October 22nd 2023

Note: Next Green Action meeting, Sunday 10th December, 1pm @ Lordship Hub (the Hub's availability to be confirmed)

Present: Roxana, Friedrich, Ruth, Karin, George, Tabi, Joan, Bob C, Bob S, Dave, Chuku, Jenny, Jane, Saba **Apols:** Anne, Carmel, Stephanie, Quentin, Ella

Introduction All introduced themselves and which groups (if any) they were involved in and why they were attending. We went through the report of our very positive launch meeting last month. This included the range of ideas that were 'brainstormed' and the specific things people had been keen to work on. Dave had printed maps of the central-ish areas of Tottenham. He had also listed many of the networks we could support and tap into, and some of the local community groups in the area we could contact and seek to link up with. [See initial list below]. Roxana had set up a Whatsapp group for coordinating our efforts. Dave has developed an email list of supporters, now around 39 people. There was then a general discussion in which everyone chipped in.

The following ideas and potential activities (in no particular order) were raised:

- Let's use the **Hub as a base** to reach out
- Good to do **door-to-door leafletting** to reach more and new people.
- A local residents association in a couple of streets in Bruce Grove are **greening their area with planters**. They will visit the Harmony Gardens (Lordship Rec) to link with them.
- **Harmony Gardens** has 2 sessions a week for volunteers to get involved.
- Tottenham and Wood Green Friends of the Earth are continuing their '**warm homes**' campaign (as part of a national drive) to promote insulation and renewable energy etc. They will be handing in the local Warm Home petition to the 2 local MPS on Sat 18 Nov at 10am, outside Wood Green library. All welcome to come and support.
- Tabi reported progress with the idea discussed at the last meeting for a **central Tottenham 'citizens assembly'** (local public meeting open to all): anyone interested in helping with that can attend a planning meeting at the Hub on Nov 2nd, 7pm.. its up to those at that meeting to decide what they want to do.
- A new network has been set up, the **Haringey Climate and Nature Emergency Network (HCNEN)**. There's a 'COP28' global conference to tackle the climate emergency (in Dubai, Nov 30th-Dec 12th). However it seems that Governments and Corporations are using these crisis meetings as 'greenwash', so XR and others are saying that instead of 'Bad COP' lets call for 'Good COP' alternative mobilisation, protests and activities. It was suggested that activities could be organised in Haringey around that period.
- Jane reported that Haringey Xtinction Rebellion are planning a **Haringey Citizens Assembly** on the climate and biodiversity crisis. It will be at the Kurdish Centre in Harringay on Sat Nov 25th, 12-4pm. It will be followed by a collectively-made meal coordinated by the Haringey Right To Food campaign (who organised a 300-strong march and mini-festival on Tottenham Green on 23rd Sept. <https://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/23817719.right-food-haringey-leads-hunger-march-food-poverty/>)
- Joan reported that the annual **Tottenham Flower and Produce Show** in Lordship Rec in September was a great success and this year included climate action and right-to-food stalls. She suggested that next year's could become a kind of Green Gathering, with a wider range of groups and issues. All welcome to help organise it. Maybe we and local residents associations could help do mass door-to-door leafletting next summer to publicise it.
- Local groups could and should promote and support **community empowerment** generally, as part of their activities (whether repair cafes, residents associations, friends groups, youth groups, green groups etc etc). Green Action can help link together people and groups in the area, and encourage everyone to be aware of and address the climate crisis.
- **Green Action to hold regular monthly open activities**, not just coordination meetings but some also with interesting and useful themes and other groups invited.
- Maybe the Hub could set up a **Green Action webpage** we could use. Or we could set up our own range of media.

It was agreed to:

- Broadly welcome and **support the above initiatives**

- **Organise regular meetings, drop-ins, and activities** with themes and films etc. We agreed to invite specific other groups to come as 'guest hosts' to 'take over' our meeting with their own format, ideas and suggestions for the people of central Tottenham. The first suggested could be Black Rootz food-growing group based in Wolves Lane, Wood Green - maybe we invite them for early in the new year.

- Expand our **Whatsapp coordination group** (9 on it so far), and expand our email list of supporters (39 so far). Contact Dave if so.

- **Next GA meeting Sunday 10th December, 1pm.** We decided to move it from the end of November so as not to clash with the Haringey Climate Crisis Assembly on 25th Nov.

Networks we could support and link with, eg:

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Haringey Xtinction Rebellion

Haringey Community Action Network

Haringey Climate and Nature Emergency Network

Tottenham and Wood Green Friends of the Earth - quentin.given@btinternet.com

Haringey Climate Forum

Sustainable Haringey

Estates Elite Recycling UK Live Eat Recycle

Haringey Living Streets

Haringey Better Transport

Haringey Just Stop Oil

Ubele / Black Rootz

Haringey Clean Air Group

Tottenham Green Party

Our Tottenham

Haringey Community Centres Network

Haringey Federation of Residents Associations

Haringey Friends of Parks Forum

Haringey Unite Community

Haringey Trades Union Council

Local Groups we could contact and link with, eg:

Lordship Hub

Friends of Lordship Rec and other Rec user groups (eg Rockstone, BWF FC)

Tottenham Clouds

Broadwater Farm Residents Association

Tower Gardens Residents Group

Bruce Grove Residents Network

HEN17 (Residents Group for Hartham Road, Elsdon Road and Newlyn Road - Nr Bruce Grove)

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Youth groups

Local schools

Local faith centres

Local Trades Unions

All local community groups