



Transition Towns

A growing movement in the UK of Transition Towns, which first started in Totnes, is focussing on positive solutions to peak oil and climate change. Transition Towns are aiming for a permanent change from fossil fuel dependency to an economy that can be run by renewable energy sources with a coherent and planned descent. This undertaking will mean that it is essential to simplify and localise the economy, especially within regards to food and transport. The current system of putting goods in plastic (oil derived) packaging and then moving them long distances in lorries, finally to be displayed in supermarkets with their intense lighting, open freezers creating high energy consumption. Public transport will also have to be greatly improved and a shift to cycling will have many benefits for both personal health and the improvement in air quality.

Newark Transition

Newark on Trent in Nottinghamshire is no different to the majority of communities throughout the British Isles. We are surrounded by fertile, arable land and have infrastructures that can be localised to the point of near total autonomy. Our current weekly markets, already an envy of other towns, could be improved more for both stallholders and shoppers. Also by rebuilding Newark as a community, everyone will realise that we all hold a stake in the town and the social aspects will improve immensely. The most important resource that is needed for Newark to achieve transition is the involvement of the population of the town itself.

By organizing ourselves now and looking seriously at peak oil and climate change, we can form strategies to build local Resilience and work together for a vibrant post-oil economy.

We owe it to ourselves and for the generations yet to come...



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This is a grassroots initiative. We need creative, practical ideas and involvement from all people in Newark. Interested?

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Newark Transition

What future do YOU want for Newark on Trent?



How will our community adapt to Peak Oil and Climate Change?

Peak Oil

Peak Oil, the point where oil production starts declining as reserves start to dwindle.

Globally, we know only discover 1 barrel of oil for every 6 we use.

Oil is not an infinite resource. Production is now in decline whilst demand is rising.

Peak oil is the tipping point where cheap and plentiful oil now rises in price due to its scarcity.

Cheap oil is the world's lifeblood. It is essential to the production of food, transport... in fact everything that our current industrial economy needs.

We need to move away from both the global and national dependency for our daily needs.



Transition Action

Solutions for both Peak Oil and Climate Change can be addressed by Transition. Regardless of change needed at both national and international levels, there is so much that can be done in local communities.

Localise Food Production

Utilise as much arable land as possible, allotments, orchards. Encourage and support local farmers.

Support Local Business

Maintaining and increasing a local economy will create more jobs in the area.

Renewable Energy Projects

Develop and use renewable sources of energy such as solar and wind power.

By rebuilding our communities and harnessing everybody's particular talents, we will be able to create ecological sustainability.

Climate Change

Climate change will affect the whole world in varying cataclysmic events.

The UK Climate Projections 2009 report is forecasting hotter summers and wetter winters.

Through the coming summers, the UK will experience droughts, a rise in skin cancer cases and diseases carried by parasitic insects.

Winter months will see an increase in flash flooding of both rural and urban areas.

We can still avert the worst of these projections but we must drastically reduce our carbon footprint... **NOW!**

