

# Climate 12 Action!

*a Sustainable Gabriola initiative*

**Action Teams (10):** Agriculture & Food Security • Biodiversity • Buildings & Energy • Consumerism & Waste • Economic Change • Health & Well-Being • Transportation • Water • Arts & Culture • Indigenous Ways of Knowing

## Team Convenors meeting notes

Thursday 16 November 2023, 3:00 p.m. at VIRL

Notes by Joan J.

### Biodiversity — Deb

- Although 4-5 people signed up for biodiversity, none have replied to Deb's messages
- Only Deb and Ewout are active
- Focus on Gabriola and search for active groups to collaborate with (GaLTT, StreamKeepers, groundwater mapping, etc.)
- OCP review — meeting re environmental issues
- Look at development areas
- Regenerate Cascadia material could be considered
- Incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing

### Building and Energy — Hans

- Alison — home sizes in OCP (like on Galiano)
- Rob is busy with retrofit and energy project
- Hans has been active in solar and energy

### Agriculture and Food Security — Betty

- Forming neighbourhood mentorship pods with mentors and mentees
- Susan developing a draft map of neighbourhoods
- Look at where people are at with food security
- Gabriola focus on expansion of local food production
- Avril at the seniors' apartment has mentored many seniors on gardening

\* Discussion on importance of neighbourhoods — Greg to contact Shirley (emergency preparedness) to see if there is a neighbourhood map available

### Health and Wellbeing — Tawny

- Team meeting on Nov 21
- Mary Mitchell to help with a visual graph of health and wellness resources available on Gabriola
- Emailed Shirley Nicholson re neighbourhoods for emergency planning but no response yet
- Susan's map (agriculture and food security) a good starting point



## Transportation — Steve

- Team is looking at car-stops
- Ride-share — the Seafood district has started a single-neighbourhood level
- Discussion of web page / apps to facilitate ride-share
- Ivan to survey people in ferry lineup on ferry-to-Village trail
- Connecting trails — GaLTT commuting trails

## Water — Joan

- Information from WellSmart information session
- Focus on rainwater harvesting, WellSmart practices, greywater possibilities
- Group suggested a manual on what we have learned about water on Gabriola, looking at accurate information, troubleshooting and problem solving

## Economic Change — Fay

- Many aspects — look at indicators; how does economy serve us, and how to measure healthy perspectives, people living within the limits of the Earth?
- Doughnut economics framework
- Alyssa to analyze projects re environmental impacts (+ or -)
- Look at resources — waste products, Fix-It Fair, waste wool, pellets, construction waste reuse rather than landfill, vegetable oil — soap and biodiesel, compost
- Buy less, buy local, live simply
- Education component
- **Targets and Indicators from each action group** — Focus on health and well-being without overshooting environmental boundaries — 2010 Sustainable Gabriola plan provides some baseline indicators that could be measured. **What questions should be posed for a survey that will be done by the Economic Change group?**

Gerry will focus on Waste, in collaboration with Economic change

- There is an overlap between consumerism and waste
- Looking at partnerships with GaLTT and FireSmart to participate feasibility study — RDN waste management alternative to Nanaimo landfill near capacity
- Enterprise ideas include Gabriola composting and re-purposing waste, wood waste could become biochar (Mary Wilson, Salt Spring) or wood chips
- Somerset Farm is going through all of the hoops to get a composter

## Special event suggestions

- Neighbourhoods and map of Gabriola
- What to do when the power goes out
- Greywater
- OCP review
  - o Climate 12 has funding for a community input event
  - o What can be done to address climate adaptation (to be added to OCP)?

**Next Convenors meeting: Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the library.**