

Climate-12 Action Team Conveners meeting #9

Thursday, 23 May 2024 at 3:30 pm, library

(Start time not the usual 3:00, due to library booking issues.)

5 people here: Susan, Fay, Greg (notes), Deb, Joan

Action Team reports

Water — Joan

- Team met. Creating handout of water on Gabriola: information, contacts. Steve U. is filling in gaps. Idea for an event focussed just on cisterns, and Jenni's buying co-op idea. She will approach SusGabe meeting on Sunday. Hope to have something soon.

Biodiversity — Deb

- Little done since last meeting, due to happy family events.
- Basic plan to acquire baseline reporting from other groups working in this area: their info and goals.
- 3 big biodiversity maps created for Gabr'hoods event. (Deb has them.)
- Steve U created a Gabriola wells resource display. (Greg has it.)
- Idea: a Gabriola atlas, physical ... maybe flat files at the library.

Food & Agriculture — Susan

- Will talk to Graham re making us a "pod" of the Agi Co-op.
- Betty's gardens are getting running.
- Contact info circulating for mentor/mentee program
- Gabriola Theatre Centre has an orchard, gardens that could be used. Maybe turn it into a community garden for the south end? Could possibly be a satellite of the Commons?
- Namaste Gardens is already a community garden, associated with the Commons (There's an agreement, which gives insurance coverage).

Economic Change — Fay

- Met, talked about garage sale (& Fix-It Fair) at Commons (20-July), but there was already another benefit garage sale on same day.
- Fix-It Fair will still happen in July, site pending.
- Jinny and Fay will meet to do indicators, for the survey.
- Chamber round-tables are focussing on nonprofits.

Buildings & Energy — Fay

- Matt Dow is now involved with firehall, will be pushing at electrifying vehicle, solar panels at firehall.

Arts & culture — Greg

- Deb Dallyn is moving forward slowly with an ambitious, climate-adjacent art project; keeping it secret for now.

Transportation — Greg

EVO ebike rental now in Nanaimo. We see people coming over on rental ebikes on the ferry, to bike on Gabriola. It works well with Hullo too.

no reports

- **Health & Wellness** – Tawny

Other stuff

Gabr'hoods event (11-May) observations

- Organizer debrief will happen soon
- reviewed BC Hydro grant deliverables (circulate to group)
- mapping discussion: Renee is waiting for our input re n'hood boundaries, other points of interest
- General feedback was quite good ... relaxed
- We'll bring the results back to a Convenors meeting.

Sustainable Gabriola Climate Action Communications Plan (Deb)

- It's becoming a larger, quite involved plan.
- Coming to next Sus Gabe meeting for comment (will be circulated by email)

Gabriola Climate Change Action Charter — Deb

- Earlier draft has morphed into a general statement that everybody can agree to. The specifics for each business/org/individual would be in a separate document.
- Possible graphic layout using the museum's Gabriola Flag ... something visually striking.
- Read it out.
- It's coming to next Sus Gabe meeting for comment (will be circulated by email)

Next Convenors meeting (third Thursday): Thursday June 20th, 3:00pm at the library

- Change to every two months, and skip the summer months.

Other events

- Sustainable Gabriola meeting, Sun-26-May, 3:00 at Commons house

Over 4:15

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