

Draft Notes Dec 11 Social Event General Discussion

Prior to feasting on an array of delectable finger foods and seasonal beverages, members of Transition Sooke and friends engaged in a short discussion about the sorrows, challenges and successes of 2025, and ideas, hopes and dreams for 2026. There were no motions made or passed--simply acts of sharing by a community of individuals.

Lily gave a very moving "year in review" addressed that summarized the year's challenges and sorrows- global Trumpism, climate deterioration, economic impacts of tariffs, our local loss of Alan Dolan. She then invited participants to share what's gone well this year, and what they's like to see in the coming year.

What's Gone Well for us as a community and as individuals?

Community	Individuals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OCP was finally passed• TS news is good• ZWS repair going from strength to strength• ZWS swaps have also been growing and show an excellent partnership with the library• Sooke Region Food Systems Network and local gardens are making positive strides to support food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paula loves her self-publishing business• Gord found a series of old photos he had taken 50 years ago about global warming and turned them into a collage that won a prize at the Fine Arts show- a companion to his prize for a painting.

What would people like to see in 2026?

Community- in order of being spoken

- TS make strong ask of Council for action
- Election of a progressive Council
- TS promote democracy through: speed dating all candidates' meetings, other town hall type all candidates,
- Local issue discussion sessions- growth, affordability, infrastructure
- More public information to educate people about the FACTS concerning issues like the OCP (LLL, Library?)
- Happy Bike Day bike rides- to local points of interest
- Reinstate Slow Food Bike tours to local farms and artisans
- Reinstate Eco-home tours
- Initiatives to responsibly make Sooke a destination of choice (connect with Community Economic Development
- Reinstate moving nights as a place to come together
- Explore building the TS news into a monthly, broadly available, progressive AND unbiased publication.