

TRANSITION TO WHAT?



THE USES OF OIL

As the price of energy continues to rise steeply, we are becoming increasingly aware of all that cheap oil has made possible in our lives. Globalisation, intensive farming, transport of produce, plastic containers and almost everything we buy rely on abundant and cheap energy supplies. Many experts now agree that world oil production is reaching – perhaps has already reached – its peak and that the age of cheap oil is drawing to a close.

A WORLD WITHOUT FOSSIL FUELS

It is hard to imagine, but it is possible and could, if properly planned and implemented, offer a higher quality of life than the present. Sweden has already announced its intention to be oil-free by 2020, with Finland set to follow. What would a low energy society look like? How would it feed, house and power itself? Do we wait until it is too late, or lead by example?

THE TRANSITION MOVEMENT

A widely adopted approach to these questions, taking small local steps which combine to build huge impact in making communities more resilient to these changes. Contact us for more information, or visit www.transitionnetwork.org for the wider picture.

OUR DEFINITION OF "TRANSITION"

A grass roots organisation that encourages local food production, local energy saving and generation, waste reduction and reuse of unwanted materials, low energy transport, and a thriving local community less dependent on fossil fuels.



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to include October and November events, and contact details for our very productive community garden project.

**CAN YOU
IMAGINE
SOUTH WEST
HEREFORDSHIRE
ONCE THE
OIL STARTS
TO RUN OUT?**

A single black oil drop falling from the end of the word 'OUT?' in the main text.

ARCHENFIELD COMMUNITY TRANSITION

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OUR LOCAL RESPONSE



This new initiative in Archenfield – the part of Herefordshire between the Monnow and the Wye – is seeking to engage all sectors of the community in addressing the issue: a world without fossil fuels, the great challenge of our time. We are calling it Archenfield Community Transition.

We offer no fixed answers; we believe the solutions will arise from engaging the creativity, imagination and knowledge of local people, drawing inspiration from the hundreds of other TransitionTowns and regions which have grown up over the past few years.

In this leaflet you'll find some of our practical ideas – we hope you'll get involved! You'll be welcome at any of our meetings, which you can find out about at our website. Bring your concerns, your ideas, your enthusiasm and help us make the transition to a new way of thinking about the future of our communities.

NEW WAYS...



...we can make a difference locally:

GREENER LIVING

Energy saving for everyone

Make do and mend

Share and recycle

GETTING AROUND

Improving bus links and links to buses

Sharing transport

Getting to the post office, the shop and the surgery

HOME GROWN

Growing food together

Supporting local shopping

Community bulk purchasing

Healthy living

FIND OUT MORE - OR GET INVOLVED

Please come to an event, look at the website, join our mailing list or contact one or more of the group leaders (see opposite). For details of our regular presentations, films, discussions and speakers, see the website: www.archenfieldtransition.org.uk. To join the email list, send a request to list@archenfieldtransition.org.uk

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The Energy Group: Helping people living and working in the area to save energy and cut their bills. It is also looking at alternative energy sources for the longer term.

Contact: malcolmhoward@mwhjh.com

The Food Group: Encouraging community and individual growing and production of food, and publicising sources of local food. Plus our very successful community garden on Garway Hill. Come and join us!

Contact: william@wbraid.co.uk

The Waste & Recycling Group: Working on ways to cut down on waste coming into our homes, and finishing up in landfill sites.

Contact (from November 2012): oubridge@phonecoop.coop

The Communication and Education Group: Publicising organisation and events, encouraging eco-awareness in schools and involving young people in Archenfield Community Transition.

Contact: rpgoddard@gmail.com

The Transport Group: Working to cut demand for fuel by encouraging green transport and car-sharing, and improving public transport and ways to link people with shops, post office, surgeries and bus routes.

Contact: rpgoddard@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2012

13th - 21st October 2012: h.Energy – Sustainable Herefordshire week

Saturday 13th October: Noon – 4pm: Transition Showcase in St Weonards Church during Archenfield Arts

Sunday 14th October: Haydn's Creation from scratch (part of h.energy)

Saturday 20th October: Noon – 4pm: Transition Showcase in St Weonards Church during open day showing solar electric system (part of h.energy)

Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st October: Noon – 4pm: Community apple pressing at St Weonards Vicarage

Friday 9th November: 7.30pm: Open meeting with presentations by Nick Read (Bulmer Foundation) and local farmer Russ Whistance (currently studying for a Masters Degree in Sustainable Development Advocacy) plus a presentation on a potential local community transport project.



Changes to events are occasionally necessary - please check these and future events on the website www.archenfieldtransition.org.uk or telephone 01981 580069