

Green Action in Central Tottenham - initial meeting

24/09/23 @ Lordship Hub, 1-3pm

NEXT MEETING: 22/10/2023 1pm-3pm at the Hub

Those present: Bibsi (Saba), Robert, Sonja, Katharine, Dave W, Dave M, Ella, Stephanie, Friedrich, Joan, Rosa, Tabi, Chuku, Anne, Roxanna

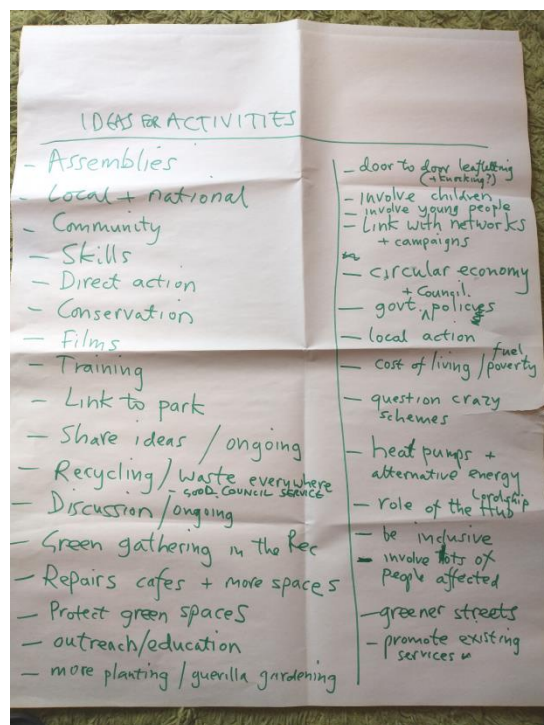
Agenda: Introductions, Background, Ideas for activities, Discussion, Next steps, AOB

Introductions: All present stated their name & said what organisation they're from if any.

Background to the meeting: Dave explained why and how the meeting was called. It's now widely recognised that the world is facing a climate, environmental and biodiversity crisis and we need to change the way things are being done - individually, collectively and at national and global level. Lordship Hub cooperative called this open meeting to enable people to talk about what people can do/support/promote in central Tottenham to make a difference. The meeting's publicity included flyers, and information through a range of social media, as well as via existing networks. The proposal was to create a new group and activities to complement the great work being done through existing groups and networks, and to reach out to new and wider people in our communities.

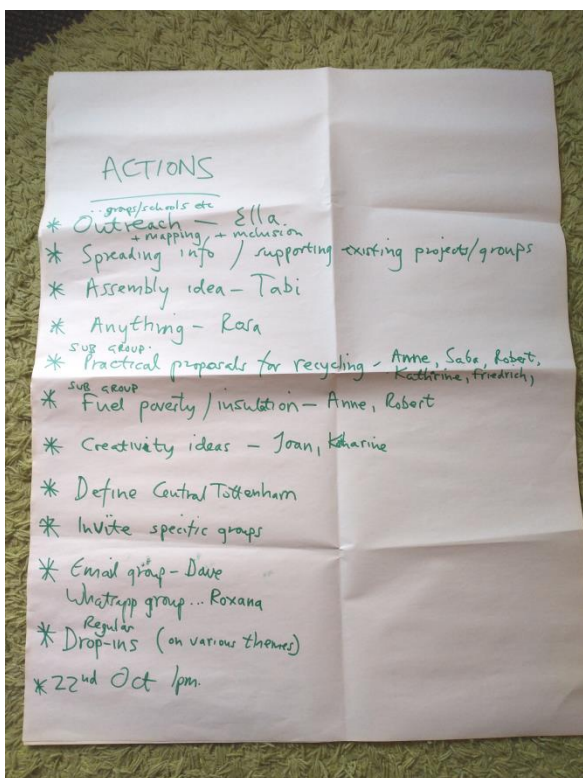
Ideas: There was a 'go round' and all present were encouraged to say what they thought could be some good ideas. See flipchart photo. This included:

- More biodiversity everywhere (Saba suggested)
- Film showings (Dave)
- Local open assemblies (Tabi)
- Engage new and more diverse range of people (Sonja)
- Small-scale community action (Rosa)
- Linking up with existing activities (various)
- More bring and repair cafes (Friedrich)
- Outreach and education (Ella)
- Involving schools and pupils (Katharine)
- Door knocking to reach new people
- Encourage young people to learn relevant skills (Robert)
- More recycling (Robert)
- Amplify action that is already happening including at the Hub (Roxana)
- Support campaigns and protests eg Just Stop Oil (Rosa and Dave)
- Link in to and support existing green networks (Dave)
- Bring people together to share ideas/experiences/skills they already know (Stephanie)
- Support and learn from Go Green/4U2 regular drop ins and annual events (Dave)
- Tackle fuel poverty and need for green energy (Anne)



Discussion: What area does Central Tottenham cover and should we define it? We need to address the lack of diversity and lack of representation in many community meetings, and green activities in particular. There was a commitment to continually try to address this, as well as involve new people generally. Which groups should we contact and seek to partner with? All the things suggested seemed good, and possible to do if people could be found/encouraged to take things forward!

Possible actions people might help do:



- Recycling, green waste, repair clubs (Anne, Katharine, Saba, Robert and Friedrich were interested in this and some indicated they might chat about it at the end of the meeting).
- Tackling fuel poverty (Anne/Friedrich)
- Outreach, after mapping of local groups/facilities/schools etc to reach out to (Ella, Stephanie and Dave)
- Film showings and drop-ins, maybe at the Hub?
- Promote the Hub Weather Stn (Ella/Dave)
- Assemblies/public meetings (Tabi/Chuku)
- Spreading info about existing activities and linking into existing networks (Dave)
- Creative ideas for activities (Joan, Katharine)

Next steps to be definitely undertaken:

- Mapping and drafting a rough map of the area and potential groups we are focusing on (Central Tottenham)
- Invite specific groups to the next meetings/activities
- Everyone to invite other people to come next time
- GA Whatsapp group (Roxana)
- GA email list (Dave)
- Update and simplify the flyer and make image for social media (Dave)

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(depending on hub accepting the booking – *update: confirmed*)