

Transition Amherst 6/9/11 meeting notes

Present: Jon Kent, Betsy Krogh, Gabor Lukacs, Rick Martin, Mona Naimark

Agenda:

Peter's item

Resource Fair

Tina Clarke

Retreat follow up

Outreach

350 events

It was decided that Jon will represent Transition Amherst at a resource sharing event in Northampton next week.

Follow up to Tina Clarke's presentation at our 5/12 meeting: people said that Tina has lots of information, energy, moves very fast. Her presentation was better organized than earlier. Gabor put his bike project on Transition Network as Tina suggested. What is happening with us - moving slow, not getting to Great Unleashing - is happening elsewhere. If we want to get this done, it has to be a priority. Who has that prioritization? We all have other things going on. Time is drawing near. We are different from the UK. We are moving slow and steady like a tortoise. How will culture in this country respond to and address the 3-E's? It will reveal itself, don't push the river. Embrace it as it reveals itself.

Retreat Follow up: Subcommittee (Mona, Rick, Peter) met and discussed the retreat results, issued a report, decided to deal first with "Anxiety about the Great Unleashing" category.

Rick offered to take us through a planning process he has found useful. Betsy proposed that we let Rick do this for 20 minutes then evaluate and see how we like it.

From the large sheets of paper: "Plan for the Great Unleashing"

Needs:

Lots of attendees

An experience of community during the meeting (and planning it.)

Alignment around a common vision or goal

A large day-long meeting space (300-400 people)

Empty space in people's lives

Facilitators for topic tables (and experts)

Components of unleashing (Speaker? Song? Slideshow?)

A catastrophic event to motivate us – shake our confidence in the status quo.

Our Mission:

Resilience in the face of...

through creating a conversation among all members in the community, leading to thriving in the face of unpredictable change.

Time was up. We checked out. Mona felt we hadn't followed the decisions of the "retreat follow up subcommittee" Agenda items to be carried over include Peter's item, Outreach and 350.org events.