

Welcome to sunny Axbridge



SMTF

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Dragged into the 21st Century



An
Inconvenient
Truth



The Roxy
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Spot the connection



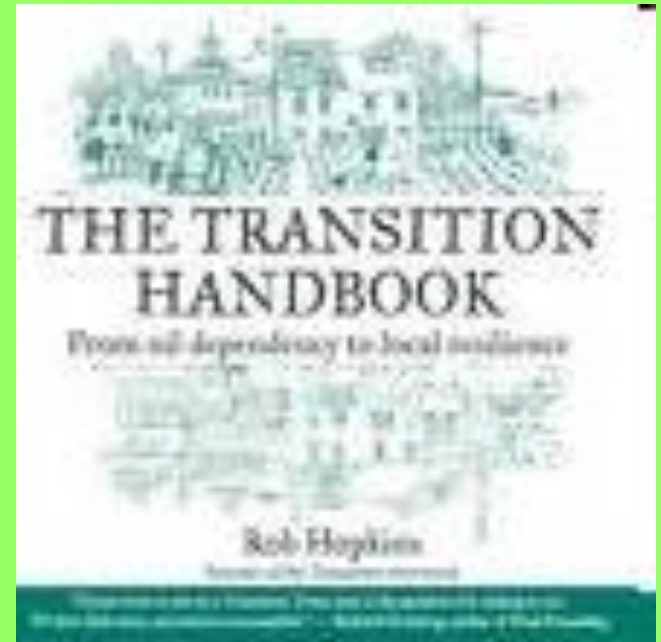
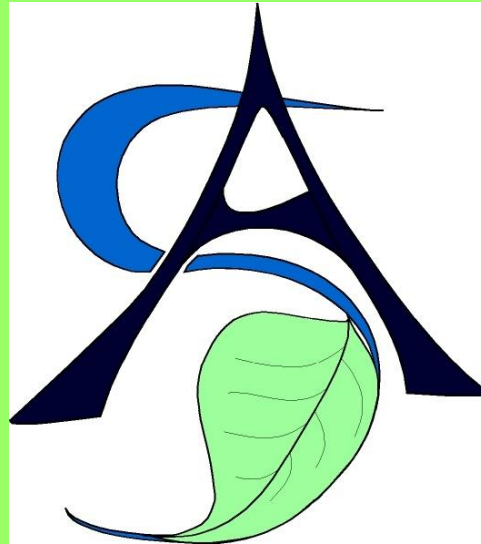
Act locally Spring '08



- Community allotment already finding plots .
- Initial meetings well-attended - "Better the optimism of the action than the pessimism of the thought".
- Aware of other groups in the area - Wedmore, Wrington, Transition Glastonbury . . .

Village? Town? Community?
Transition Town?

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Network



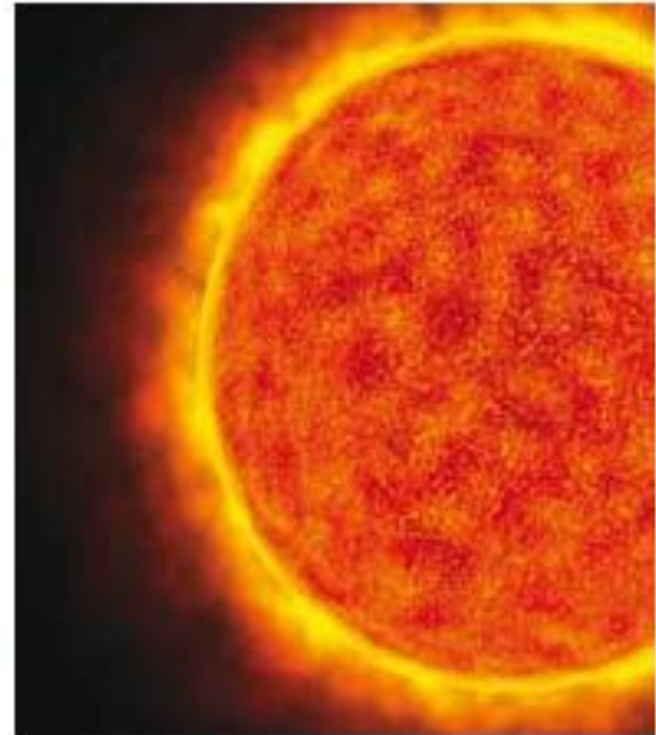
Are you in SANE?

It's not our fault!

