

How's it going?

The T-Exchange - First Half-Year Review - 9th June 2012

With five meetings behind us since our first meeting in January, three of the founding members, Howie Firth, Bill Graham and Tom McCallum met on 6th June to review progress of the T-Exchange to date.

The attendance at workshops so far has been by 24 individuals with around 6 to 12 of these present at each workshop. In addition to these attending members, there are a further 13 people on the "cyber-member" list for emails with addresses including Drumnadrochit, Inverness, Perth, Black Isle and Aberdeenshire as well as Moray. We have, therefore a total contact list of 37.

We have been fortunate in attracting the interest of the British Science Association who kindly provided a small sum to pay for the web site during the first year. They have also been promoting our initiative to their branches in other UK regions and have said that they would be happy to consider providing further funding support for activities promoting the public understanding of science and engineering. With this level of interest, we concluded that we have had an excellent start for the T-Exchange and that we could look forward to having a reasonable and sustainable size of group by next winter.

We thought that it was probably time to clarify for you our current responsibilities for establishing the group, acquiring assets (tools, components etc.) and putting in hand the first draft of a constitution for discussion and subsequent adoption at a first Annual General Meeting. This will be held in January 2012. In the meanwhile, we ask you to accept the following provisional roles.

Acting Chairman (and web editor):	Bill Graham
Acting Secretary (and promotion):	Howie Firth
Acting Treasurer (and membership secretary):	Tom McCallum
Acting Membership Representative:	To be agreed

For contact you can use the *FEEDBACK* page if you do not have the individual email addresses.

For some activities our original room at the Findhorn Village Centre is rather cramped. We have, therefore, agreed that we would hire the newly built Garden Room at the Centre. This is much larger and well equipped. This room will cost the group £5 more per evening so we have agreed that a contribution to the cost be made by each member when using the facility. This is now set at £3 per meeting (<1.5 pints of beer) and includes as much tea and coffee as you like and the odd tea-biscuit for the poor, hungry and destitute. There will be no charge for those under 18 or in full-time education.

We also agreed that the 15th June meeting would focus on identifying ideas for both team and individual projects. This should be a particularly interesting meeting and we look forward to exchanges with you.