

Open Research Group

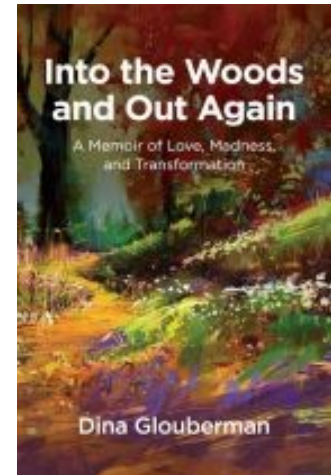
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NOTES

May 9th 2018

Report of meeting held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ
See: **Notes of Open Research Group meeting on 2nd May 2018: [OpenResearchGroup-180502](#)**
Present: Janos, Ellena, Ashburn, Mary. Apologies: Dagem, Ahmet, Bob, Henry, John Mc, Kyle, Liliias, Liz, Maya, Paul, Philip, Robin, Sandra, Steve, Trevor.

Mary was later than usual, as she had been working on a leaflet which had been printed before she went away the following day: **AHPb Annual Conference 2018** “Love, Madness and Transformation: Humanistic Stories” to be held on **Saturday 30th June 2018** 10am-5pm at Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA: [AHPb-180630](#). This would also be a launch event for Dina Glouberman’s autobiographical book: “Into the Woods and Out Again” <http://www.dinaglouberman.com/into-the-woods-and-out-again/>



Janos had already left by the time Mary arrived, but it was understood that he wants to pass on leadership of the Open Research Group to someone else, as he has wide commitments, and has recently become more involved in the Communalists project: [Contact via Meetup Page](#).

This led to some discussion about the future of the group, and last time it was noted that Janos was interested in developing The Map: www.themap.org.uk – this was the as yet undeveloped website which analysed Economic Reform into three main areas, Mitigation, Alternatives, and Politics. The idea of this is to provide a context for economic reform proposals, point people in the right direction if they want to set up a new project, in case there’s already one on that topic that they can join. It was understood that proposals do not always neatly fit into one area. What was concerning was that many of the projects didn’t see the whole picture and how they could collaborate.

Mary was pleased that **Positive Money**, who had begun as a single issue campaign, with a proposal for the government to issue currency, allowing the banks to focus on transactions only, were outreaching and hosting discussions about a wide variety of topics. Their last meeting had been Mike O’Keefe’s analysis of three books by Martin Wolf, Mervyn King and Adair Turner. See Draft Notes of meeting: [PM-Greenwich-180419](#). They had invited John Courtneidge to their next meeting:



Thursday 17th May 2018 7.30-10pm: Positive Money Greenwich & Lewisham Local Group. Money: Can We Do Better? Can we devise a new economic system based upon need, not money? John Courtneidge thinks we can, and will outline his plan for a co-operative socialism-based economy to all interested parties.



Dreamers and realists are very welcome to discuss his ideas over a pint. Hosted by Michael O’Keefe, at The Prince of Greenwich pub (upper room), 72 Royal Hill, Greenwich, London SE10 8RT. This meetup is for everyone interested in how money system works and how it could be changed to be constructive and socially beneficial. Come and feel free to invite your friends who might be interested too. Everyone is welcome! [Details/booking](#).

John is working with a Canadian colleague on a book explaining his proposal for Co-operative Socialism. Meanwhile, see his website: www.co-operativesocialism.org