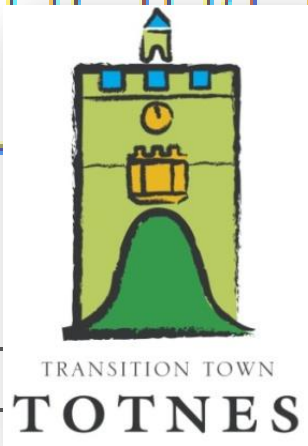


So, What Does Transition Town Totnes Actually Do?

The Story So far... 2006 - 2010



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“Oh it’s had a huge impact! When I first heard about it I thought this could just be a bunch of cranks! And I’ve had my eyes opened consistently ... throughout the years it’s just grown and grown and it’s been something that I can really take an interest in and help with in a small way. I have been impressed with it, and it’s a phenomenon. It’s amazing. I haven’t heard a bad word about Transition. Everyone I’ve spoken to believes your hearts are in the right place and let’s get on with it”.

A local reporter

“The concept, the idea, is so simple. You can just explain to people the oil is going to run out, what the hell are you going to do? What’s actually been happening over the last 3 years is people are becoming more aware of it, they’re understanding it, but to me, the greatest thing it has done is that it has brought people together”.

A Totnes Town Councillor

“You can go for years without knowing your neighbours, now we go to the pub together. I feel I can go round and knock on a neighbour’s door to borrow tools, while our kitchen scraps are eaten by one neighbour’s chickens and our slugs by another’s ducks.”

Jenny Gellatly, Broomborough Drive Transition Streets group

“I thought I’d find it really boring, but it’s been totally the opposite! It’s been brilliant. We’ve all started to get to know each other, we’ve all started doing different things with each other, for each other, which I think has been fantastic. It has just become much more than talking about energy... it’s not at all dull, it’s great... I really look forward to coming...”

Laurel Ellis, member of the ‘Walk the Talk’ Transition Streets group, Follaton, Totnes.

“It was a funny little path, winding here and there, dashing off in different directions, and sometimes even tying a knot in itself from sheer joy. (You don’t get tired of a path like that, and I’m not sure that it doesn’t get you home quicker in the end).”

Tove Jansson ‘Comet in Moominland’ (1946)

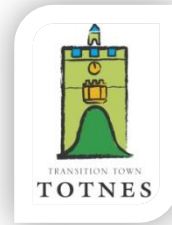
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At a glance – Our Executive Summary...



People visiting Totnes to find out about Transition have brought an estimated **£122,000** to the local economy • over **300** people have visited the town to undertake Transition Training • TTT raised the funding for the **74** solar panels on Totnes Civic Hall which will generate around **13,000kWh** (a **third** of its demand, leading to the Council saving over **£5,500**) • **186** hybrid nut trees have been planted throughout the town • over **4000** Local Food Guides (in 2 editions) have been distributed • our Garden Share scheme means that now **30** gardeners in **13** gardens are able to grow food, providing food to over **50** families • over **70** businesses now accept the Totnes Pound • organised over **140** public events • more than **1,000** students at King Edward VI Community College have now participated in our 'Transition Tales' programme • over **75%** of people in Totnes and Dartington are aware of TTT's work • more than **600** people attended 4 workshops on renewable energy • there are now **59** 'Transition Together' groups in and around the town, who will each reduce their carbon emissions by **1.2** tonnes, each saving **£601** per year • over **50%** of those households are low-income • 'Transition Tours', a structured tour designed for those who want to visit the town to learn about Transition has, so far, had a local impact of **£52,166** • The work of TTT has inspired an international network of **thousands** of Transition initiatives • TTT has formed partnerships with **25** other organisations • the creation of the Energy Descent Action Plan engaged over **800** local people, gave talks to **35** local organisations and held **27** public meetings • **50** people have learnt to garden through our basic gardening course • over **400** people attended 'Winterfest', a one-day celebration of the work of TTT • **3** annual 'Edible Garden Crawls' have been attended by over **500** people • the 2010 'Energy Fair' was attended by over **400** people • TTT's email newsletter is received by over **2,000** people • TTT's Garden Share scheme was the inspiration for **Hugh Fearnley-Wittingstall's** national 'Landshare' campaign • Produced **10** short films about various TTT events, see <http://tinyurl.com/3yh9ysu> • 'Estates in Transition', a day conference co-organised with Dartington, brought **65** local landowners and managers together to explore the impacts of peak oil and climate change • **57.2%** of local people feel TTT's work is either 'highly relevant' or 'relevant' to their lives • the Heart and Soul group provides support to **15** people working in TTT so as to minimise incidents of burn-out • TTT's website has over **4,500** registered users • our annual Seedy Sunday events each attract at least **200** people • a recent grant of **£75,000** from Community Builders is supporting our efforts to bring the derelict Dairy Crest site back into community ownership • TTT has generated a great deal of media coverage, including BBC's **The One Show**, **Al Jazeera TV**, **'In Business'** on Radio 4, and pieces in most daily papers, as well as regularly attracting international media attention....

Transition Town Totnes: a potted history

Transition Town Totnes (TTT) began with presentations and film screenings organised by Naresh Giangrande and Rob Hopkins in late 2005, an ‘awareness raising’ period which culminated in September 2006 with a launch event called the ‘Official Unleashing’ of what then became known as ‘Transition Town Totnes’ (TTT). That event proved to be the catalyst for much that followed, with TTT now being seen as one of the primary community organisations in the town with, as this report will demonstrate, a wide range of projects and a diversity of impacts.

With hindsight, it would be reasonable to look at the life of TTT thus far as having four distinct stages:

Year One (2006-2007). Awareness raising and networking. This phase included many events, talks, film screenings, the creation of a ‘buzz’ around TTT’s work, and an invitation for people to get involved. As many as 11 ‘working groups’ were formed, and several practical projects launched.

Year Two (2007-2008). Organisational consolidation. The pressure on those holding central roles became excessive, and as funding was explored, the need for a formal organisation became clear. Much discussion was had as to structure, accountability, roles, resources and so on.

Year Three (2008-2009). Energy Descent Pathways. With some funding from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and APE, a project of community visioning and backcasting was carried out, resulting in the publication of ‘Transition in Action: an Energy Descent Action Plan’.

Year Four (2009-2010). Social enterprise. The focus has most recently shifted to exploring the role that social enterprise will play in enabling the vision of Totnes as set out in ‘Transition in Action’ to become a reality. A number of ‘catalyst projects’ have been identified, and the focus now is on the establishment of viable social enterprises to enable their development.



Totnes MP Sarah Wollaston meets the public at the TTT Hustings event, April 2010.

TRANSITION TOWN TOTNES

Programme of Events - September - December 2006

Wednesday September 6th. Totnes Civic Hall. 8pm
The Official Unleashing of Transition Town Totnes
With Rob Hopkins and Dr Chris Johnson

Monday September 11th. 8pm. Methodist Hall, High Street, Totnes
The Power of Community – how Cuba survived Peak Oil (film screening)
Monday September 18th for 10 weeks. 7.10pm. Methodist Hall, High Street, Totnes
Skilling Up for Powerdowns – a 10 week evening class

Wednesday October 4th 8pm. St John's Church, Bridgeway, Totnes
in association with the Totnes Sustainability Group and Totnes Museum
Feeding Totnes – past, present and future – speakers tbc.

Saturday October 7th. 10am - 4pm. Totnes Civic Hall - An Open Space Day
How Will Totnes Feed Itself Beyond the Age of Cheap Oil?

Thursday October 12th. St John's Church, Bridgeway, Totnes
in association with Friends of the Earth Totnes
Less is a Four-Letter Word: Moving Towards a Low Energy Society
A Talk by Paul Roberts.

Saturday October 14th. 10am - 4pm. Totnes Civic Hall - An Open Space Day
Powering Totnes Beyond Cheap Oil –
rethinking Totnes's energy supply

Wednesday November 1st 8pm. Methodist Hall, High Street, Totnes
in association with Devon Sustainable Building Institute
Building Locally – the potential of natural building materials
With Gareth Walton of SEBI, Rob Hopkins and Rob Scott McLeod

Saturday November 4th. 10am - 4pm. Totnes Civic Hall - An Open Space Day
Housing Totnes in an energy scarce future

Wednesday November 15th. St John's Church, Bridgeway, Totnes
in association with Schwabacher College
Lean Energy – A Practical Guide to Energy Descent
A Talk by David Fleming

Wednesday 22nd November. Totnes Civic Hall. 8pm
in association with Schwabacher College
Peak Oil: Local Solutions to a Global Challenge
A talk by Richard Heinberg, author of 'The Pansy's Over' and 'Powerdown'

For more details visit: www.transitiontowns.org/Totnes

TTT's first programme of events,
September to December 2006.

