



## Summer News 2008

*Transition Glastonbury is a pro-active  
community led association*

What brings us together is a desire to explore how we - and our wider community - can best respond to the twin challenges of climate change and the ongoing depletion of our planet's resources. We are ordinary people concerned about these realities. We know we don't have all the answers but we know it's important to have the conversation.

**Transition Glastonbury seeks to engage our whole community** in finding and implementing practical alternatives to our fossil-fuelled and energy intense lifestyles.

**Transition Glastonbury is a broad coalition** seeking to work in partnership with individuals, local groups, businesses and our Town, District and County Councils.

**Our aim is to re-localise our town**, making it vibrant, resilient and truly sustainable.

Welcome to what we hope will become a regular newsletter.

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*It was a historic moment when Somerset County Council voted unanimously to accept the following resolution put forward by Councillor Paul Buchanan.*

They agreed: That this Council

1. acknowledges the work done by communities in Somerset on Transition Towns and that the independence of the Transition Movement is key to its grass roots appeal
2. as demonstrated in its Climate Change Strategy, fully endorses the Transition Town Movement and subscribes to the principles and ethos of the organisation's goals to reduce dependence on fuel oil and create more sustainable communities
3. commits to providing support and assistance to all towns in Somerset that wish to join this initiative to help them achieve the goals they set for themselves as local communities, as demonstrated under the 'Community Initiatives' section of the Climate Change Strategy
4. therefore, requests the Scrutiny and Executive Committees to consider through the council's strategic planning process:

- allocating funds to assist in achieving the outcomes of the Transition Towns Movement in Somerset.
  - requiring all directorates to engage with and provide support for Transition Initiatives in Somerset
5. through the work outlined above, seeks to become the first Transition Authority in the UK

1. agrees to undertake a review of its budgets and services to achieve a reduction in dependence on fuel oil and produce an energy descent action plan in line with the principles of the Transition Initiative

### What next?

There was a great feeling of celebration just after this happened and also a feeling of - ok- what does this really mean? Our first step is to form a Somerset in Transition network with all the other Transition initiatives to look at ways of taking this forward.

This county-wide network includes at present: Glastonbury, Street, Taunton, Ilminster, Langport, Bruton, Sidcott, Wellington, Shapwick, Frome, Wiveliscombe, Draycott, Rodney Stoke, Wells and South Petherton. We will keep you informed of developments.

### Sustainable Communities Act

Another obvious first step is to lobby our councillors to opt in to the Sustainable Communities' Act- which must be done by this October so is very urgent. More information on this can be found on [www.localworks.org](http://www.localworks.org). Anyone who wants to get involved with the campaign to get our council to opt in by distributing leaflets etc. please email Jane at [janesiran@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janesiran@yahoo.co.uk)

# Mendips 20 year plan

Patrick Whitefield writes:

Just as Transition Glastonbury has been getting into its stride a heaven-sent opportunity has dropped into our lap. Mendip District Council is working on a plan for the next 20 years and has asked for responses to their first draft from local organisations.

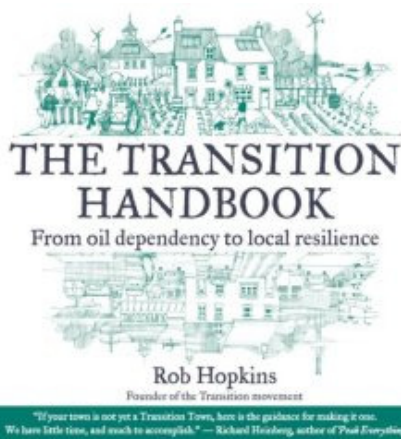
The time frame is ideal for an Energy Descent Action Plan, which is what all transition initiatives are supposed to be working towards. Here in Glastonbury we're still a long way from producing one of these but a small group of us got together to put down a brief account of where we feel the district should be going over the next 20 years. The team was Anthony Ward and Patrick Whitefield with advice from Linda Hull, who also happens to be a Glastonbury Town Councillor.

## Our response

The TG response could be summed up as: "We congratulate you on your aims but the means you propose don't go far enough. They've been overtaken by events: the rising price of oil signals that peak oil is upon us." We also gave a brief introduction to what transition is all about, including a brief comparison of how Glastonbury works now and how it could work in the future. (See box.) Then we outlined some policies which the District Council could adopt. They're far removed from the policies in place now! The whole document can be seen on the Transition Glastonbury website at ...

