

## **TCLocal Meeting Minutes for 10/7/2006**

### **Roll Call**

Jon Bosak, Jen Maffett, Ed Mikula, Denise Mooney, Merry Muraskin, Dave Panofsky, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Bethany Schroeder

### **Regrets**

Terry Moore, Angelika Rumberger, Simon St. Laurent

### **Postmortem**

13 September: Presentation to Catholic Workers — Jon & Bethany. The presentation was well received with excellent questions and good ideas from the members.

19 September: Peak Oil discussion group (Autumn Leaves, Ithaca, 7 p.m.) — Bethany et al. Our discussion group is small but consistent. We continue to announce upcoming meetings in ICN.

23 September: Presentation to students in sustainable living dorm at Ithaca College — Jon & Bethany. John Hopple, the IC professor who oversees the sustainability program at IC, asked for the presentation. In general, the students seemed familiar with basic peak oil concepts. Thanks to Marian Brown for informing the IC program about our project.

### **Upcoming TCLocal Events**

19 October: Presentation at Kendal Continuing Care — Jon & Bethany

26 October: Round table discussion with the Franklin, NY peak oil group about future possibilities for their efforts

9 November: Invited to discussion following showing of “How Cuba Survived Peak Oil” at Sustainable Tompkins meeting (note that this is open to all of us). If you haven’t seen the movie, this would be a good time to attend and to identify yourself as part of TCLocal.

### **Research progress reports (all)**

Jen: Working on information related to aquaculture. Recently became permaculture certified.

Ed: Working on farming in the cold months—has many resources and will put them in the repository. Pointed out information on Jean Pain’s method of wood chipping for heating purposes (can be used for greenhousing); includes description of methane digestion for multiple uses. Also shared information on the Alchemy Institute, where studies using compost for heat are included.

Kate: Has posted more information on the psycho-social realm; looking at various scenarios, for example, for changing social structures through differing mechanisms (e.g. Cuba). Is interested in Wallerstein (systems work—bifurcation of social structures); Frances Ford Lappe—transformative work disguised as middle-road adjustment; focuses on thin versus living democracy and emphasizes democracy as a learned skill. Also continues to work on food storage.

Bethany: Posted a couple of articles. Hopes to learn more about health services in the area through her work with the Ithaca Health Alliance, among other local groups.

Dave: Attended talk about global warming—can renewables save us?

Denise: In addition to her support of the group, is interested in some basic research related to water. Will show “Thirst” at her house and will ask Cogan, a local representative, about water use. Just read Derek Jensen’s book about collapse and has been communicating with a man in India who is working on hydrogen development.

Merry: Needs help with site.

Jon: Will post URLs for Orlov (AI), with connectors to Kate’s research area as well. Jon will also get Merry included as a researcher. Jon is available to provide Merry with technical support while she learns how to navigate the TCLocal site.

### **Idea**

Jon shared an idea he recently had about a recurring one-day informational event, which he described as a low-maintenance event to be organized in four 1.5-hour blocks. He wondered whether we could get free space at IC on weekends. Issues: food, keeping the audience interested, advertising the event. He asked members to consider how best to contribute and whether this is an idea worth working on now (AI).

### **Timing the Peak**

(Continuation of last month’s discussion.) Relocalization is where we end up anyway.

### **Action Item Review**

Marty’s action item from several meetings ago is the only current hold over (AI).

### **Other Business**

Theresa George wants to attend a meeting to talk about tailoring a peak oil discussion to 4-H. Kate will facilitate the timing (AI).

Next Meeting: **November 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, with optional dinner afterwards at Denise’s house. Chair position comes up for its periodic six-month review this meeting.

December Meeting: **December 2, 4-6 p.m.** Jon will be absent. Bethany will develop the agenda but another member must facilitate the meeting. Volunteers?