Clearly though, it is not that each of these activities are siloed into particular years, and there is a great deal of overlap, but the above offers a sense of the progression of TTT’s work since its inception. TTT has grown from a small group of people organising film screenings to a broad and diverse project. This report aims to answer the question one encounters sometimes in and around Totnes of “so what does Transition Town Totnes actually **do?**” As we shall see, in its short life, it has been astonishingly prolific.

How Transition Works

Since its beginnings in Totnes, the Transition concept has subsequently broadened and deepened, to give an equal weighting to the challenge of climate change alongside the issue of peak oil which was the initial stimulus, and has absorbed a wide range of other influences and disciplines. Transition has, from the start, been an iterative process, drawing inspiration from a wide and eclectic range of sources.

These include the fields of psychology, the study of addiction¹, the 'wiki' approach to collaborative information building², the 'leaderless organization' approach³, resilience science⁴, insights from how self-organisation works in natural systems⁵, 'despair and empowerment' work and ecopsychology⁶, 'learned optimism'⁷, the science of happiness⁸, the concept of 'pattern languages'⁹, the power of the internet to enable ideas to spread virally¹⁰, Chaordic organizational design¹¹ and the permaculture concept¹². This approach has been widely praised, and the Transition model has spread virally around the world during the past 4 years, and been recognized with a number of awards.

Two central aspects of the work of Transition initiatives are relocalisation and building resilience. Transition actively promotes the idea of going beyond the concept of 'localism', that is, the devolving of political power to the local level, as expressed in the coalition government's 'Big Society' agenda, to that of 'localisation', seeing the meeting of core needs locally (food, building materials, energy) as offering huge potential to local economies, while also reducing oil vulnerability and carbon emissions. In terms of resilience, Transition goes beyond the accepted idea of resilience as being about ability to adapt to shocks, instead seeing it is a desired state, the rebuilding of which could be hugely economically advantageous to local communities.



Demonstrating in favour of a more resilient future: a local resident at the launch of the Totnes and District Energy Descent Action Plan.

¹ DiClemente, C.C. (2003) *Addiction and Change – how addictions develop and addicted people recover*. New York, Guilford Press.

² Leadbeater, C. (2009) *We Think: mass innovation, not mass production*. Profile Books.

³ Braffman, D, Beckstrom, R.A. (2006) *The Starfish and the Spider: the unstoppable power of leaderless organisations*. Portfolio Books.

⁴ Walker, B, Salt, D. (2006) *Resilience Thinking: sustaining ecosystems and people in a changing world*. Island Press.

⁵ Maturana, H.R, Varela, F.J. (1992) *The Tree of Knowledge: biological roots of human understanding*. Shambhala Publishing

⁶ Macy, J, Brown, M.Y. (1998) *Coming Back to Life: Practices to Reconnect Our Lives, Our World*. Gabriola Island, New Society Publishers

⁷ Seligman, M. (2008) *Learned Optimism: how to change your mind and your life*. Vintage Books.

⁸ Layard, R. (2006) *Happiness: Lessons from a New Science*. Penguin.

⁹ Alexander, C, Ishikawa, S, Silverstein, M. (1977) *A Pattern Language: towns, buildings, construction*. Oxford University Press.

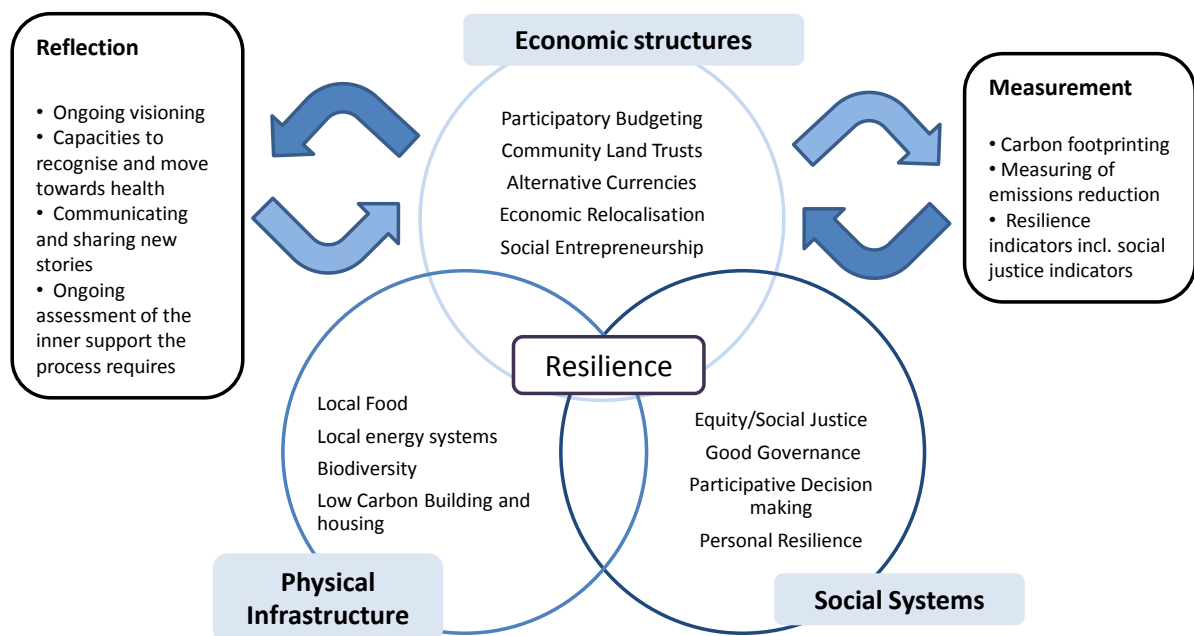
¹⁰ Shirky, C. (2009) *Here Comes Everybody: how change happens when people come together*. Penguin.

¹¹ Hock, D. (1999) *Birth of a Chaordic Age*. Berrett-Koehler.

¹² Holmgren, D. (2003) *Permaculture: principles and pathways beyond sustainability*. Victoria, Holmgren Design Services.

The diagram below sets out how Transition understands resilience in practice, as a community-driven process of creating a new infrastructure of businesses and initiatives which are more suited to a lower-carbon, more resilient world. It integrates the creation of a new physical infrastructure (energy, food production, construction), economic structures that enable a community to cycle money locally and strengthen its local economy, and social systems, designed to ensure social justice and fairness.

Community Scale Resilience in Practice



A Transition take on how resilience works at the community level.

