Some Questions

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Agency and Incentives – what happens to them?

• Rational choice / human action as a priori basis for economic explanation (a kind of algorithm)
• What to replace it with? (new kinds of algorithm?)
• What are the boundaries of agency – where is it?
• New incentive concepts?
Commons Based Peer Production – are the hackers right?
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• Commons based peer production
• Incentives – intrinsic v. extrinsic
• Techno-social networking tools: new decentralised mechanisms for coordination / info. signalling different from “market” price
• P2P money / lending / banking
• Can we abstract mechanisms similar to “markets” – group selection?
Evolutionary models – crude metaphor or new paradigm?

• Everyone likes evolutionary approaches (it gives us an algorithm – think of Dennett)
• But is it more than a crude metaphor – if not when what IS evolving in social systems?
• What different kinds of evolutionary models can be abstracted and where are they applicable?
• Why did the meme abstraction die out?