Another thing which got a mention was the recent motion passed by Somerset County Council, endorsing the Transition movement and agreeing to work towards an Energy Descent Action Plan. We urged Mendip to do the same.

We look forward to see what influence our comments have on the final version of Mendip's plan. Transition initiatives have to be careful not to get too involved in local politics, and keep strictly independent of local councils. Our niche is as a community organisation, first and last. But if local politicians ask for our views we're more than happy to give them.



For more info on planning- and in particular 'energy descent plans' as well as all the general low down on Transition towns this is a must read. It's available from local book-shops and from the Avalon Fairshares office.

## Glastonbury Present and Future

From the TG contribution to Mendip's 20-year plan

### Present

**Economy:** based on tourism and commuting to jobs outside the district; both are dependent on cheap energy for travel

**Food supply:** mainly from large supermarkets which use high levels of energy in-store, in food transport and for manufacture; 'just in time' supply chains are totally dependent on an uninterrupted supply of fuel; most customers drive to the supermarket

**Agriculture:** mainly based on selling commodities, ie meat and milk, into the national supply chain; little diversity of produce, poor financial return to farmers and very little produce consumed locally

**Housing:** largely provided by corporate house builders using materials sourced nationally or internationally; high embodied energy, high energy-in-use requirement; high cost

### More resilient

**Economy:** based on products and services primarily to meet local needs and using locally-sourced materials wherever possible; this implies a proliferation of small businesses providing a wide diversity of goods and services

**Food supply:** with rising sea levels potentially causing flooding of the Levels Glastonbury could suffer an acute shortage of land and some long-distance transport of food will be necessary; local production will focus on fruit, vegetables and milk, all of which are perishable and expensive to transport per calorie of energy contained in the food due to their high water content; domestic kitchen gardens and allotments will supplement the supply from farms

**Agriculture:** within this general framework, farming will become more mixed, both to decrease the reliance on external inputs such as fertilisers and to increase the range of products grown locally; with a shorter supply chain farmers will retain more of the final sale price of what they grow; the importance and status of farmers will greatly increase

**Housing:** little new housing will be needed and the emphasis will be on renovation and better use of the existing stock; any new housing will be low cost, low impact using local materials, and built for local need by local build

# NEWS

## from the sub-groups

### 1. Core group (awareness raising)

*This group meets once a month and attempts to hold an overview about Transition Glastonbury as a whole - both practically and organisationally- where its going and the process of getting there. It's a temporary group, created with a mandate to plot its own demise from the beginning. It aims to develop Transition Glastonbury to a point where it can be officially 'unleashed' on the town. As a result it focuses mostly on awareness raising and events planning. The meetings are not open to the general public but if you have time, energy and skills to offer and would like to join, contact Jane at [janesiran@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janesiran@yahoo.co.uk)*

### Transition Film group

The film shows are continuing with:

#### **The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour - (Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at Tor Leisure)**

*See review on the website calendar.*

#### **Autumn Film Season**

The next stage for TG is let a whole lot more people in the town know about us. In order to do that, we're organizing an autumn film season. The plan is to show the two key Transition films, *The End of Suburbia* and *The Power of Community*, several times each, leafleting a different part of the town each time to publicise them. We've divided the town into five parts, each of about 800 households, and we'll show the two films one after the other in each part, separated by a week. As well as a flyer for the films we'll put the new all-colour TG leaflet through each letter box. So by the end everyone in the town should at least heard of us if not actually seen one of our films.

This will obviously be quite a lot of work so any help will be greatly appreciated. The main task will of course be the leafleting, but some help on the nights of the showings would be appreciated too. It would be great if we could offer refreshments, for example. Each film will be accompanied by discussion, so having a few transition people at each event will help to present our point of view and answer questions with a variety of viewpoints. The film season is being organized by Patrick Whitefield and he can be contacted on 832317 or [ka.tonga@virgin.net](mailto:ka.tonga@virgin.net)

You can also help simply by telling your friends. Word of mouth is the best publicity of all. See calendar for all the dates- starting from October 1<sup>st</sup>. Arrive at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

We are also gathering a lending library of films that people can borrow and watch- hopefully with a group of friends.

### Transition Talks

Some of us took part in a days training with Nick Osborne on how to deliver Transition Town introductory talk. There is now a local team of people available to give talks so do ask if you would like us to talk to your group.