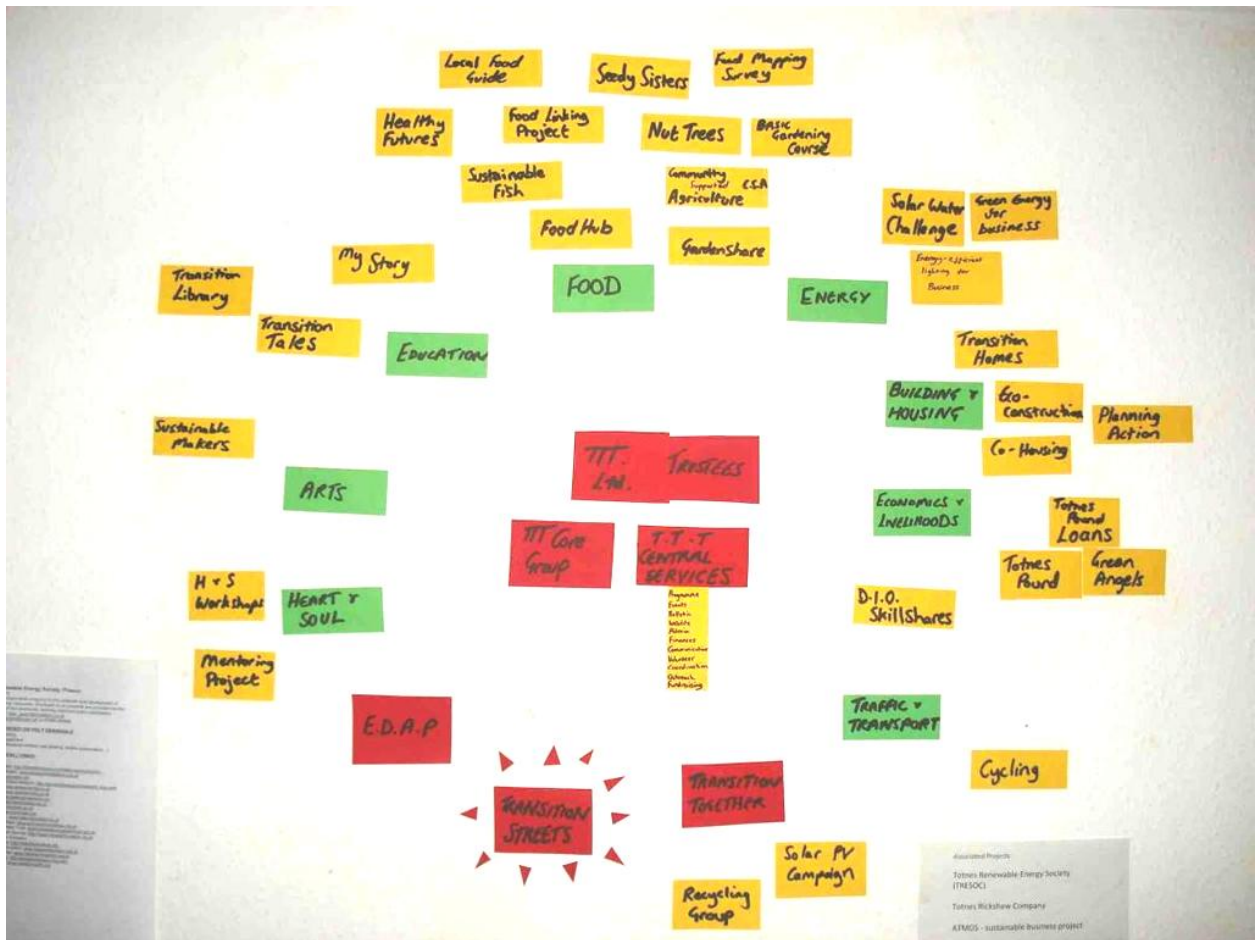
In practice, Transition works by inviting people to take ownership of the process, by not claiming to have all the answers but encouraging creativity, and by building networks with other organisations. It is based on the model of ‘project support’, that is that the role of Transition is to catalyse and support, rather than to hold and manage a wide range of projects. As this document progresses, you will see how this model is practiced in Totnes.

“If you want to catch a glimpse of the kinds of places outside the political mainstream where the new politics might be incubated, take a look at the Transition movement ... it isn't so hard to see why politicians are so interested. The Transition movement is engaging people in a way that conventional politics is failing to do. It generates emotions that have not been seen in political life for a long time: enthusiasm, idealism and passionate commitment”. Madeline Bunting in The Observer. 31 May 2009.

How TTT Functions

Organisational Structure

The structure of Transition Town Totnes has been through several evolutions over the years as the project has gone from a small number of committed individuals operating on voluntary basis, to a significant community organisation managing a number of funded projects resulting in income up to April 2010 of around £200,000. TTT is a community organisation that comprises many theme groups, each of which addresses one aspect of the Transition story. The diagram below sets this out more clearly:



TTT Organisational diagram, photographed from the TTT wall: November 2009.

- Theme groups (in green) focus on a particular area and initiate, coordinate and support projects (in yellow - a few are shown)
- TTT Ltd (in red) oversees the legal aspects of all of TTT, and manages TTT services
- TTT Services (in red) provides support to enable Theme Groups and Projects to take place
- Projects (in yellow) deliver Transition activity.

Theme or Working Groups run projects, put on events and hold regular planning and discussion meetings. They are self-organising, but asked to ensure the following:

- A representative attends Core group.
- It has a minimum of 3 active members.
- It holds regular open meetings i.e. at least every three months.
- It updates the website on their activity.
- It has been endorsed by the Core Group.

Theme groups act as initiating and coordinating groups for related projects, where the practical hands on work of Transition takes place. Projects are also self-determining and self-organising within the legal structures and responsibilities of the organisation. Projects may range from a one off event or gathering, to a group that forms its own incorporated organisation, raising funds or trading.

Projects are just that; projects delivering Transition on the ground. These normally emerge from the Theme or Working Groups. Many are now in the process of becoming community businesses. At the time of writing there are approximately forty active projects in the different theme groups.

The Core Group is the key decision-making body at the heart of TTT. It meets monthly and comprises a representative from each theme group as well as someone from the board of Trustees and TTT services. It has responsibility for setting the direction and priorities of the organisation, as well as coordinating its activity.

TTT Services is a loose team of people that supports the activities of the theme groups and their associated projects. This includes the administrator / coordinator (paid), volunteer coordinator (unpaid), communications team (unpaid), and project support (paid / unpaid, depending on project). Here are some of the things it provides:

- An office on Totnes High Street is a point of contact and information about the project, meeting space and the place where paid and voluntary workers carry out their work.
- An ongoing central programme of events continues the process of raising awareness, providing discussion spaces, expert speakers, Reskilling workshops and opportunities to meet, reflect and deepen understanding of what Transition is.
- A website platform enables groups and projects to communicate about their work and activities to the local and wider community
- Some support has been provided to groups and projects including help with funding applications and training in how to get groups to work well and have productive meetings.
- Outreach and partnerships – representing TTT in other community forums, giving talks and attending events on behalf of TTT.
- Communication and publicity including press releases, interviews
- Managing volunteers who help with various activities.
- Providing information to the steady flow of visitors (sometimes referred to as “Transition Pilgrims”!) who come to hear what has happened at the source of Transition.
- Some major projects which don’t belong to a



The entrance to TTT's office, Fore Street, Totnes.

single theme group have been run from the centre from funding applications to management and report writing. These include the Energy Descent Action Plan, Transition Streets. See the section on central projects for more details.

TTT Ltd and the Board of Trustees

In 2008 we set up a limited company (No. 06287039, registered in England and Wales), with the aim of obtaining charitable status (our application is in progress). Its primary purpose is to carry through the strategic objectives of the Core group, and to provide the legal and financial framework for the project.

The Board of Trustees manages TTT services and paid staff, and oversees all the legal requirements of the organisation including financial oversight, insurance, policies for health and safety, employment and so on. The first AGM was held in February 2010 when all original Trustees stood down, and the current board was elected. See Appendix 2 for a list of current Trustees.

Central Funding and Roles

Since 2007 TTT has had a paid project admin coordinator supporting the project, initially funded through a local donation and from April 2008 – April 2010 by grants from the Ashden Trust. Together with a number of volunteers in the office, this has enabled the huge range of events, projects and other activities which rely on the central office function to coordinate and help with mundane and routine arrangements with venues, press, publicity and so on.

Other funded roles have included Project Support (£10,000 from Polden-Puckham), Transition Together (£20,000 from Big Green Challenge plus £10,000 from Gulbenkian), Energy Descent Action Plan (£39,000 from Esme Fairburn and £5,000 from APE), funding support (local donation).

In 2010 a team applied to the Low Carbon Communities Challenge and received a grant for £625,000 for the Transition Streets project (see over), which has resulted in further paid roles and a dramatic increase in community engagement. See the section on Central Projects for more information on these funded activities.

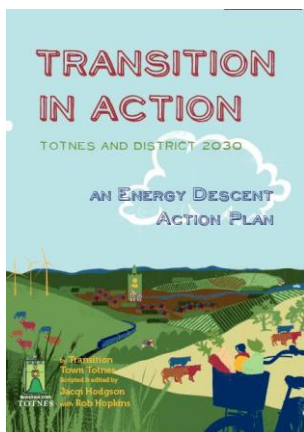


TTT members and friends celebrating hearing that it had been chosen as one of DECC's 20 'Low Carbon Communities', December 2009.

Central Projects

As has been outlined above, TTT is founded on the principle that it is not set up to actually run projects itself, but rather to provide the infrastructure to support initiatives that arise from its Working Groups. However, two major projects have been managed centrally by TTT itself over the last 2 years, and have had a big impact on the wider community.

