

## **Notes on a 'Health and Wellbeing' Meeting held on 16th December 2009**

- 1) Notes of the previous meeting (16th November) were considered and agreed as a correct record.
  - 2) Matters Arising. There were no matters arising that were not being discussed elsewhere in the agenda.
  - 3) Ecohealth Initiative. Neil Chadborn reported that he was working with Jude Robinson and Neil Gavin on a proposal for a project to study public attitudes to climate change in specific localities within the city. The proposed project would be supported by the new Liverpool Institute for Health Inequality Research (a joint initiative of Liverpool Primary Care Trust and University of Liverpool).
  - 4) Synergia Initiative. Alan Cunningham informed the Group that a special edition of Health Promotion International printed in November 2009 contained a wealth of information on Healthy Cities Initiatives throughout Europe including a framework for Public Health monitoring. He suggested that some of this material could be used to expand the local neighbourhood monitoring report that was already proposed. This would provide expanded possibilities of monitoring Healthy Cities work at a neighbourhood level.
  - 5) Proposed Business Plan for Transition Liverpool. In the absence of several members of the Group this item was deferred for future discussion.
  - 6) Health & Wellbeing Group – Proposed Aims and Objectives. This had been proposed for discussion at a previous meeting. Alan Cunningham presented a draft document for discussion. This was deferred for future consideration. The draft document is printed below.
  - 7) City Council Climate Change Document – Issues arising. Several members had attended a meeting of the Duncan Society at which the Climate Change Document was discussed. There was concern that it did not refer to the very poor standards of health within the City. Action needed to combat avoidable ill health was a major source of carbon emissions. Good sustainable practice tended to be healthy as well. There was concern also that the document did not discuss local food strategies.
  - 8) Next Meeting; Monday 25th January at 7.0pm at FACT
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### **Health & Wellbeing Group Proposed Aims and Objectives /Mission Statement Draft Notes presented for consideration by the Group.**

The Group supports the right of all people in the Merseyside Bio-Region to live a healthy and sustainable life. It will seek to identify and publicise links between healthy living and sustainable living, to promote low carbon strategies for health, to promote access to relevant information and resources, to set organisational and resource standards for healthy and sustainable living within localities and networks and to devise and make accessible models of practice.

The Group will draw upon;

- 1) The Transition Handbook, transition reference sources and the experience of other groups practising transition.
- 2) The Rights based sustainability framework of the United Nations (The United Nations Agreement on the Environment) (Agenda 21) as supplemented by the Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change and other relevant reports and research on Climate Change.
- 3) The Rights based public health policy of the World Health Organisation (Health for All) as supplemented by the report of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health and other relevant research and reports on public health.

4) The application of a system of economics which sees the natural world, existing community and social structures and human potential as being intrinsically valuable and not just subject to narrow market conditions.