Contact: Nick: 07769 593109 or [nick@response-ability.org.uk](mailto:nick@response-ability.org.uk)

### Communication: *Lets face it- our*

*communication systems are in a bit of a mess!* We have heard lots of feedback about this and have been pondering in the core-group about the best way to address this. We currently have three web based places where we all communicate what's happening and discuss issues- (the

yahoo group, the forum and the web-site) and it's very confusing! The core group is currently looking at this and hoping to come up with a solution this autumn. We will keep you posted about this.

Meanwhile just in case you are confused -if you go to our website home page [www.transitiontowns.org/Glastonbury](http://www.transitiontowns.org/Glastonbury) there are two links on the home page to the yahoo group which is meant to be a place to post events and notices- and the forum which is for more in depth discussions and news on all the sub groups including the minutes of the core group meetings. If you were going to choose one we would say choose the forum as it includes an events listing.

### 2. Low impact housing

Contact: Anthony: 835997 email: [anthonyward77@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonyward77@hotmail.com)

### Next Limbs meeting

#### Co-Housing

We are fortunate to have Andrea Pearson and a colleague from Cole Street Farm Co-housing Community in Gillingham, Dorset to speak and network with us at the LIMBS Autumn meeting on Monday September 8th from 7-9.30 at the Bay Tree Cafe/St Johns Centre in Church Walk, Glastonbury. Also: news of local low impact developments, and renovations, and plenty of time for tea and networking. Please come and bring a friend.

Andrea will explain the story of Cole Street and the recent success of the Threshold Centre at Cole Street in getting planning permission for a much larger cohousing community at Cole Street that will incorporate affordable rented social housing for local people.. The Threshold Centre also runs ongoing weekend workshops on Cohousing. For more info on Threshold and Cohousing in the UK see [www.cohousing.co.uk](http://www.cohousing.co.uk)

### Help and learn at eco-build

If you would like to get involved in a low impact eco-build in Butleigh, - could be anything from Straw Baling and Lime Plastering to Cutting and fixing Oak shingles.... Ring Ella & Andy 01458 850704

### Open eco- homes event planned

We are in the early planning stages in conjunction with other local organisations, - creating an Eco Open Homes event in Central Somerset in Summer 2009 in which local people who have created low impact homes via renovation or new build will be invited to open their homes for a weekend to the public to provide practical inspiration to improve the energy efficiency, design and performance of their homes. Similar events have been successfully held in Brighton and Oxfordshire and now we want to bring the concept here. **More news of developments on this at the LIMBS meeting on 8th September.**

### Visit To Glastonbury Spring Water

Some places still available for the October 25 return visit to Glastonbury Spring Waters new premises in Gipsy Lane near the Tor (2-4 pm).

Guided visit of buildings and land with MD Ian Tucker complete with geothermal under-floor heating, Solar hot water, and Grey water reed bed systems plus extensive use of reused local building materials. To book a place, call Anthony on 835997 email: [anthonyward77@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonyward77@hotmail.com). No charge but donations to TG welcomed on the day.

### Low cost eco-house prototype design

Local architect Johnny Heriz -Payne is developing a low-cost to build/low-cost to run house design in partnership with a builder and timber frame manufacturer, and will be looking in the medium term for like-minded people who want to have built a house/group of houses/co-housing, on their own site.

The prototype design on the drawing board is 2 Bedroom with Home Office. Meanwhile, subject to Planning Approval, they are gearing up to build a one bedroom version of this locally for one 'guinea-pig', beginning in the New Year. If anyone wants to discuss/advise/criticise the prototype design while it is on the drawing board, they are very open to feed-back - Johnny would be interested in particular to hear from anybody about their experience of plumbing and heating systems. Contact him at: [johnny@herizpayne.com](mailto:johnny@herizpayne.com)

### 3. Food group

#### Local food map

The Transition Glastonbury Food Group has gained funding from the West Mendip Community Partnership towards the production of a local food map. We want to create, publish and distribute a map of the local area, which will primarily focus on local food. It will illustrate where it is grown, sold and served and why buying and eating local food is important (in environmental, health and economic terms):

We aim to promote and celebrate local food projects alongside businesses making the commitment to:

- Shortening food supply chains
- Supporting local producers
- Serving fresh local food to guests and customers

The food directory project is progressing. We aim to produce a smaller version of the Totnes Food Directory - they have just released their second edition.