1. Totnes Energy Descent Pathways project



The creation of the Totnes Energy Descent Action Plan has been one of TTT's key community engagement projects, as well as creating a foundation for the next stage of its work. The basic idea was to create a 'Plan B' for Totnes and district, setting out how its transition away from oil dependency could work in practice. It included some detailed pieces of research, such as an Energy Budget for the area¹³, and 'Can Totnes and district feed itself?'¹⁴, as well as a lengthy oral history of the area. In a review of the Totnes EDAP for i4 magazine, Michelle Colussi described it as:

...“a remarkably explicit, exciting, and community-based vision that tells us exactly what is to come about.... Ultimately, the document acts like more of an Energy Descent Invitation, than a Plan. It entices other communities to have a go at the process for themselves”.

Here are some statistics from the project which produced the Plan:

- At the time of writing, over 800 printed copies have been sold
- 10 meetings were held with the TTT working groups as part of the process of creating the Plan
- 27 public meetings were run looking at Visioning and then at Backcasting
- 35 talks were given to a range of local organisations, including the Totnes Men's Probus Club, Dartington Parish Council and many others, including students at the local secondary school
- It is estimated that at least 550 people engaged with the EDAP process at various EDAP events, and over 250 attended the launch and over 100 the Cabaret night.

A series of workshops were also run with local 6th Form students, and also with over 100 Year 7 students. Creating the waste part of the plan included a Waste Forum night at the local secondary school Friends of the Earth, the UK environmental Officer from Sainsbury's, Devon Recycling Network, Totnes Chamber of Commerce and TQ Recycling (a regional recycling company) and led to the latter getting the recycling contract with Sainsbury's in South Hams.



The Totnes Town Crier announces the publication of the Totnes EDAP

¹³ <http://tinyurl.com/34bwklu>

¹⁴ This paper can be downloaded from <http://tinyurl.com/3yn6ann>

2. Transition Streets / Transition Together

Transition Together is a seven week programme that people do with neighbours, looking at energy, water, food, waste and transport and leading to each participant developing their own personal Practical Action Plan. It was developed by TTT during 2009, modelled on the Global Action Plan and other home/group-based behaviour change programmes. The need as identified following on from an evening class called 'Skilling Up for Powerdown', after which groups began to meet as 'home groups', and wanted some structured, practical approach to work through.



(Left to right) Fiona Ward (Transition Streets), Rob Hopkins (TTT), Adrian Porter (Transition Streets), Cllr Tony Whitty (Mayor of Totnes), Carole Whitty (Mayoress) at the 'Switch On' of the Transition Streets PV system and the monitor in front of the Hall.



During September and October 2009, a group from TTT wrote and submitted a bid to the Department of Energy and Climate Change's 'Low Carbon Communities Challenge', which proposed a project called '**Transition Streets**', which included firstly using 'Transition Together' as the first step, followed by availing of grants from South Hams District Council for insulation measures, then grants for installing solar photovoltaics, and finally putting a photovoltaic roof on the town's main public building, the Civic Hall. The bid was successful, Transition Streets being chosen as one of 20

Low Carbon Communities projects out of over 400 applications, and awarded a grant of £625,000. The scheme has been hugely successful. Here are some statistics about the project:

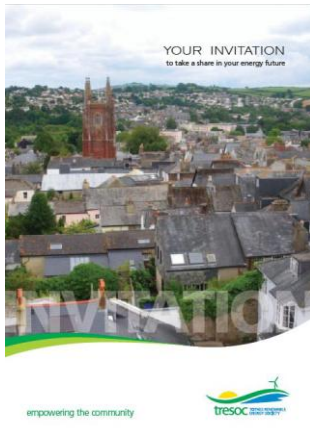
- There are now 59 'Transition Together' groups in the town, of which 45 have been accepted into the 'Transition Streets' programme, which is over 500 households
- On average, each group contains 8 households
- At the time of writing, over 150 domestic solar PV systems are due to be installed as part of the Transition Streets programme
- Totnes Civic Hall now has a photovoltaic roof of 75 PV panels with 14 kWp of energy generating capacity. The system will generate around 13,000kWh of electricity per year, about a third of the energy used by the building
- Over half of participating households are low income
- Data from the first 4 Transition Together groups showed that participating in the scheme saves each household, on average, 1.2 tonnes of carbon and £601.

A short promotional film about Transition Streets can be seen at <http://tinyurl.com/35mmn77>

Related Projects

As well as the projects that TTT itself has supported and initiated, a number of aligned initiatives have also begun which are linked to TTT in varying ways. They do not necessarily see themselves as TTT projects, but may be developed in partnership with TTT, or acknowledge a connection with the project. These include the following:

The Totnes Renewable Energy Society.



The **Totnes Renewable Energy Society (TRESOC)** is not strictly speaking a TTT enterprise, but it is very much seen as a ‘sister’ enterprise. It emerged from a TTT Open Space day about energy in October 2006, when a group came together and committed to making it happen. The Society was launched in September 2010 with the intention of maximising community share ownership of the company. It has an agreement with a landowner on the edge for Totnes to apply for planning for two 2.3MW turbines, which would produce enough energy for 2,500 homes. Transition Town Totnes has been involved in helping to promote the Society, and also is a corporate shareholder.

The ATMOS Project

ATMOS is a partnership project between Transition Town Totnes and the Totnes Development Trust. Its intention is to bring into community ownership the 8-acre site adjoining Totnes train station, which was formerly a milk-processing plant run by Dairy Crest. The ATMOS project (named after Brunel’s experimental ‘atmospheric railway’ which was developed at the site) has brought together local architects and other local organisations to create a concept for the site as a mixture of affordable low carbon homes and as a catalyst for new ‘green businesses’. The ATMOS project was recently awarded £75,000 by the Community Builders programme to support its work and to bring onboard the expertise in order to move forward to site acquisition.



Totnes Healthy Futures



This initiative is a partnership between Leatside Surgery, Totnes Development Trust, Plymouth University, Breakthrough Plus and TTT. It aims to enhance people’s health and well-being through community gardening, and provide another source of local organic vegetables, fruit and herbs. One demonstration site and one growing site have been offered. As the project expands, it is hoped that there will be many growing sites in and around Totnes. The prime aim of the project is to enhance the physical and mental health of people referred from the surgery. So far it has attracted about 80 local people to offer support, and expert advice when it starts, basing itself in the old ticket office in The Lamb, offered by SHDC (see left).

Wider Impact of TTT

Training and Tourism

There are a growing number of worldwide visitors to Totnes seeking information about the work of TTT. The manager of the Tourist Information Centre in the town claims that each year over the last 4 years the number has increased. This year to date she reports that many hundreds of visitors to the have requested information about our work and activities. She has now formally asked for more information to be made available. Our success is a challenge to our resources and we now know that we need to produce even more accessible paper information for visitors. At present requests have to come through the office, which is already currently working beyond capacity.

Wherever possible volunteers meet and talk with visitors. In the last 4 weeks TTT volunteers have met with a range of tourists including those from Belgium, Spain, France, South Korea, USA, Holland. These meetings are stimulating but demanding on time as the visitors are not just looking for information but for help in how they might replicate some of our work.



A recent 'Transition Tour' group from Belgium planting an apple tree at the end of their 5 day trip to Totnes.

It is impossible to estimate the economic impact of the ongoing influx of Transition Town tourists but the Chamber of Commerce acknowledges that Transition Town Totnes is an important asset to the town.

A member of the Chamber, interviewed recently, said "... I'd say that one of the biggest things that's increased footfall in Totnes has probably been Transition Town Totnes. Because it's probably been the thing – so I'm looking at it purely commercially - it's been one of the things that's had the most column inches concerning Totnes in the national and international press. And it's those

column inches that bring people in. On top of that, I think it might have even changed the demographic profiles of people who've come in".

