

Minutes: TCLocal Meeting 3 June 2006

Roll call

Jon Bosak, Jen Maffet, Ed Mikula, Terry Moore, Dave Panofsky, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Angelika Rumberger, Simon St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder

Upcoming TCLocal events

- 4 June: Social Justice Committee of Ithaca Monthly Meeting of Friends (Hector Meetinghouse on Perry City Road, 11:45 a.m.) — Simon et al. Jon will present the peak oil information; Simon will manage the rest of the discussion.
TCLocal representation at the Ithaca Festival 4 June: Katie will offer TCLocal's handouts at the Prepared Tompkins table.
- 22 June: Brief TCLocal presentation and screening of "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil" (Ithaca College, Center for Natural Sciences, Building #23, Room 112, 6:30 p.m.) — Bethany and Jon
- 27 June: Peak Oil discussion group (Autumn Leaves, Ithaca, 7 p.m.) — Bethany et al.

TCLocal presentations in progress

July 12 Environmental Management Council
City of Ithaca Planning still in progress for a brown bag presentation in July

Outcome of meeting with Eugene Marnier (Town of Franklin)

Jon and Bethany met with Gene and his wife at their home in Franklin and explained that TCLocal members think it's unwise at this time to plan for a peak oil conference, when we have so much to do to in populating the repository and beginning our research effort. However, Jon and Bethany have agreed to meet with the Franklin group to share ideas about educating communities about peak oil and what they can do at the community level to address some of the associated problems. One of our members heard that a Syracuse peak oil group might have been organized. **AI:** Jon or Bethany will check with Groovy Green.

Conversations with other groups

Attempts to hold conversations with Ithaca Biodiesel and the Boulder Relocalization group were unsuccessful.

TCLocal site

We're going live with TCLocal.org on 5 June. Members should begin populating the repository thereafter, making this work the group's focus for the summer. Members agreed that a training session is unnecessary for the time being. A discussion of connections in the community ensued, during which Jon shared that Katy Nicholson got TCLocal listed with TCSwarm. **AI:** The web ring will need updating, which Jon will take care of. Jon also clarified the creative commons issues associated with the repository and our research, noting that the creative commons applies only to what members write.

(Jon emailed the following policies earlier this week.)

TCLocal Policies for Populating the Resource Library

- Persistent private copy: everyone posting either material or a reference to material is understood to be keeping a private copy of that material.
- Government publications: These generally have no copyright (take a look to make sure). Upload a copy directly to the library and also provide a source URL if the material was obtained over the internet.
- Blogs without a copyright notice: copy the article to the library, include the URL, and be careful to attribute the author.
- Material made available under the Creative Commons License: upload the content (as with government publications), but be very careful to include proper attribution and always say "This material is covered by the Creative Commons license" in the comment block for the entry.
- Everything else available electronically, including blogs with a copyright notice, Ithaca Journal articles, etc.: link to the original article, being careful to attribute the author and publisher; optionally, use the comment block to summarize and quote from the article. [We didn't say in the meeting that the comment was optional, but I'm finding it hard to keep up with Journal articles and am afraid I'll fall behind if we make too much editorial work a requirement for grabbing these. Perhaps going back and filling out this information can be left as a task for some helpful library science major who joins us later.]
- References to books that are not available electronically: Presumably the comment field is carrying the freight on these. In addition to attributing the author and publisher, include the ISBN and a URL to the entry for that book on amazon.com (and optionally any other listing you want, e.g., a Library of Congress entry).
- Scans of printed material: I'm still working out the best way to handle these logistically; please contact me before uploading any scanned material. From a copyright standpoint, there's not much difference between scans of printed material and the printed material itself, so when we get the format questions worked out, the rules will be pretty much the same as those given above.

TCLocal Policies for Populating the Publications Library (cont.)

- Contributors can submit work in pretty much any word processing format they want, including MSWord, OpenOffice, WordPerfect, and raw text. Don't submit stuff in HTML or PDF.
- We will (eventually) approve a common output template for materials developed by TCLocal, and the Editor will in the usual case just flow submitted materials into that. We will publish finished materials in multiple international standard formats, including ODT, PDF, and HTML.

AI: Regarding Ghostscript, Simon will get instructions on PDF to Jon.

Style guide for white papers

AI: Jon will make a choice based on the online and meeting discussions we've had and will purchase a new copy for the project.

Data format for white papers (beginning the discussion)

See TCLocal Policies for Populating the Publications Library above.

Action item review

The only outstanding AIs are contacts from Marty regarding Small Farms and CU Extension mail lists for Jon and from Kate about a potential presentation for Catholic Workers.

Water privatization

None of our members are able to attend a regional water privatization workshop. **AI:** Katie will ask her friend Risa whether Risa could present her impressions at TCLocal's next meeting or, if that's inconvenient for Risa, in email.

Other business

1. Kate asked whether we could explore a city or county peak oil resolution. **AI:** Jon will explore what a resolution entails.
2. Dave asked about adding topics to our research work. Jon explained that for the time being additions are difficult to manage, but Jon will continue to work with Dave (Q-J) on this issue. The group also discussed issues related to information storage, some of which are noted in the policies above.

Next meeting

July 1, 6-8 p.m., at the Henry St. John building, 115 West Clinton Street. Bring your dinner.