We will be launching the booklet with support from Somerset Food Links at the Farmers market - **Saturday October 25th**.

There will be a family food trail competition linking local produce to local businesses. Please get in touch if you would like to help with the event.

#### New! Torganics at Paddington Farm

*In partnership with Paddington Farm (on the north side of the Tor) Colum Pawson is starting a community assisted agriculture project called Torganics. He writes:*

CSA projects give people access to local, organic, healthy and sustainable food with a minimal need for fossil fuels. The partnership between the grower and the members of the CSA means that people can play a role in the production of their food that they may not have the knowledge or time to grow themselves.

Members also get a say in how the farm is run. In return the grower gets a pool of members who commit to buying a share of the harvest so that when there is an abundance of food the members share will be greater than in the middle of winter when there is less growing.

CSAs also work as a social network where as well as celebrating the harvest and the festivals of the seasons, there is encouragement for people to grow their own food. He will be running a stall at the **Glastonbury Harvest festival** where I will have more information on the idea and be available to answer questions and hopefully attract some members! Colum Pawson email: [torganics@hotmail.com](mailto:torganics@hotmail.com)

#### Brook Farm Community Garden Project

*Ingrid Crawford coordinated a community supported agriculture project at Brook Farm in Butleigh which is just coming to the end of the pilot year. She writes:*

'There's been lots of success with the land at Caroline Barrys. We started working on it last October, making raised beds, moving the raspberries, wheel barrowing loads of manure over from the neighbours. Ben used the tractor to plough the bottom field.

We were successful in getting a grant early in the year from 'Organic Links' who paid for us to buy all the tools and seeds we needed. Thanks to Jane Sweetman for that and to all who gave money donations.

I was given an opportunity to pass on my gardening skills to a team of people sourced through the Robert Barton Trust, I received crucial help preparing the land in the winter, while they had fun talking, and working together as a group, creating 'Community Supported Agriculture', which has been the vision of the project, to get back to working the Land Co-operatively.

There was a steady trickle of people arriving at the Saturday Work day (every Saturday 11.00 - 4.00). I had a gang of guys all working together for a while, which was really enjoyable. Every session 1 - 6 or 6 people would show up, there was always a incredible flow of conversation which often ran along eco lines and was very interesting. The communal aspect felt very nurturing to the soul.

Now in the middle of the summer, we have lots of fresh vegetables growing. I am harvesting: Yellow Courgettes, Potatoes, Kale, Lettuce, Beetroot, Tomatoes, Chard, French Beans, Sugar snap Peas, Broad Beans, Salad mixtures / Rocket, etc Yet to come is Carrots, Onions, Broccoli and Brussels

In retrospect, one of the hardest things for me has been that its not where I live. This is the obvious downfall as you can't go out at night and slug pick and you are constantly driving in and out to water. This is not very sustainable. I knew this however before I started but at the time it was the only piece of land being offered, and it had the great advantage having already been used for growing.'

Ingrid is going on to explore other venues for a garden as for various reasons this project can't continue at Brook Farm. She is involved with the Plot gate project which is applying for planning permission to form an eco- community on land near to Barton St David with a focus on agriculture for more info on this email Ingrid: [ingrid@ingridcrawford.co.uk](mailto:ingrid@ingridcrawford.co.uk)

#### Turners field growers

*TF growers have been meeting every week since January when we reclaimed the vegetable garden at Turners' Field in Compton Dundon.*

There are currently 5 of us in this progressive growers group as well as a very small but busy 'boy'. There has been much activity this year, and a great time is had by us as we clear away the old debris and create what is becoming a very beautiful vegetable garden. It was a great moment around the time of the summer solstice when newly appointed bee keeper Geoff, delivered our first bee hive. TF is situated in a secluded spot, sheltered by trees and overlooked only by, deer, rabbits, an amazing variety of birds and the most picturesque low lying wooded hills.

During the past few months, we have shared some great discussions and generally have exhilarating tea and meal breaks. Alongside the food growing, we find we enjoy the humour, honesty, and courage involved in learning to be present with each other in the moment. We are growing wonderful food as well as growing and developing individually and as a group. We are building community on all levels.

We have had a fruitful year so far, and are currently making plans to extend the project further, so please come and join in this multi-media activity (we also plan to incorporate crafts, workshops, photography and music.)

