Update report - Parish Council July 4th 2022

The first Annual General Meeting of Transition Tattenhall was held on June 15th. As the first meeting of the Community Benefit Society we signed up new members, laid out the purpose and plans of the organisation and elected five of the possible eight Directors. The first Directors meeting was held on 27th June, and at the meeting the roles of the new chair, secretary and finance responsibility have been agreed.
Chairperson - Nick Benefield
Executive Secretary - Adele Evans
Treasurer and Fundraising - Pete Radley
Publicity, Media & Marketing - Alex Roberts

The membership of the new organisation is now 46 and an active membership drive will continue. The next member meeting to agree develop plans for the coming year will be held 7pm on July 6th at the Barbour Institute.

Projects currently in progress:

• **Repair Cafe** - first to be held on July 24th at the Barbour Institute Partners: Barbour Institute

• **Waste and Recycling** - building on activities of 12 litter pickers and new plans from CWAC, aiming to make Tattenhall free of single use plastics, and raise awareness of damage done by plastics to the environment both the countryside and the seas. Partners: Plastic Free Cheshire and three local businesses

• **Meditation Space** - Now a regular wellbeing provision at St Albans providing space to be - helping mental health issues, building personal resilience. Partners: St Albans, PPG, NHS/Healthbox Social Prescribers

• **Mini Meadows Programme** -trail now completed this is the first year of a long term project to increase biodiversity on the village. It is thought that there may be now 6 acres of wildflower meadow in the village , with public spaces and private gardens. The aim would be to double this. Partners: Gardening Society, TWIG

• **Education and Information Activities** -General Public education with continuing occasional roadshows and opportunities for public engagement. Partners:

- **School Engagement** - started with eco hat competition at School Fayre, publicity around the problems of single use plastic and the aim to make Tattenhall free of single use plastic. Further meetings with dedicated teachers will be held. Partners Park School and PTA

- **Young People Project Meeting** - Meeting of local organisations interested in understanding how the needs of young people in the village can be met. Potential Partners: Young People, Youth Council, Leaders of the local Scouts, Beavers, Guides etc. Hoping that the PC will want to be involved as we understand that the Youth Council has been disbanded.

- **Carbon Reduction Working Group** - Participants being sought to begin the more complex issue of heating and energy efficiency. Partners: ???

- **Tattenhall Kind -** a new project to coordinate and facilitate free exchange - details to be advertised.

Issues for the Parish Council.

Two members of the Parish Council attended the AGM and we hope that collaboration between Transition Tattenhall and the work of the Council can be further developed in the coming year.

On this basis we ask if the Council has any plans as to how, in light of the increasingly difficult economic situation, plans should be developed on how as a village community we can tackle the impact of local food and fuel poverty this coming winter?

Based on 2015 data there are approximately 9% of households in Tattenhall below the threshold for poverty and this figure, in light of Covid, is likely now to be greater. Will the Council lead discussions with partner organisations seeking to meet some of these challenges? eg Food Banks and Warm space provision.

Our Purpose Statement

Our purpose is to:
- develop and support action to tackle the climate, economic and social pressures we face.
- foster a responsive, innovative and collaborative community where support for everyone contributes to the quality of life for everyone.
- establish local projects where shared knowledge, skills and action can build a thriving, resilient community for current and future generations.

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