

Reviewing & Re-imagining Transition in Cornwall



**Friday 4th March to
Sunday 6th March 2011
at Trelay near Bude**

Please come!

What is Transition?

We are working on the transition to a lower energy future and to greater levels of community resilience, in response to the twin pressures of peak oil and climate change. Transition is one name for the efforts of individuals and groups within the community who are involved in finding ways of creating and developing our own renewable energy supplies and working towards taking more responsibility locally in other ways too, like developing more sensible food chains, and at the same time acting to reduce our human contribution to climate change.

Why is this conference important?

Some of us have consciously been involved with the Transition movement in Cornwall over the past few years. We would like to review together where we are and to share ideas, at the same time as learning from others who are interested in similar sorts of projects and ways of living in Cornwall. We will be sharing ideas about the future, what we need to be doing here in Cornwall, and how best to go forward together.

The Transition approach
is “more like a party than
a protest march”

*Rob Hopkins,
author of the Transition Handbook*

The global debt mountain, peak oil, population
growth, resource depletion, the pension time
bomb and climate change are all interconnected.

Dr Mike Haywood, introductory speaker at this conference

Download a flyer and booking form at
www.transitioncornwallnetwork.org.uk or contact
Jackie Carpenter jackie@trelay.org
or 01840 230 423 (ans m/c) or 07849 867 012

**Come because you are
part of the solution, not
part of the problem**

Programme

Friday 4th March – Getting to know each other

4 pm onwards – participants welcome to arrive at Trelay. Teas and chats. Short guided tours.

6 pm supper

7.15 pm Welcome – saying hello to each other – facilitated by Jackie Carpenter

7.30 pm **Cornwall Transition Groups** getting to know each other. Each group will have supplied a poster or information, and representatives will sit at tables as others go round to talk to them.

9pm **Music and dance, or chatting** – facilitated by Roger Wade

Saturday 5th March – Reviewing and Re-imagining

7.30 am Pre-breakfast yoga, walk, singing etc

8 am Breakfast

9.00 am **Opening event** – welcome – saying hello to each other – facilitated by Jackie Carpenter

9.15 am **“Interconnectivity of the crises we are facing”** – talk by Dr Mike Haywood

10.15 am Quickly collect coffee

10.30.am **Discussion** (over coffee) introduced by Oliver Baines

11 am **“Transition in Cornwall – a brief review of the journey so far”** – talk by Lorely Lloyd

11.15 am **“Reviewing”** - Each Transition Group in Cornwall will feed back on what they have done, are doing, lessons learned, new ideas. Everyone else will find out what is going on, be inspired, identify with people they wish to help or co-operate with. (There are about 20 groups, so only about 5 minutes each. Please see notes under “Your Transition Group” in “Further Information”).

1 pm Lunch + 1.30 pm washing up

2 pm **Open Space** – workshops, discussions, activities. There will be 5 physical spaces and 5 time-slots, giving the potential for 25 people to offer topics. Already many individuals have put forward ideas for sharing their areas of expertise, or for co-ordinating Cornwall-wide knowledge. Tea and coffee available to take to events. The plan will arise on the day and will cover topics such as local food, farming, renewable energy, heart and soul, local economies, living co-operatively with neighbours – and anything else participants wish to cover.

4.30 pm Tea and coffee

5 pm **“Re-imagining”** – discussion on the way forward, facilitated by Oliver Baines

6.15 pm **Closing celebration** for the formal part of the conference

6.30 pm supper + 7.30 pm washing up

8 pm **Music and dance** – facilitated by Roger Wade + optional film + space for sitting in groups and chatting (please bring your own musical instruments and beer)

Sunday 6th March – Discussions and visits

7.30 Pre-breakfast yoga, walk, singing etc

8.30 Breakfast

9 am **Discussion** - on publishing a Review, including material from this weekend. Small group discussions. People chatting about learning points etc. Forging collaborative ventures. Relaxation in quiet places. Working together on a **collage** representing the spirit of this weekend.

12.30 Lunch + 1 pm Washing up

1.30 pm Organise visits, car-share etc. Trelay, Cottage Farm, Local RE + others

2 pm – 4 pm Visits

4.30 If anyone comes back to Trelay – final cups of tea and goodbyes

Further information

Transport

Robin Sellwood has volunteered to coordinate transport, so contact him for car-sharing information and for hints and tips about public transport. email robinandmard@talktalk.net Telephone: 01872 272 109

Your mini biography

Part of the thinking of Transition revolves round the idea that people, local people, are the solution. But how do we know who we are and how can we help each other? The conference will collect mini biographies of people who attend (and people who don't attend too) and if you produce one by the time you come to the conference, we shall allow you £2 off the conference fee. Here are the guidelines. email 100 - 400 words describing who you are, your background, what you do, where you live and work, your skills, your offers of help to others (paid and unpaid). Include a jpeg picture and your contact details, at least your email, preferably your phone and postal address too. We shall ask you to sign a consent form saying that we can publish this to help other people in Cornwall. Jackie Carpenter has volunteered to coordinate this. email: jackie@treelay.org mobile telephone: 07849 867 012

Your Transition Group

If you are part of one of the many Transition Groups or climate-friendly groups in Cornwall, we should like you and your friends to participate in the "Getting to know each other" session on Friday evening and the "Reviewing" session on the Saturday, please. We suggest that you produce an A1 (flip-chart-sized) poster (or two) with pictures, diagrams and text, and a set of A4 pages as well or instead. Also a few bullet points telling other groups what are the key things to know about your group. email these to Jackie before Friday, please. Be brutally honest! If your membership is dropping and events are non-existent, then say so - it makes sense to review the facts. During the Reviewing session, you are invited to talk to us for about five minutes. You can choose to have a speaker with a very short PowerPoint, or a group of you can line up by your poster and answer questions. Make it fun!