TF growers meet every Sunday from 11am, although this does sometimes vary. It is therefore advisable to ring and confirm before you come. If you would like to come and meet us, maybe take some time to hang out for a while to see how you like it, everyone is always made welcome.

Turners' Field is dog and public smoking free.

Contacts: Diana and Allen 01458 831537 and Morgan 01458 442192

## Chicken Co-op

A group of 8 people have teamed up to form a Chicken Co-op in Bove Town. They adapted an old greenhouse for the coop and the chicken run was made out of materials found and given. Each coop member undertakes to look after the chickens for one day a week and they can collect the eggs for themselves for that day. They had their first coop breakfast recently with pancakes made from the eggs. It's been a steep learning curve - but despite a few dramas- (one of the chickens escaped in the first week but miraculously was found and returned) -so far so good. If anyone would like to start their own co-op and would like to get the low down on what works please call: Michou: 835001 or Karin : 835818

## Biodynamic Slug Control!!

*Andrew Johnson attended a workshop on Biodynamic slug control. He writes:*

'The workshop was offered for free by Steve Beard a biodynamic practitioner from Stroud. I was impressed by the logic and simplicity of the system and having implemented the anti-slug mixture at home have already noticed a reduction in slug damage on our garden vegetables. It seems to me that if we want to use our resources of time, personal energy and land in a cost effective way the use of such methods could well be part of the solution. Astrological timing is a key part of this method so you will need to look at the The Biodynamic Sowing & Planting Calendar (by Maria Thun available from the Biodynamic Agriculture Association, £8, see link below: ) <http://www.biodynamic.org.uk/> Many thanks to Meleeshka who hosted the event in her garden and Steve Beard! '

## Glastonbury Gardeners Group

E-group where members can ask questions, share skills and information and swap produce. [geethree@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:geethree@ukonline.co.uk) They also run seed and plant swaps for local gardeners and collaborate with others to run the Glastonbury Harvest Show.

## Harvest Festival

The second Glastonbury Harvest festival show will be on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> 12-4 in the Town Hall with an auction of produce at 4.30 You can enter anything you have grown in over 20 categories. Prizes giving at 1pm. Family bread- making workshop at 1.20-2.30. Stall, Films etc

Followed by evening event:

**Ceilidh** with *'The Jellied Reels'*  
6-10pm Bar/Soup £7/£5. Prize Draw. Tickets from Avalon Fairshares or on the door.

## 4.Heart and Soul

*This group is concerned with the emotional, psychological and spiritual aspects of Transition Glastonbury. We also see the creative arts as an essential ingredient in communicating our message and building community. An important aspect of our events has to do with nourishing and resourcing ourselves on this journey- helping to prevent burn-out which is so often a part of community ventures.*

## Conflict Resolution

If we are going to build a truly resilient community we need to hone the skills of conflict resolution. 'Non Violent Communication' was developed by Marshall Rosenberg and has been used all over the world as a way of preventing and dealing with conflict situations. We are offering an introduction to the basics of NVC with visiting therapist Aglaia. **Tuesday October 7th 7-9.30** At St Edmunds Hall. Please book. Suggested donation £5-£7 FFI: Jane 833382

## 'Deep Ecology' week-end

Jane Sanders and Dearbhaile Bradley are organising a Deep Ecology week-end called 'Finding ourselves in Time'. Drawing on the work of eco-philosopher Joanna Macy the work aims to help us access the resources we need to work with the changes that we are all facing.

The work-shop is on October 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, at Moorlinch near Glastonbury.

For more info call Jane on 01458 833382 or email [janesiran@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janesiran@yahoo.co.uk)

## Strange Sisters

Since Jo, Rachael & Dearbhaile did their memorable performance at the March event the Strange Sisters poetry performance group have been busy producing a booklet of their poems called 'Acclimatising'. It's now available from Growing Needs Bookshop and the Speaking Tree.

Their last Gig was in a magical candle-lit chapel for East Coker Poetry group. Rachael got there on crutches despite having broken her ankle!

