

TCLocal Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2008

Not foolin'

Roll Call: Seph Doliner, John Graves, Bethany Schroeder, Tom, Shelley, Angelika St. Laurent, Simon St. Laurent

1) Meeting location

- Request to consider other locations
 - United Way: Members are open to making a change; Seph will ask about the first Saturday of every month.

2) Organization Issues [Placeholder - need Jon's input]

- Contributors - what does it mean?
- Notifying current members
- Recruitment?
 - We'll discuss all next meeting.

3) Website

- First article generated lots of comments
- Second article (roads) generated no comments
 - Site access, infrastructure generally
 - Word Press making less and less sense; Dave, Jon, possibly Tom, and Simon to meet soon to address issues.
- Need to re-examine repository setup
 - See whether Dave continues to be willing to support it
 - Training session possibly needed in near future
 - once details of product have been determined
- Local images *still* requested - 970 x 140 pixels

4) Relationships with other organizations

- Haven't heard anything from County
- Symposium at Cornell: brought up Peak Oil
 - Seph asked about how we deal with 20-year-olds and the potential for hopelessness
 - Katie's research noted

5) Presentations

- Connect Ithaca talk for South Hill
 - Well received; adjusted presentation to present PO perspective
 - Some participants wanted more information about PRT
 - Members wondered what happened to the pilot project
- Rochester Meet-Up
 - Jon and Bethany presented at the end of March
 - About 40 or so people attended, took away fliers and other handouts
 - Contacts available on request

6) Hudson Valley Food Works

- Depressed part of Poughkeepsie (sp?)
 - Conference consisted of presentation about raising and processing meat
 - Presentation and discussion of various models of preservation business
 - bring food and supplies and people who own the kitchen make the product
 - co-packing: facility has you as a producer figure out the process and use their staff (possibly)
 - rental kitchen
 - Information about gleaning (using surplus food) provided

7) Set future agenda items

- Tony Nekut will present in May: Biomass

Rough plan for the first six months of blog publishing:

January: "Fruits in a Post-Peakoil Tompkins County" (Angelika - posted)

March: Roads etc. (Simon - posted)

April: The TCLocal recommendation for the City of Ithaca Water Treatment Plant decision (need to convert to HTML for posting)

May: Urban land use design principles (Josh)

June: Household preparation (Kate)

July: Health resource survey (Bethany)

Next Meeting: 5-7, May 1; thereafter June 7

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder