
Transition to self sustaining community

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Are you ready for peak oil?

Many of us recognise that modern life as we know it is not sustainable and that something has to change. All it takes are a few people with heart felt conviction which can rapidly expand and change an entire society. Something is bubbling to the surface and opportunities to make a real change within our own local communities are beginning to flourish. The fast growing global movement is known as "Transition Towns"...

"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

It's happening!

The "Transition Towns" network begun in the UK is now spreading across the world! People are gathering together in droves as the realisation dawns that the current system is not sustainable and something has to change.

Rather than helplessly waiting for the system to collapse before taking action, initiatives are now beginning to draw on collective skills and resources reclaiming inherent skills to create self sustaining local communities. These are beginning to offer a solution (or at least a transition through) the collapse of the system which many are now believing inevitable.

Although the movement is relatively young, Totnes in the UK has already developed its own currency of which over 50 local businesses now accept as legal tender. Other initiatives include Lewes, Bristol, Forest Row, Nottingham, Brighton & Hove, Glastonbury, Falmouth, Stroud, Forest of Dean etc... They are all exploring creative ideas to sustainability with experts in all relevant fields such as food, housing, currency, health, energy supply, transport, and spiritual development.

The big question that they are all asking is this...

"for all those aspects of life that this community needs in order to sustain itself and thrive, how do we significantly increase resilience to mitigate the effects of Peak Oil and drastically reduce carbon emissions to mitigate the effects of Climate Change?"

Peak oil is the point at which half the world's oil reserves have been used, after which production goes into rapid decline and therefore prices escalate rapidly. Since our society is dependent on oil as it's main source of fuel, life will become very different indeed. The Transition Towns initiative will also insulate against other growing risks such as the collapse of our over exposed, heavily indebted financial system and our dependence on imported food...

"To be thrown upon one's own resources, is to be cast into the very lap of fortune; for our faculties then undergo a development and display an energy of which they were previously unsusceptible."
Benjamin Franklin

Transition Towns will also provide the breathing space for our forgotten spirituality to flourish once more. Bring it on!

Find out what your local community is doing and if it's doing nothing, find out how you might seize the initiative - visit the TranLink: [Click here: Transition Towns](#)

Warm Regards

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Re:Transition to self sustaining community

Posted by lilbit - 2008/07/11 01:55

I`m not quite sure I understand what your talking about. Is it like a community that grows their own food and wroks together? If thats what it is I like that idea. But how do you get others to like it?

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