Economic impact of Transition 'visitors' - 2009 / 2010

Transition Tours and education services	
No of visitors	294
Income to region:	
T/O of Transition Tours	£37,466
Further local economic impact, based on av est £50 per person per day (for non residential programmes, factored in T/O above)	£14,700
Total	£52,166

Transition Training	
No of visitors (est)	300
Income to region:	
Net course charges (£100 pax)	£30,000
Further local economic impact, based on av £50 per person per day	£30,000
Total	£60,000

'Pilgrims' (people visiting to find out more about Transition) and Journalists	
No. of people visitors (est):	
No. of unknown, TIC estimate of enquiries (av. 20 per week x 50)	2000
No. of known, 'pilgrim' footfall through office	390
No. of journalists	50
Total	2440
Income to region:	
Based on av. stay of one day @ av. £50 per person per day	£30,000
Total	£122,000

Summary	
Transition Tours and education services	£52,166
Transition Training	£60,000
'Pilgrims' and Journalists	£122,000
Total	£234,100

Local Government

The Totnes Town Mayor fully supported the launch of Transition town 4 years ago and that support has endured and grown. The current Mayor is engaged on behalf of the Council as a partner in the Transition Streets project which has seen the installation of 74 solar panels on the Civic Hall roof supported by a 'Low Carbon Communities Challenge' grant managed by TTT. The Mayor and Council attended the Energy Fair which launched this community aspect of the LCCC project. TTT has been publicly acknowledged for its work at full council meetings and particularly over the last year has been recognised as a key community grouping within the town. At his inauguration, the new Mayor of Totnes, Tony Whitty, said:

"...one of the newest and liveliest community groupings is Transition Town Totnes which has raised the profile of Totnes, in fact made us famous all over the world, for pioneering approaches to climate change and peak oil".

SHDC has been a close partner on the Transition Streets project and on the Healthy Futures project. Our partnerships have extended to the Cosy Devon project, the Energy Savings Trust and the Wessex Reinvestment Trust assisted by SHDC. Our work has attracted the interest of neighbouring towns and Transition Town Totnes has been asked to give a presentation to Kingsbridge councillors and their Agenda 21 group. In a recent interview, one of Totnes's District Councillors said:

"...it's (TTT) clearly had a major impact on what you'd call the collective community. If you are talking about a statement of vision and policy for the community, particularly the DPD, of the town, they've clearly had an impact on that. The EDAP has filtered into everyone's plans for everything, so that's had a major impact."

Schools and FE

TTT has worked within and with local schools. The Transition Tales project has reached children and teachers in the primary and the secondary schools as part of their citizenship and their environmental studies. Presentations on the work of TTT have been given to the 6th form and other groups within the school. The Education group is now working with to establish a young Transition group to be self managed, in a bid to ensure sustainability, a broader reach and develop awareness and empowerment in the young leaders for the future. One of the TTT Trustees is a governor of the local comprehensive school and has a view to ensuring links. Strong links have been formed with South Devon College through the coordinator of the Business and livelihoods group.

University Links and Research requests

Almost daily TTT receives requests from undergraduates and post graduates from all over the world for support with their research. We have resolved to respond wherever possible to all post graduate requests, a task now being coordinated through the education group. Over the last year we have received approximately 20-30 requests. Some information is available through the website but it is the personal story which many would-be-researchers seek.

The University of Plymouth is actively involved with us through the Healthy Futures project, and we are now seeking HE engagement in some meta research on the impact of TTT.

The Rotary Club

Following a presentation to the local Rotary Club they are now fully supportive of TTT and searching for ways of working alongside us.

Totnes Development Trust

The TDT and TTT share a Trustee and other members of TTT on its board of trustees. One of the key projects now project managed by the TDT, emerged from TTT's Health and Well-being group. This project, 'Totnes Healthy Futures', links TTT to the Leatside Surgery, the largest GP practice in Totnes.

Totnes Community Strategy Group

TTT and the Community Strategy Group share a Trustee and are well represented through the work of the strategy group. The housing and built environment group played a key role in the local development plan document which has been acclaimed as one of the best examples of community consultation in the country.

Wider community participation

TTT events ranging from a recent event with Richard Heinberg (400 attendees) or Marianne Williamson (250 attendees) to the energy fair and Winterfest (see Appendix 1) have engaged large number of individuals and families. Our events are almost always very well attended and reach people of all ages and interests.

Schumacher College

TTT is engaged in a positive partnership with Schumacher College, Dartington. Their events programmes have been mutually supportive, sharing speakers and courses. Schumacher has recently established an MSC *Economics in Transition* which is being developed in partnership with TTT.

Other partnerships

TTT has actively developed a wide range of partnerships, reflecting group and project activity. These have included:

Base Youth Eco-Arts • BECO • Belstone Youth Group • Bowden House Community • Clare Milne Trust • Community Land Trusts Fund • Cosy Devon • Department of Energy and Climate Change (UK Government) • Energy Action Devon (including the Devon Association for Renewable Energy) • Energy Savings Trust • Environwise • King Edward VI Community College (KEVICC) • Greater Dartmoor LEAF Fund • Leatside Surgery (NHS) • Pulse Youth Group • Schumacher College • South Devon Rural Housing Association • South Hams District Council • Totnes Development Trust • Totnes Image Bank • Totnes School of English • Totnes Town Council • Tree Council.

TTT in the media:

Our work has generated a great deal of media coverage and press attention for both the project and for the town. Here is a sample of that coverage:

Film

- BBC1 *The One Show*. Featured Westlife with Totnes Pounds! 14th Feb 2008.
- 'English Town's Climate Lessons'. Al Jazeera. <http://tinyurl.com/34ej8pg>
- 'Totnes: taking change into their own hands'. Open University. <http://tinyurl.com/ybjrjs9>
- 'In Transition 1.0' is the film produced by Transition Network which features clips about TTT. <http://vimeo.com/8029815>
- 'The Powerdown Show - Transition Towns and Energy Descent Pathways'. <http://tinyurl.com/37zdr6f>
- BBC Devon piece about Transition with local poet Matt Harvey: <http://tinyurl.com/35xw4dw>
- Michael Portillo spent a day in Totnes as part of his 'Great British Railway Journeys' programme. <http://tinyurl.com/399cw0w>
- Totnes also features in a forthcoming feature film called 'Symphony of the Soil'.



TTT's Rob Hopkins is interviewed by Michael Portillo for BBC1's 'Great Railway Journeys'

Written (two articles are reproduced below...)

- *Steen has hands on New Totnes Pound*. Herald Express. 7th March 07.
- *Voices of Descent*. Red Pepper website.
- *British City Issues Own Pound*. Buenos Aires Herald. 19th March 07.
- *Pioneering Welsh Town Begins a Transition to Life Without Oil*. Guardian. 7th April 07.
- *Transition Values are Catching on Fast*. Western Morning News. 23rd April 07.
- *The Town that Prints its own Money*. Mirror. 6th June 07.
- *Totnes Steps Up Currency Project*. BBC News. 22nd June 07.
- *Towns Prepare for 'Peak Oil' Point*. BBC Scotland. 5th Aug 07.
- *Don't Be Fuelled*. Sunday Mirror. 25th November 2007.
- *Local Hero Rob Hopkins: Transition Town Totnes*. The Ecologist. 27th Nov 07.
- *Making the Transition*. Resource Magazine. 21st Dec 07.
- *The Tiny Old Town Blazing a Trail with Big New Ideas*. Western Morning News. 28th Dec 07.
- *Support Swells for Fledgling Transition Town*. Western Morning News. 21st Jan 08.
- *Practical Guide from the Architect of Transition*. Western Morning News. 3rd Mar 08.
- *Notes from a Small Town*. The Independent. 1 May 08
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- *Totnes Pound*. The Times. May 08.
- *Why Oil Crisis Could Be Trigger For Better Future*. Western Morning News. June 08.
- *A British Towns Attempt to Kick the Oil Habit*. CBC News Canada. July 08.
- *Ville en Transition*: Transitions Magazine 2009
- *Ciudades en Transición: Athanor* : November- December 2009
- *Grassroots Campaigner of the year: Rob Hopkins*: Observer magazine June 2009
- *A green trail others must follow*: The Guardian December 2009

- *One minute with Rob Hopkins*: New Scientist February 2010
- *The Thin Green Line*: The Independent on Sunday February 2010

Audio

- BBC Radio Scotland & BBC Online. 5th Aug 07.
- Radio 4's *You and Yours* - Totnes Pound. May 08
- BBC Radio 4's *'In Business'* programme – November 2010.

Publications which are wholly or partly based on the experience of TTT.

The Transition Handbook: from oil dependency to local resilience. Rob Hopkins.

Local Sustainable Homes: how to make them happen in your community. Chris Bird

Local Food: how to make it happen in your community: Tamzin Pinkerton and Rob Hopkins

Transition in Action: Totnes and District 2030: an Energy Descent Action Plan: Jacqi Hodgson & Rob Hopkins (all published by Green Books...).

Research published about TTT by visiting academics.

