

November 12, 2025
Library Main
Meeting Room
11:00-12:45

In attendance: (Facilitator), Keith, Jo , Doris, Susan C, Diane, Ed & no one on ZOOM due to technical issues and a phone cameo by Sinclair.

- Welcome:
 - Keith welcomed the group to the November meeting of Transition Sooke.
 - Introductions were made by all present.
 - Jo made a Territorial Acknowledgement
 - Ed offered to be the note-taker for the meeting.
- Agenda Review: Keith moved and Jo seconded acceptance of the agenda as presented.
- Minutes from Oct 10, 2025: Moved by Jo and seconded by Keith, the minutes of the October meeting were accepted as presented.
- Treasurer's Report (submitted by Lily) Moved by Doris, seconded by Susan, the November Financial Report was accepted as submitted.
- Actions Arising from previous meetings: Nothing to report.
- Meeting venue and timing for future Transition meetings. (Keith)
 - We are hoping that Transition Sooke will be able to meet at Harbourside Co-Housing on December 12 from 6:30 -9 pm for a club seasonal celebration.

January meeting has been booked at the library for 11:00. Are daytime meetings working? Do we need to ask the membership for their preference? Survey monkey?

ACTION: Keith or Jo will contact David Merner to book the room and to ensure that he is available to be our host for our December meeting, or to find an alternative.

- Action Group Reports
 - a. Steering Committee: Group did not meet last month.
 - b. Zero Waste Sooke:

Continuing programs with Zero Waste Sooke include:

- i) Take a bag, leave a bag program currently suspended in one local grocery store but going well at Western Foods. ZWS members picking up shopping bags from SFRS thrift store weekly to place at WF.
- ii) Dishes Out, programme for lending out dishes to groups for large gatherings, is on hold while the library decides what the library is able to do with reduced work hours and a smaller staff.

- iii) Claire is moving forward with her cigarette butt pick-up and recycling project but she needs some comrades to help her. Contact: clairehuot@gmail.com
- iv) Next swap is holiday decorations on Nov. 23 and next Repair Cafe is Jan. 18, 2026
- c. Sustainable Food Security and Agriculture: Plans are underway to form a work party to put CASA community garden to bed for the winter
- d. 606 Water: No news. Chris & Lynn Moss were not at the meeting but are continuing to learn everything they can about water. They will be sending 3 people to the CRD Climate Symposium on Nov. 27
- e. Report from Climate Action Networks that TS belongs to:
 - SI-CAN: Susan Clark is our rep for this group and will forward the newsletter.
 - WE-CAN: The newsletter will be forwarded.

Any other business:

- 1. CRD Climate Symposium to be held Nov. 27th in Victoria. Lily, Keith and Jo will attend representing TS and ZWS.
- 2. Rise Up free service that provides software for our assorted email lists: TS often makes a yearly donation based on our income. One hundred dollars was suggested based on funds held.
- 3. Transition Sooke NEWSLETTER: Susan Belford, the editor/writer of the Transition Sooke Newsletter is asking for advice on improvements to the newsletter. She wants to include events which our membership is interested in, including content from many sources, and proposes that the newsletter is less about advertising monthly events.
- 4. Revised OCP has gone to Sooke Council for decision. Sinclair reported to us by phone. He attended the first day and advised that council would sit a second day to complete the review. Some Transition Sooke concerns to be investigated, discussed and perhaps followed up with Sooke Council include:
 - i) Prioritizing Community Garden – a location has not yet been determined
 - ii) Food security and food sovereignty
 - iii) Reducing greenhouse gas emission
 - iv) Growth – including containment removal, increased density, increased insurance premiums, treaty negotiation and the expropriation of foreshore.
- 5. In November and December will be held **Sooke Dialogues** (with local FIREWEED group and CASCADE Institute). To register to attend one of the session go to their website <https://fireweedlearningcommons.ca/>

Jo opened the floor for suggestions for new activities for next year:

- i) Jo suggested a film night by donation
- ii) Susan C suggested town halls on Evacuation Plans and Food Sovereignty
- iii) Doris recommended town halls on Fire Fighting and Environmental Education

Website and E-mail Management – It is determined that someone is needed to maintain the website and to co-manage the gmail account. The newsletter will be used to try and find them.

Seasonal Meeting (with socializing) –It is time again to plan for winter festivities. Keith and Lily will look into the dining hall at Sooke Harbourside Cohousing for a club seasonal celebration.

Future facilitation – who will facilitate the December meeting.

- Adjourned at 12:43
- **Next meeting: December 10, 11 or 12, 6:30 – 9:00 pm location TBD**