

## **Summary of meeting on November 1, 2007 on Sustainable Wallingford**

### **Who was there?**

- Sarah Kuck, recent Wallingford resident who interned last year at YES! Magazine
- Sherry Reynolds, long time resident who works in health care now and affordable housing in the past
- Cathy Tuttle, 25-year resident and city planner recently returned from a year in Sweden studying sustainable city planning

### **Why did we meet?**

Exploratory meeting with three people who attended the Sustainable Cascadia Convergence session on Oct 26 of SCALLOPS (Sustainable Communities ALL Over Puget Sound) and were interested in building a sustainable Wallingford group.

### **What already exists in Wallingford?**

- Meaningfulmovies.org shows political and environmental films every Friday night 7-9:30 and includes discussion. Typically 30-60 socially interested people come to this event. Rick Turner has been hosting the event and is currently the SCALLOPS contact for a Sustainable Wallingford group.
- Wallingford resources: Tilth, Solid Ground (FPA) including food bank, Library, Schools, Good Shepherd organizations, UW, faith communities, Wallingford Chamber, Wallingford Community Council, Wallingford Senior Center
- Wallingford hosts a SeaFair kiddie parade that could be connected
- Mosaic Coffee shop in Methodist church could host meetings with small children since it has an attached playroom

### **What should we do?**

- Build the base
- Be a support group for each other
- Connect with fun events
- Be inclusive

### **Specific ideas**

- Monday night walks – Wallingford Walkabout
- Keep events FUN since people have limited time and they want to create community, not be lectured to.
- Can we do something athletic? A dance? Live music?
- Connect to Gasworks Park events?
- Cecil Andrews or a simplicity person could do a guest lecture
- Have a speakers' bank
- Connect to Seattle Greendrinks, an after work networking group
- Use Craigslist
- Cathy's projects
  - Spokespeople – monthly neighborhood to neighborhood Saturday bike ride originating in Wallingford
  - Sustainable schools – Sustainable questions on the WASL
  - Food security – how we can feed ourselves locally

### **Possible project for December**

- Socks and Cookies – project to get small but thoughtful holiday presents to low income Wallingford residents – food bank, mental health, transitional housing. Sherry can help make connections, Sarah can help find a church with a kitchen, work on outreach, Cathy also work on outreach. Expand the group, find a variety of forums to get the word out. Cathy will try to go to Chamber of Commerce and Community Council in Nov.
- Sarah is starting a website called SeattleDirt about social issues and the environment and could host early

sustainable Wallingford planning.

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