If you want to book Strange Sisters for your event/group- Contact Dearbhaile: [dearbhaile@goodwillpatterns.com](mailto:dearbhaile@goodwillpatterns.com)

## 5.Health Group

*The health group has been defining the areas that need looking at in relation to peak oil and climate change. They identified a need for us to re-skill ourselves in the basics of healthcare and the Physic Garden Project was conceived to offer practical natural health education. Health Group contact: Marke Pawson: 446094*

## Physic Garden project

Home remedies Kit - Herbal First Aid course. With Andrew Johnson, Nic Hiscock and Caroline Barry.

This has been going since April at Brook farm. There are two more work-shops still to come and people are welcome to come and join in. On September 27<sup>th</sup> they are focusing on herbs for the cardiovascular system- and on October 12<sup>th</sup> they are focusing on herbs for the lymphatic system. The emphasis is on local herbs that we can all cultivate in our gardens or find growing wild in this area.

More info:email: [physicgarden4u@btinternet.com](mailto:physicgarden4u@btinternet.com) or phone Caroline on: 01458 850243

**Respect your elderberries:** Elder is a plant we have in abundance around here. Here's a great recipe for a tonic made from the berries which are ripe now. Keep some in the fridge to take at the first signs of colds and viruses:

### Elderberry Tonic

3 Cups Elderberries (take off all green ones and stalks)

3 cups Water

1 ½ cups Honey

1oz fresh Ginger Root

Juice of 1Lime

Combine ginger, berries and water in a stainless steel pan. Heat on medium until simmering. Simmer uncovered for 45 mins-1 hour or till the volume is reduced by half.

Remove from heat- strain through cheese cloth- pressing out as much juice as possible. Allow to cool a little then measure liquid and add equal parts honey. When cool add lime juice.. Keep in the fridge as lasts longer. Use like a cordial- great with hot water.

## 6. Transport group-

*Anyone noticed the price of petrol going up? Thinking twice about long car journeys and air-travel? Want to see cycling encouraged in this area? Come and meet others with similar concerns and see what we can do as a community.*

Contact person Matt: 07530104215

### First meeting

The group launched with a bike ride (or car share) to Annie's Tea Rooms - about 3 miles outside of Glastonbury. There were all kinds of bikes many supplied by Monkey Motion - the new Glastonbury bike hire service in Silver St (who also do bike maintenance & supplies) who lent out bikes for free for that afternoon. Annie's Tea rooms served us an amazing array of cakes (well you feel quite justified to eat cake after a 3 mile ride) and Michou celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by riding a tandem for the first time!

The first official meeting will be on **Thursday September 25<sup>rd</sup>** at Glastonbury Natural Health centre at the bottom of Silver St.

## 7. Energy Group-

*This group is still forming- contact Marke Pawson if you are interested in this area. Tel: 01458 446094*

### New Wind Turbine Prototype

Marke Pawson went to visit engineer David Sommers who has designed an innovative new wind generator. He writes: David has designed a wind generator and is building a tabletop model of his design. The sails rotate in a horizontal plane and are near enough to the land surface so as not to intrude on the landscape, while, at the same time, being high enough to get maximum wind velocity. The design induces a spiral path in the wind, which significantly increases the effect for a given wind velocity (as in the rifling in a rifle barrel). If the model works, we plan to support David to find funding for the building of a full scale prototype.

### Energy Assessors -TG partnership with Mendip environment community interest group

The Mendip Environment Community Interest Company is an independent social enterprise, formed by a group of local people to take action on environmental issues in the Mendip area.

It currently has funding for 2 years, which provides 2 part-time project workers, Hannah Solloway and John Tolson, as a resource for community groups.

The CIC is supported by Mendip Strategic Partnership and Mendip District Council. It works with local groups including Transition Glastonbury, Sustainable Frome and other community based green groups.

Current projects include

- Mendip Energy Volunteers which is a scheme to give free energy advice to householders in Mendip. Government funding was secured last year to recruit and train 24 volunteers to carry out energy assessments and refer householders to grant and discount schemes for heating and insulation. £26,000 was secured to set up the scheme and train volunteers. The scheme has so far trained 22 volunteers, of which 12 are in and around Glastonbury.

It is one of only 3 such schemes in the UK and has the potential to draw in up to £2.5 million for energy efficiency measures for householders.

- Development of a local information pack onsite
- Supporting Mendip Micro-hydro Rivers Group.

Mendip Environment CIC is working on further projects to assist local communities to take action on climate change, and would welcome the ideas about projects that would help local people to reduce their carbon emissions, use less energy or adapt to changes in our weather.

Do get in touch with John Tolson if you would like your house assessed for free.

