

**Living Smart Facilitators Network Meeting**  
**11.30am – 2.30pm**  
**Saturday 29 October 2011**  
**City of Fremantle Reception Room**

**Present**

Keith Sillitoe (Chair), Shani Graham, Lesley Thomas, Susan Hill, Sharon Andrew, Bart Houwen, Barry Healy, Annolies Truman.

**Apologies**

Alex Hyndman, Helen Whitkin, Kelly Moss, Tim Darby, Natalie Scott, Fiona Campbell (NSW), Vivienne Williams, Wendy Grant (NSW).

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Keith Sillitoe – Currently facilitating a course in Mundaring with 70+ participants.
- Barry Healy – Union councillor (CSA). Currently facilitating first course with Annolies @Town of Vincent.
- Annolies Truman – Currently facilitating first course with Barry @Town of Vincent. Also building a group in East Fremantle ready for course in term one – already have 17 enrolled.
- Lesley Thomas – Done 4 courses for CPSU. 46+ for the two courses currently running.
- Susan Hill – From Bunbury and just completed training. Involved from Transitions group. Keen to run a course in Bunbury.
- Sharon Andrews - From Canning (Gosnells) and just completed training. Keen to find a partner to facilitate with.
- Bart Houwen– from Community Bank. Now focussed on Cockburn.
- Shani Graham –Next Living Smarties Conference March 11, 2011. Nicole Foss is key speaker (peak oil and financial analyst). See her website called Automatic Earth – blogs under name of Stonleigh.

**2. Course Updates – Term 4**

- Keith: Mundaring, 78 on list. Shire contact – Toni Burbidge. 2 sessions completed (54 at each). Partner Anne attending. Gary Warden guest speaker. Had an interpreter for two hearing and speech impaired. Hills courses are well attended. Good venue.
- Barry: Town of Vincent started last week. 11/17 attended. Anita is sustainability officer. Michelle Prince is in course – ask to join network, has completed training. Innovative sharing of participants with another course by a permaculture group.
- Lesley: Living Smart Union. Two courses current, two sessions done. Guest speakers include Ben Kent, Jacinta (solar ovens) Garden Workshop by Josh Byrne – Food gardening and courtyards. Doing an evaluation for more comprehensive feedback.
- Shani: Three courses this term Tuesdays – Central Freo, Thursdays – Shenton Park, Saturdays – Hulbert St and South Freo which has 11 kids. Also reported on Hilton (Alex & Chrissy) Sunday afternoons.

**3. Latest Facilitator Training Report**

Three day Regional based training held on October 14, 15 16. Amazing group of 21 participants which included 9 people from regional areas (south west mostly). Participants collected mostly by course Tim and Shani did in Northcliffe and by flying visits through towns to the most active looking local alternate café. Course was fully funded by participants (\$300 and \$600 fees). CUSP venue was free. Three day session- day one taster of course, day two training and homework preparation, day three sharing and open space. Pizza night for Friday night worked well. We need experienced facilitators to meet the newly trained to encourage support and networking.

**Tentative training dates set for 2012 – Those who have done a course - March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> and those who have not August 10 11 and 12 2012**

#### **4. Currently Facilitating Email List**

This is going really well and is proving great support and mentoring. Shani suggested asking LS facilitator course participants if they would like to be on the Facilitators email network even if they are not facilitating a course. Shani will follow up with Kelly.

#### **5. Minimum Course Fee**

Sustainable Business Model: Board feedback required on suggested minimum payment due back to BLS Inc when a course is run. 10% of facilitator fee is current, but does not cater when no payment is involved. \$300-400 suggested. Needs to be monitored to strike a figure which will support coordinator, insurances and resource development. Treasurer is investigating. Feedback to Board that facilitator group understood the issues and was supportive.

#### **6. Course Numbers and Quality Assurance**

Board feedback required on best numbers for courses(min/max). The discussion settled on suggested enrolment of 15-40 being a good range with a feeling that 40+ being unwieldy, 20-25 ideal, 10-15 ok if numbers hold. So recommend that course application form include a clause that the numbers be 15 – 40 with the possibility of variation in exceptional circumstances. Shani will feedback discussion to Board.

#### **7. Show & Tell**

- 7.1 Tap Washer Replacement (Keith). Well done Keith and thanks for making this available via Kelly for facilitators to use.
- 7.2 Cardboard Passive Solar model house – prop (Shani, made by Tim) donated to group. Lesley took it on the day, but Annolise will borrow and then pass back to Kelly.
- 7.3 Homemade Toothpaste (Shani) – Making demo and recipe passed out. Shani will put on wiki.
- 7.4 Diversity maps & green corridors (Lesley) – Explained activity

#### **8. Other Business**

Rail Retention Meeting (Barry & Annolies) 6.30pm November 10 ([Freoroad2rail@gmail.com](mailto:Freoroad2rail@gmail.com))

#### **9. Next Meeting**

##### **March 3, 2012 at 2.30pm - Fremantle Council Reception Room**

Bring afternoon tea to share. No chair decided but Shani will approach Lesley or Annolies as she and Tim may be away. Agenda items to Kelly for now!