Open Space?

Open space is a technique put forward in Rob Hopkins "Transition Handbook". It is for organising a group of people into discussion sessions that are dynamic and productive - better than a set programme of speakers. It means that each one of you can be a speaker, facilitator or workshop leader, or you can run a session where you help to set the questions even though you don't know the answers (yet). If you are an "expert", please bring along a (short) PowerPoint or a scribbled diagram to inform your session. Everyone will have the chance to speak and to listen, the energy levels will create a buzz, and we shall record everything. So please, some of you come as reporters and photographers too.

Publishing a "Review of Transition in Cornwall"

We plan to collect together the information from this conference plus other data and ideas, and publish them as a "Review of Transition in Cornwall", during the summer of 2011. Oliver Baines has volunteered to coordinate this. email: oliver.baines@virgin.net Telephone: 01726 882 501 or 07967 604 517

Visits

At the conference you will be able to choose to participate in a range of local visits on the Sunday afternoon. Any local enterprise wishing to offer a visit, please contact Jackie Carpenter, the conference organiser.

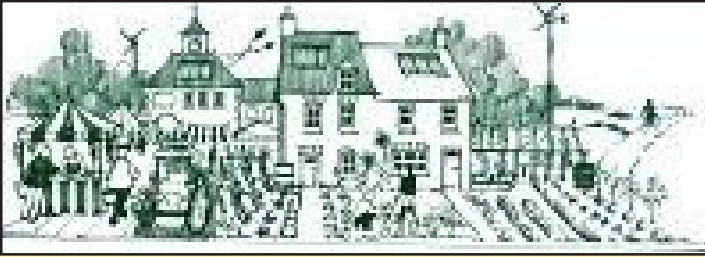
Children

Parents are responsible for their children at all times. A play-space will be provided, but children playing there must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Trelay is a working farm and there are dangers.

Booking and paying

Please send a booking form by email to Jackie Carpenter, the conference organiser. email: jackie@treelay.org Tel: 01840 230 423 (answering machine) or 07849 867 012. Do everything by email and avoid phoning if possible please, as Jackie is a hard-pressed volunteer. Then pay on the day. We are trusting that those people who book will turn up or let us know if they can't, so on that basis you don't need to send a deposit. (It will be unkind to book and not to come, or to turn up without booking). If you would like to come but can't afford it, please write and tell us your circumstances. We look forward to meeting you!





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Trelay cohousing ecovillage

Conference Prices

£5 Friday evening

£10 Saturday

£5 Sunday - all the above include tea and coffee

£2 discount if you provide your mini-biography, photo and offer to help (please see details).

Meals

Lunch £3 Supper £5. Must be pre-booked. Bring your own sandwiches instead if you like.

Accommodation Prices

Accommodation at Trelay - Friday & Saturday B&B per night. Breakfast included. Only a limited number of spaces available

Bed in house or log cabin (sharing someone's home but in your own private room) £25 per person;

Camping barn £12 per person;

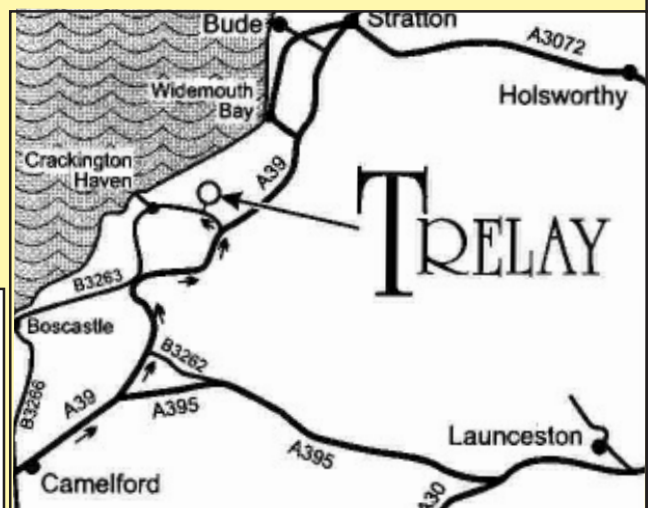
Small touring caravan £20 per family.

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How to get to Trelay

Take the A39 to Wainhouse Corner (about halfway between Camelford and Bude). Opposite the Old Wainhouse Inn, take the turning towards the sea. Trelay Farm is just over half a mile on the right.

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