Tel:01749 648999 email: [tolsonj@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:tolsonj@mendip.gov.uk)

### Shapwick & Wedmore Sustainable Energy Group

There is a very active local energy group which is collaboration between the Shapwick group and Wedmore Green Group. They are organising group purchases for anyone looking into buying solar panels or wind-turbines (deadline September 30<sup>th</sup> for this) They have also collected some good info on this which is available at

<http://www.wedmoregreengroup.co.uk/renewable-energy.php>

Contact person: Steve Mewes: 07841 336720

## Other News

### May Somerset in Transition event

#### Evolution not revolution

Following the success of the event that we held at the town hall in March, a group of people have already started the wheels turning to create a big event for next May 30<sup>th</sup>, bringing together groups from all over Somerset.

CommunitySoul, who are willing to back the event are in need of a Glastonbury volunteer, prepared to help. They would be a point of contact for canvassing the requirements of the 10-15 Transition initiatives across Somerset, so the event can meet as many needs as possible. The volunteer would also be prepared to work alongside CommunitySoul with some of the organisation for this event. Ideally they will have good contacts within the town. Please email [transition@communitysoul.co.uk](mailto:transition@communitysoul.co.uk) or call 01934 743 649 if you can help.

<http://www.communitysoul.co.uk/Transition.htm>

### Transition Network news

We've heard that there are now over 800 communities mulling over becoming Transition initiatives and over 90 official transition towns/villages.

Transition Culture is Rob Hopkins website and a really good way to keep in touch with what's happening in the wider network. [www.transitionculture.org](http://www.transitionculture.org)

# Transition Glastonbury

## Autumn/Winter Calendar

See the website [www.transitiontowns.org/Glastonbury](http://www.transitiontowns.org/Glastonbury) for Calendar updates

### September

- 5<sup>th</sup>-The 11<sup>th</sup> hour- with **Leonardo Di Caprio** Tor leisure 7pm for 7.30 start.
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Talk on Co-Housing by Dorset Co-housing project - Bay tree Café 7-9.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival- Town Hall- 12 -4.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ceilidh with the Jellied Reels -Town Hall 6-10pm tickets on the door or from Avalon Fairshares
- 25<sup>th</sup> Transport group meeting 7.30pm at Glastonbury Natural Health Centre: 01458 833382
- 27<sup>th</sup> Physic Garden Project- Workshop on herbs for the cardiovascular system with Andrew Johnson, Nik Hiscock & Caroline Barry at Brook Farm- 12- 4p. More info: email:[physicgarden4u@btinternet.com](mailto:physicgarden4u@btinternet.com) or phone Caroline on: 01458 850243
- 27<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market and G3 Gardeners plant/seed swop
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Afternoon Transition Tea Gathering 3-5pm St Edmunds Hall, Windmill Hill. Bring cake to share.

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Film: End of Suburbia- United reform Church- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 8<sup>th</sup> Film Power of Community- United Reform Church 7 for 7.30pm start
- 7<sup>th</sup> Conflict resolution:: Non Violent Communication - an intro 7-9.30pm at St Edmunds Hall
- 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Deep Ecology Workshop-' Finding ourselves in time' -with Dearbhaile Bradley and Jane Sanders-
- 12<sup>th</sup>- Physic Garden Project- Workshop on herbs for the Lymphatic system with Andrew Johnson, Nik Hiscock & Caroline Barry at Brook Farm- 12- 4pm More info:email:[physicgarden4u@btinternet.com](mailto:physicgarden4u@btinternet.com) or phone Caroline on: 01458 850243
- 16<sup>th</sup> Film: End of Suburbia- Small Town Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Film: Power of Community- Small Town Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 25<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market & Launch of The Local food Map
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon Transition Tea Gathering 3-5pm Venue to be announced see website
- 30<sup>th</sup> Film: End of Suburbia- Small Town Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start

### November

- 6<sup>th</sup> Film: Power of Community- Small Town Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 13<sup>th</sup> Film: End of Suburbia- St Edmunds Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 20<sup>th</sup> Film: Power of Community- St Edmunds Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 26<sup>th</sup> Film: End of Suburbia- United Reform Church- 7 for 7.30pm start
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon Transition Tea Gathering 3-5pm Venue to be announced see website

### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Film: Power of Community- St Edmunds Hall- 7 for 7.30pm start