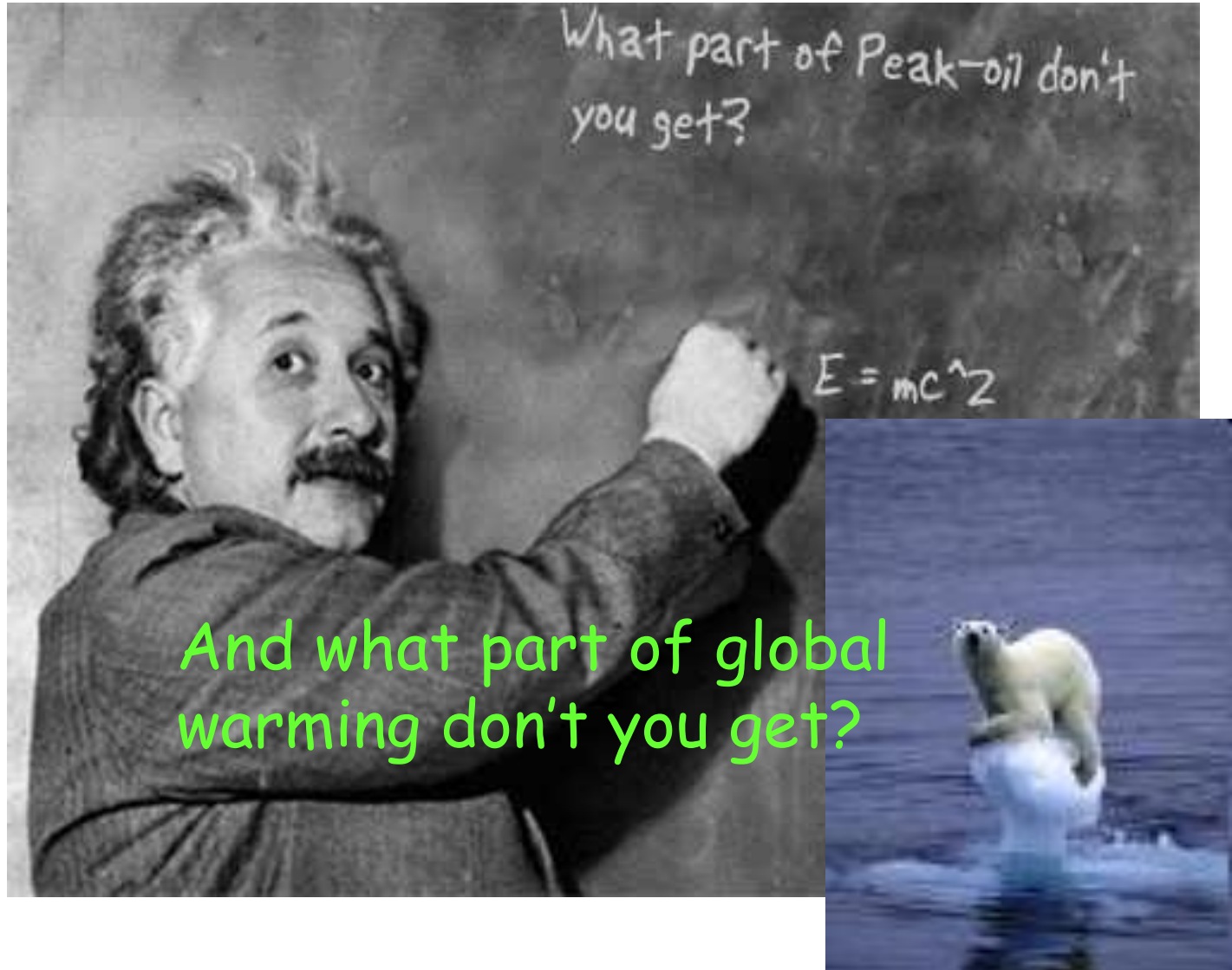
Aren't all these changes down to the Sun and natural factors?

No. Many factors contribute to climate change. Only when all the factors are considered can we explain the size and patterns of climate change over the last century.

Although some people claim that the Sun and cosmic rays are responsible for climate change, measured solar activity shows no significant change in the last few decades, while global temperatures have increased significantly. Since the Industrial Revolution, additional greenhouse gases have had about ten times the effect on climate as changes in the Sun's output.



Common sense or rocket science?



First year growth



- Organic gardening
- Permaculture course
- Home energy
- Lift-share
- Cycleway
- Waste management & Freecycle events

Actual change in carbon footprint?

Sort It Plus Trials

End Use Register

SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP	RECYCLED (TONNES)	REUSED (TONNES)	CARBON SAVED COMPARED WITH LANDFILL (TONNES CO2 EQUIVALENT)	EXPORTED (%)	EXPORTED (TONNES)	TOTAL RECYCLING AND REUSE (TONNES)
TOTALS	159,196	2,607	117,934	8%	12,457	161,803

Home energy? Not so simple

- Eco-friendly materials?
- Pricing
- Grant system
- Funding erratic
- Certificated installers/DIY
- Poor uptake of grants



Think local, act super-local

Cheddar & Draycott



Wedmore



Shipham



Axbridge



Advantages of Warm Streets/CSE link . . .

- No need to reinvent the wheel
- Clear existing structure and experience
- Professional levels of back-up for volunteer efforts
- Ongoing opportunities for advice and expertise, e.g local energy schemes
- Community Energy Forum

What is 10:10?

10:10 is an ambitious project to unite every sector of British society behind one simple idea: that by working together we can achieve a 10% cut in the UK's carbon emissions in 2010.



Why bother with 10:10?

- Clear focus on the main objective: reduce emissions
- Doesn't preach or say THOU SHALT NOT
- Can appeal to a wide range of people - massive organisations/businesses down to individuals
- Sets clear priorities about which practical measures are worth pursuing



Looking ahead . . .



The Wish List . . .

- Money to support publicity on the Warm Streets and 10:10 projects
- A coordinated local transport/vehicle use effort. Local economy vulnerable.
- An integrated local energy scheme - wind, solar, bioenergy, mini-hydro, CHP. . . ???

Thanks for the Forum



"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