Pir, A. (2009) *In Search of a Resilient Food System: A Qualitative Study of the Transition Town Totnes Food Group.* Dissertation for MPhil in Culture, Environment and Sustainability. Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo.



TTT's 'Transition in Action' being perused at its launch, June 2010.

*** The next 3 pages show two recent press articles about the work of TTT.....

post-petrolio

Le prime città POST-PETROLIO

DI CRISTINA SPADA

Per sette giorni, la storica comunità scozzese di Findhorn ha fatto da sfondo a quella che si può definire la prima conferenza internazionale incentrata sulle possibili risposte al picco petrolifero e ai mutamenti climatici. Il meeting, *Creative community response to peak oil and climate change*, ha visto la partecipazione di 220 tra esperti ed attivisti provenienti da tutto il mondo, i cui interventi sono stati moderati da Joanna Macy, scrittrice e animatrice di seminari di carattere sociale e ambientale. Tra i contributi più significativi quelli di Richard Heinberg, uno dei più famosi esperti in ambito di picco petrolifero e autore de *La festa è finita* (Fazi editore, 2008) e Rob Hopkins, fondatore del *Tran-*

*sition Town*¹ di Totnes, il primo progetto di transizione all'era del post-petrolio che coinvolge un'intera città realizzato in Gran Bretagna.

Tra gli altri relatori, Dorothy Maclean, fondatrice nel 1962 assieme a Peter e Eileen Caddy di Findhorn; Jonathan Dawson, presidente della rete mondiale degli ecovillaggi (Gen); Megan Quinn, co-redattrice del documentario *Il potere della comunità: come Cuba sopravvisse al picco del petrolio*² e Richard Lochhead, membro del parlamento scozzese.

La festa è finita

Da quando abbiamo iniziato ad immagazzinare energia e ad accumulare ricchezza, ha esordito Hein-

berg, l'ineguaglianza tra gli individui e tra i popoli ha iniziato ad aumentare di pari passo, fino a raggiungere proporzioni smisurate negli ultimi 200 anni.

Il 93% delle risorse energetiche che sostengono il nostro stile di vita declineranno nei prossimi anni; l'attività di estrazione di petrolio di più di 60 dei 98 Paesi produttori è ormai in declino; l'energia complessiva prodotta dai combustibili fossili (petrolio, carbone, gas naturale) raggiungerà il culmine attorno al 2010. Per Heinberg le conseguenze «saranno molto gravi»: non c'è alcuna speranza di un «atterraggio morbido», bisogna dimenticarsi non solo della «crescita perpetua», ma anche della vita «normalità» a cui siamo oggi abituati.

Sono già 44 le città che si stanno organizzando con programmi di riduzione dei consumi e utilizzo di fonti rinnovabili per far fronte alla fine del petrolio prossima ventura in modo creativo e non traumatico. A Findhorn una conferenza internazionale per fare il punto sulla situazione.

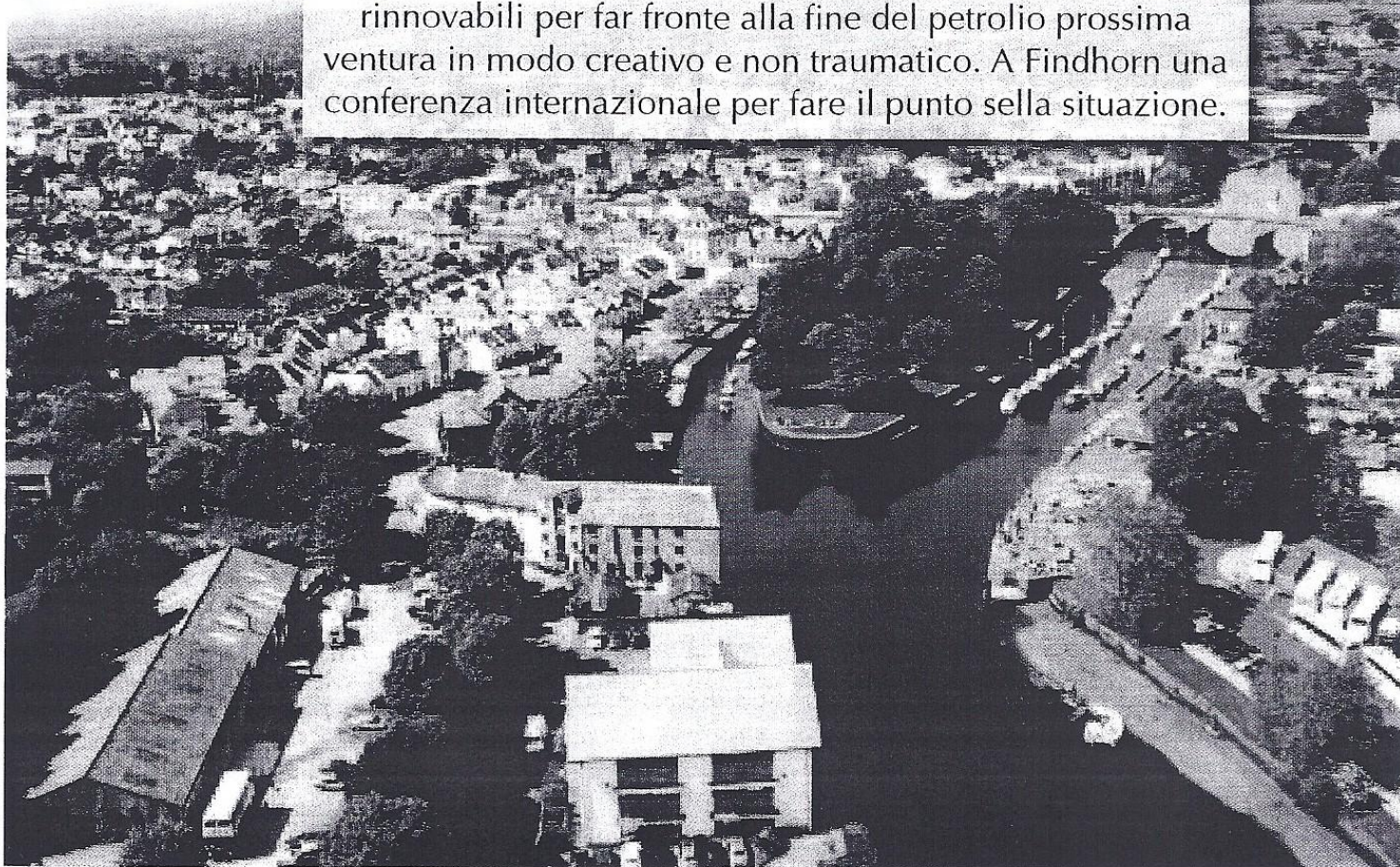


Foto: Dave Mitchell

Apocalypse now? We can handle it

Climate change is upon us and the oil is running out. Is mankind's darkest hour really approaching? If so, a growing army of local heroes is determined to turn it into our finest. **Luke Leitch** enters the brave new world of Transition

In Sandpoint, Idaho — birthplace of Sarah Palin, who really wouldn't approve — residents have prepared the community garden for its first winter and plans are under way for a local biomass-fired power plant.

In Bell, a district of Geelong, Victoria, Australia, they are making wood-fired plans (one in each other's gardens) and have negotiated bulk-buy discounts on solar-power equipment for local residents. They have also planted more than 150 trees in a path to become the "fruit and nut tree area of Geelong".

Viewed in isolation, these well-intentioned community efforts are laudable, yet insignificant. But Sandpoint and Bell are two examples of something much bigger — the Transition Initiative, a movement barely two years old that claims to have the answer to sustainable living in a world without oil.

In some 700 towns, villages and cities worldwide, Transition is under way, and more communities are signing up every day. Most of the groups are "mulling" — Transition-speak for getting themselves up — but 34 have launched publicly, or "irked out".

Of those, 83 are in the US, as are a further 486 "mullers". One, Lewes in East Sussex, has just launched its own currency, the Lewes pound, in an effort to encourage townsfolk to reject Tesco and spend their money at purely local shops.

All the 8,500 £1 notes — bearing a handsome picture of Lewes cattle on the back — were snapped up in 24 hours. The project was only slightly undermined when notes were put up for sale on eBay by currency speculators.

