



February 28th 2011

Dear Friends

Many thanks indeed to Shakeh who hosted it, that was a very nice evening we spent at the Earthbeat Studio on Thursday 10th February 2011, and thanks for inviting some local people - it was a good experience trying to explain from scratch what LETS is all about. Thanks also to David for taking the lead on this, and supplying a projector to look at the website, and also to another long-standing member, Christina, who allowed us to update her profile as a demo - with real Offers & Wants. The location of the next social depends on who offers to host it.

At the moment we have no set pattern, except the idea of rotating around, and the 6pm start seems to work - this time we did the go-round before supper, and the demo afterwards. The bread and soup as a basis, with other goodies contributed by attendees also worked well - yum! One member who wanted to attend couldn't make it as she had children staying with her, and this has given us the idea of a child-friendly social on a future occasion - sometimes it's easier to have people around than organise children for a visit.

Next Social - Monday 14th March 2011: Many thanks to Ann Pavett, editor of Ealing's very own Neighbour's Paper for offering to host the next social, which will be held from 6pm for 6.30pm at her place in West Ealing. The hostess will provide bread and soup. Members attending do feel free to bring items to trade and/or add to the spread. Please call Ann for venue details, to request or offer a lift and/or to find out what's needed food-wise: 020 8579 4925.

Committee Meeting - Thursday 3rd March 2011: Thanks to Laurence, who is hosting our next committee meeting at his place in West London - we decided to make it separate from the social this time to allow ourselves scope to go into things more deeply. Here is a draft agenda:

- Present & Apologies
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Sterling & Eals Reports
- Confronting the current insolvency of Ealing LETS, for example what would it take to persuade people to donate? Any ideas, do let us know, eg online banking details, paypal? - meanwhile there's a form on the News Archive.
- How to get existing members activated? NB for those who would prefer to receive information in printed format, the fact that there is no money in the coffers means we don't have the funds to send out any printed material- nor do the three committee members have the capacity to do it.
- How to outreach to the community and get new people involved.
- Future Socials & Meetings
- Any Other Business

Any ideas regarding the above, or other agenda items, don't put them on a postcard, reply to this message, better still turn up at the committee meeting and bring something to share for lunch at 1pm - please phone Laurence if you would like to attend: 020-8579-9491.

Best wishes from Alan, Laurence & Mary:

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