

SEE-Change Networking Event – Group Conversations: Wednesday 30 March 2016

Question 1: What do you think are the strengths of your local group, or yourself, which could be shared with (given) to others?

Strength of SEE-Change:

- Voice for the disenfranchised
- SEE-change –Respected by government –involved in urban planning
- Event management
- Alternative ways of doing things
- Practical initiative
- Energy
- Insight
- Knowledge
 - Specialised
 - grant writing
 - energy expertise
 - urban planning
 - sustainable systems
 - social/community
 - building technology and sustainable housing
 - renewables
 - transport
 - gardening
- Skills –IT-Social Media –DIY
- Explore crowd funding options for potential projects

Strengths of the Woden group:

- Very stable for a long time
- Compatible personalities
- OTBF(over the back fence house tours) works well
- Generous lending of equipment
- Proactive in Bulk-buys
- Members passionate about SEE-Change

Strength of the Belconnen group:

- Tends to have passionate participants with many interests
- Good attendance at expos-solar share, Eco housing
- Dedicated regulars – show up consistently
- Members are intellectually curious
- Team work/ organisation skills
- Diversity - helps to strengthen and helps to implement
 - Scientific background
 - Ecological background

- Sociological background
- Centre hand skills
- Speaking and writing

Belconnen examples

- KTC Kitchen table conversation (25 Groups) sharing ideas, experiences, issues looking
- Bulk buy
- Example of sustainable energy production

Strength of Inner South group:

- overlapping areas of interest and respect for each other's passion
- connect to other groups
- link and connect all together
- Expertise in writing and responding to proposals.

Strength of Inner North group:

- Co-convenors adds strength flexibility
- Transition Streets initiative—involve body corporate —get to know neighbours
- Door knocking to ask come for an event —some people get interested through the flyers. So don't have to talk much apart from the party idea.

Personal member Gifts

- Big Picture orientation
- Able to identify blockages to personal development
- Art therapy
- Interested in systemic change
- Learning to speak to power (marshal indignation)
- Identify points of application to affect systems
- Promote dialogue and respectful conversation
- Ready to speak out, articulate concerns
- Insight into government procedures and attitudes
- Group activities conversations —bringing people together E.g. plans and goals for the year
- Initiate conversation with commercial partners and advocacy
- Interest in transforming a land into a garden —gardening skills
- Networking skills
 - Network with land-care groups, ACT government agencies
 - Proposal/ Grant writing and assessing
 - Change- agency- catalyst
- “I am learner “
 - My passion and enthusiasm
- Able to talk with neighbours and connect with new people
- Architecture
- Coordinating events and projects

Question 2: What do you think are the things your local group, or yourself, need, or could benefit (take), from other local groups, other SEE-Change members and the SEE-Change office?

- Help with planning issues – not necessarily professional e.g.: Volunteering ACT
- Engagement of all members, eg: big conference with drawcard speakers inoculate new ideas + disseminate information
- SEE-Change needs to blow its own trumpet more – use media – definition and public perspective
- Run fun events
- Strength of SEE-Change: provides a place for diverse membership
- Forums – Share/present ideas, projects & initiatives
- Exchange skills- replicate ideas/projects with our community
- Transition towns – access of ideas, skills, resources
- Effective communication :
 - effective sharing of information
 - listening skills
- Sharing knowledge about KTC
 - strength in using the same format in other application
- use name tags for events and meetings to assist in connecting with others
- Ways of fostering friendly and fun lateral links between people
- Developing skills in respect for diversity, empathic listening, KTC –type+ other interpersonal skills
- Help in making people feel valued and needed
- Need to CHANGE ASAP (ie: our society). We cannot survive like as are moving
- Critical thinking (How things are going to happen)
- Make this planet better place for our next generation
- Strong commitments
- Need to know our role because we are only individuals
- Leadership co-ordination very important – take leadership role now and also future. *Do not leave it in the middle*
- *Do not give up, think positive. Things going to happen*
- Help people to step up to play leadership role
- *Time is very important.* Need to prioritize the items.
- Money is also important factor. Need arrange it for novel course.
- Strong bonded group because group only can make things happen and convey this strong message to government or some bigger body
- More publicity, awareness, public events, organization/radio
- Individuals can play role by conveying this idea in their workplace/office mates
- Make the event related to their day to day life. Like house energy needs