At the unveiling in Brighton, South London, last month, the Transition Initiative drew about 300 people to Lambeth Town Hall. Fuelled by organic veggie stew (made from British-grown ingredients), reflective jackets tucked snugly into their bicycle helmets, they settled down to listen. "This is a historic moment," said the co-ordinator, Ben Brangwyn, from the stage. "Perhaps in a few years people will ask each other 'were you there?' A few seats down from me, a woman quietly dabbed her second.

Down Ayrbridge, as listeners to *The Archers* will know, has toyed with Transition. Now, say its supporters, is the time to start thinking about it yourself, because it could make your future much more comfortable.

"In all respects — every waking hour — this has completely taken over my life," says Rob Hopkins, the Englishman who started all this and whose central text, *The Transition Handbook* (printed in Cornwall on recycled paper, some 8,000 copies sold since May) is converting so many, so quickly.

Hopkins was a lecturer at a college in Kinross, Co Cork, when he first saw *The End of Suburbia*, a documentary about the notion of "peak oil". Put simply, the idea is that, while the world's supply of oil is finite, our demand for it is growing all the time, and at some as-yet-undetermined point — which some people believe has already been reached — demand will overtake supply. There won't be enough oil to go round, so we will either have to pay a lot more for what remains, or learn to get along without it. As Hopkins says in his handbook: "Climate change says we should change, whereas peak oil says we will be forced to change."

Since it was first drilled by Edwin Denker 159 years ago in Pennsylvania, oil has revolutionised our lives. Your toothbrush is made of oil, your car and laptop light run on it, and it is thanks to it that cheap food from Britain and the rest of the world is delivered from farm and factory to your nearest supermarket.

Without oil, Hopkins realised, Kinross would have to become a

very different place. So, helped by his students, he worked out something called an Energy Descent Plan: a series of measures that the town could implement to anticipate declining oil supplies. Then the town council had a crucial moment and adopted it as policy.

The key to whether your town survives or thrives after peak oil, Hopkins maintains, is what Transitioners term "resilience", defined as "its ability to function indefinitely and to live within its limits, and be able to thrive for having done so".

To become resilient, a village, town or city needs to be able to depend on its own resources to as great an extent as possible: the more food, power, and other necessities that you can produce in your area, the less you rely on imports.

Hopkins defines the essence of Transition in the idea that "the

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future with less oil could be preferable to the present — but only if sufficient creativity and imagination are applied early enough in the design of this transition".

He is determinedly upbeat in the face of Armageddon and scathing about those who are not. "The environmental movement has been erroneously (indeed for 40 years) in assuming that the way you make people change is to give them depressing, distressing information," he says. "Take that approach and all it does is to breed apathy... or it breeds a sense of powerlessness. At this time in history the last thing you need is people feeling powerless."

Hopkins moved to Devon and, in September 2006, started Transition Town Totnes — the world's first Transition initiative. Since then, the Totnes Transition trainers, Nazim Gangwani and Sophie Blanks, have given their three-day course to more than 400 people — sometimes in Totnes but more often in the towns where their willing pupils live. This month Gangwani is off on a four-month US tour to train still more people. "We couldn't possibly train everyone who wants to be trained," he says, "so we are starting to train other trainers."

For all its global reach, the Transition movement has only modest enough premises: a rickety set of rooms above an antique's shop. Despite its reputation, Totnes is not populated entirely by middle-class hippies. Yes, there are plenty of crystal spheres (and a rather dear half-price albatross) and a notable straggling of peaches, dreadslocks, VW camper vans and the rest. This being Devon, there are also plenty of elderly inhabitants in beige, tweedlike robes with moist cake and, when night



There are more than 500 active Transition groups operational in the UK, each attempting to map out a low-carbon future for itself. To find the group nearest you, go to

transitiontowns.org



falls, teenagers boom up and down the high street in sportswear and second-hand hatchbacks.

Low brows of Transition Town Totnes indicate that there are about 200 people from "traffic-jam involved", while the group's events attract many more. "There's bound to be some people here who've never heard of us, though," he says. "Environmental groups rarely get to everybody."

Certainly the town is full of traffic. Hopkins, 36, mentions a recent pilgrim who turned up, unannounced, from Germany. He said that he'd come all the way to Totnes expecting to find an eco-Shangri-La and was horrified that we still had cars."

Yet if reliance on the internal combustion engine persists in Totnes for now, Transition is slowly changing things. Early successes include a garden-sharing scheme — those with gardens but who don't tend them are paired with people who are garden-less but want to grow food, and both parties share the proceeds. The Totnes Food Guide is a comprehensive directory of food producers within five miles of the town; buy groceries from them and you are using minimal oil. A scheme with an epic subtitle, The Great Ka-Stirling will teach you how to make your own paint, knit with recycled materials, master clay plastering and build straw bales. And a drive to plant walnut trees — which apparently yield 1 or 2 tonnes of carbohydrates per hectare — around the town has gone well, even though the first saplings were vandalised ("The mistake was to plant them near where teenagers hang around and get drunk," says Hopkins).

Transition's initial success stories, local currency, energy stores, when Hopkins are in old Totnes posed framed on somebody's wall "I thought, what would happen if we printed 100 of those? The idea is that if you shop in mainstream shops with mainstream money, when those shops close at the end of each day 30 per cent of your money — according to the New Economic Foundation — leaves your town. If you shop at local businesses, that proportion is reversed 80 per cent stays in the local economy and only 20 per cent goes. A strategy that cannot physically lose is a powerful tool to make that happen."

Ten thousand Totnes pounds are in circulation and some 70 businesses, from Sid's Fudge Parity to Stone's Jewellers, display the sticker signifying that they accept it. Lewis evaluated it, and there are plans under way for the "British bank".

The central schemes to raise the resilience of Totnes are comparatively easy to achieve. Others, such as on-site energy schemes, will take longer. "If you want to set up a locally owned and managed energy company which looks up to wind turbines on the edge of town, well, by the time you get funding, planning permission and set up the company, that's seven years, probably," says Hopkins.

The Transition initiative sometimes appears like a well-intentioned 21st-century version of The Good Life. As yet there is more talk than action — most of the groups in various countries that I contacted were still firmly at the planning stage. Slowly, though, people with more power are taking note. South Somerset District Council has come out in support of the movement, declaring its intention to become the world's first "Transition district". This month a government climate-change fund in Scotland granted £14,000 to a Transition group in Mary — and, surprisingly, the Transition Handbook popped up in just fifth place, along with Barack Obama's autobiography, The Audacity of Hope and a Waterstones survey of MP's summer holiday reads.

The concept of peak oil, like that of climate change, was widely poorly understood at first but is slowly gaining credence. Last week the International Energy Agency (IEA) estimated that to compensate for the depletion of mining oil fields and meet a projected rise in world demand from 40 million barrels a day in 2008 to 106 million in 2030, the world will have to find new production equal to the output of two Saudi Arabias. Nobuo Tanaka, executive director of the IEA, said: "Current trends in energy supply and consumption are patently unsustainable environmentally, economically and socially. They can and must be altered." Which reads like a line from The Transition Handbook.

Between 1920 and 1944, food imports to Britain halved — and the nation responded, nearly doubling domestic food production. Peak oil does not concentrate the popular imagination in quite the same way as 1940s did, but at least the Transitioners will be prepared when, as they predict, so energy crisis occurs.

In Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia, people started readying themselves in June. Two two-year live-in-honour first in order way, they have met Anna Bligh, the state premier, and are consulting on a Queensland Government report entitled Towards Oil Realism. Bushy necker trees are to be planted around the city.

Maggie Johns, a Hervey Bay Transitioner, signed off her e-mail to me this: "Totnes, it all seemed so facile. What was the good in changing a few light bulbs? There are ice-shelves breaking off, the glaciers melting but when you know that more and more trees are coming online with Transition, and each has an army of dedicated volunteers, it seems much more do-able." ☺



Ready to change
Devonshire from
here Transition
members and Paul
Hopkins in Totnes,
a 1500w initiative
the town currency
Jordan "unleashed"
— and combined
with a locally
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Research on the Impact of TTT

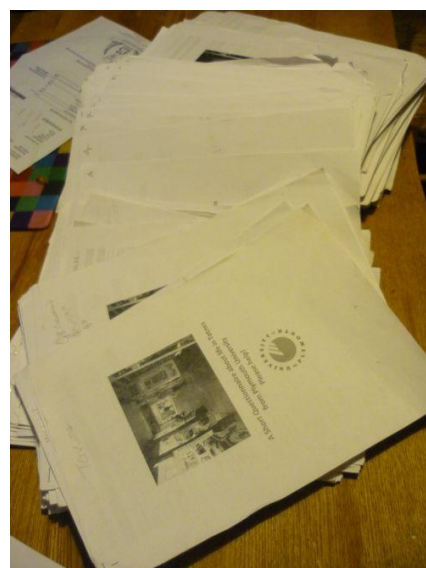
As part of the process that led to the creation of TTT's Energy Descent Action Plan, a survey was carried out of 213 households in Totnes and Dartington. The survey was conducted by the University of Plymouth during April 2009. The more general findings from the survey are presented here.

