

List of ideas to discuss in our first Google+ Hangout (and refine as we go along)

A. Four principles suggested in [9] characterize sustainable virtual communities:

- 1) Clear purpose or vision **State a clear goal for this group. 3 sentences or less.**
- 2) Clear definition of members' roles (such as designing community activities based on community membership life cycle: visitor, novice, regular, leader) **Do we want specialized roles?**
- 3) Leadership by community moderators **Is leadership by one person working well (we have to ask Jessy :)? How about 2 leaders? Or no leaders (self-organizing)?**
- 4) Online/offline events—important since they strengthen members' identification within the community and with one another **How often should we have an online meeting? Once a week? Once a month? Whenever someone suggests it?**

B. Koh et al (2007) propose four stimulation drivers:

- 1) Leader involvement **See 3 above**
- 2) Offline or synchronous online interaction **See 4 above.**
- 3) Usefulness **How can we choose articles in a better way?**
- 4) IT infrastructure quality **What properties of P2PU a) support and b) limit participation and discussion? (I would really like to have better threading!!)**

C. Two main findings from their survey: Authors also found that posting activity is influenced by offline interaction ($p < 0.01$) and that viewing activity (i.e. lurkers :) is affected by perceived usefulness ($p < 0.01$). **For me (Jennifer), it seems our 2 biggest goals should be 1) identifying useful content (articles) 2) weekly discussion of content in a Hangout (or whatever synchronous meeting place) and in our P2PU forum (and in our own blogs? ...when our thoughts are worth sharing)**

D. Who wants to choose the next paper? Jos says he has one to suggest. Stian could maybe suggest a paper sometime on self-directed learning, and/or something from the Knowledge Media and Design course, or even something you've put together on open access, open scholar, whatever you are interested in.

E. What are our interests, exactly? Maybe we should collect them so we know who is interested in what. We could even use a spreadsheet.

F. Philipp and Jessy's idea of collaborative papers.

I wonder if collaboratively writing a summary of the paper, that highlights the most interesting points, biggest doubts and questions, and comes up with concrete applications to P2PU would not be a useful task for everyone in the group. It would also be an immensely useful resource for others in the field (and could establish P2PU and the homestead as a destination for research on peer learning).

End of Jen's contribution

José: just wondering... as we have skipped one week, are we going to discuss both papers (last

two) or just the one about participation?

Roster:

Week Starting on:	Person	Paper
June 9th	José	Theories of Situativity
June 16th	Stian	Participation in CofPs???