TTT has been in existence for just over 4 years now, so we were fascinated to know the extent to which knowledge of it had percolated into the community, and also what depth of engagement it was attracting. It was encouraging to discover that 74.9% of those questioned had heard of TTT and its work.

The respondents were then asked whether they had ever participated in any of its events. 60.6% said never, 33.3% occasionally, 3.9% regularly and 2.2% often. Taking a rough figure for the population of Totnes as 8,416, extrapolated to all the survey respondents, this means that around 155 people are often involved, 328 regularly involved, and around 2800 occasionally involved since the launch of the project in late 2006.

Those who said they had participated in TTT events were then asked which ones. 59.1% said they had attended a talk or workshop, 7.7% had had some involvement in the Garden Share scheme, 36.9% had been involved with the Totnes Pound initiative, 21.5% had taken an active role in one of TTT's 11 working groups, 6.2% had got involved with the Transition Tales project run at KEVICC and 12.3% had participated in the creation of the Energy Descent Plan for the area.

When asked whether they thought the work of TTT was relevant to their lives, 57.2% of respondents said it was either highly relevant or relevant. Only 11% felt it to be completely irrelevant. When asked whether they felt that in the event of a crisis the community could pull together, 83.2% agreed that it could. They were then asked whether the sense of community the respondent felt from their neighbours had decreased over the past few years. 65.7% disagreed or strongly disagreed with this, only 8.3% strongly agreeing that their sense of community had declined.



Theme Groups and Related Projects

In the following section we have included a detailed account of every theme group listing major projects, events and activities for that theme. This shows the comprehensive nature of Transition Town Totnes, and the enormous number of activities that the small funded centre has been able to support. Here are some of the highlights of our work (at the risk of playing down the importance of every piece!), intended to reflect the variety of what we do.

Totnes – Nut Tree Capital of The World is a small project with an ambitious aim, this started in 2007 with the planting of walnut trees on Vire Island, right at the centre of the town. Pruw Boswell, the then mayor, was photographed planting one of the first trees which became one of our first media appearances (see right). The project has gone on to plant nearly 200 trees in sites all over town, and will provide essential protein to future Totnesians, as well as locking up carbon!



Another early food project was the **Local Food Guide**, a booklet listing local, organic food producers, shops and eateries. Like many Totnes projects this has inspired other places to follow our example, and the people involved have given support and advice to many other food guide groups (the launch of the first TTT guide, on the wettest day of 2007, can be seen left).

In 2008 the **Garden Share** project was launched, linking people with unused garden space to those who want more room to grow. An agreement is made between the two that addresses issues such as timings, sharing produce and so on. To date forty Totnes families have received home grown produce from the shared gardens, and the project links with other popular initiatives that support home growing such as seed and glut swaps, a basic gardening course that has run three times, and the annual **Totnes Edible Garden Crawl** (the picture, right, shows the 2008 Crawl visiting Sue Holmes's Garden Share plot). Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall of River Cottage was so impressed by the scheme when he found out about it that he used it as a basis for his national landshare project – now offering a national database of pieces of land that owners would like to see used beneficially.



TTT has contributed expertise and energy to a number of much wider community discussions, including the consultation on the local **Development Plan Document** in 2009/10 which brought together over 20 local organisations. Described as one of the best pieces of community consultation they've seen by a number of experts and organisations, it asked our District Council and planners to take into account peak oil, climate change and resilience considerations in how we shape our future use of land and resources.

The mentoring project run by the **Heart and Soul** group has provided mentors / supervisors with professional qualifications and expertise to many who give a lot of their time and energy to the project, helping to keep an eye on risks of burnout as well as helping people with their personal and professional development. A new development is the provision of skilled facilitators to offer mediation to groups encountering difficult dynamics or conflict.

In 2008 we decided to experiment with printing our own money - something which got us noticed in the national as well as local press. At first 300 experimental **Totnes Pounds** were given away at a public talk on financial systems, and several local businesses and shops persuaded to take them in payment for goods and services. The Totnes £ is in its third version, accepted in over 70 locally run establishments and is awaiting the printing of a T£10 note. Lewes and Brixton have followed the Totnes example, producing their own currency, and using it as a tool to raise awareness of local economic issues among shoppers and businesses alike.



A Theme Group by Theme Group look at what's happening in TTT

1. The Food Group



Clockwise from top left: planting nut trees in Totnes with local solicitor who supports the scheme, the cover for the first TTT local food directory TTT's 'Garden Share's scheme, the 'Estates in Transition' event at Dartington Hall.

Coordinated by:	Teresa Anderson
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Currently: Information and Advocacy Officer for the Gaia Foundation and Africa Biodiversity Network (ABN). Experience and Skills: Developing international campaigns on sustainable agriculture, seed diversity, climate change, food trade and against GMOs, particularly in Africa. Research and writing on food and environmental issues for 9 years. Studied and practiced organic farming.
Started date:	September 2006
How many people receiving information?	75
How many people actively involved?	40
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Campaigning, media, co-ordination, research, facilitation, agroforestry, vegetable growing, tree planting, seed saving.

Project title, status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable?
<p>Totnes Nut and Fruit Tree planting project Ongoing - TTT, Trees for Health, Agroforestry Research Trust and local landowners</p>	<p>This project aims to build up a community food resource of fruit and nut trees in public spaces in Totnes, in neighbouring private land, in local school grounds. It also aims to teach people how to care for these trees, and encourages planting edible trees in gardens.</p> <p>Building community:</p> <p>Planting in residential areas has fostered collaboration between neighbours living around the planting sites.</p> <p>Collaboration: All the planting and tree care has been done with good collaboration with district and town councils, with Housing Associations, with private landowners.</p> <p>In other places we have seen many individuals starting up tree-planting schemes in their towns have consulted this project about procedures, pitfalls and possibilities. Some have joined in the tree planting to gain first-hand experience.</p>	<p>2007 - 2101</p> <p>186 trees planted</p> <p>Aim: 500 trees</p> <p>Over 100 people at tree planting days</p> <p>10 people attended tree care training</p> <p>Between 30 – 60 people attended days on fruit tree pruning including many children</p>	<p>Connections</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Culture change</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Totnes Local Food Guide Completed - TTT</p>	<p>Volunteers put together a directory to help consumers to identify local producers and outlets that supply local produce.</p> <p>Highlighted the contribution local producers and retailers make to maintenance and development of the local food economy. Encouraged local consumers and businesses to purchase more local food from local suppliers. Contributed to the raising of consciousness around the local food economic</p> <p>Used to advertise and support food mapping research and public workshop.</p> <p>Many other transition initiatives have consulted us for advice and support when compiling their own Food Guides.</p>	<p>1st edition: 3000 distributed free</p> <p>2nd edition: Approx 500 copies sold 500 distributed free</p>	<p>Partnerships</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Culture change</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Seedy Sister events</p>	<p>Since January 2007, the Seedy Sisters have held 2 or 3 events per year. These include Seed Swaps, Plant Swaps, Glut Swaps, and Seed Saving</p>	<p>See swaps: over 200 people attend</p> <p>Plant swaps: over</p>	<p>Reskilling</p> <p>Resilience</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

<p>Ongoing - TTT</p>	<p>trainings.</p> <p>These annual events are greatly valued by the local gardening community as an opportunity to develop and experiment with a diversity of locally-adapted seed and plant varieties. Such diversity builds resilience in the community's ability to grow food for our local conditions and nutritional needs.</p> <p>The seed saving trainings and "Gardeners Question Time" sessions are key in building the community's knowledge for growing food and ensuring future resilience. They give confidence to new growers, and are encouraging more people than ever to grow their own.</p>	<p>100 people</p> <p>Glut swaps and seed saving trainings 10 - 50 participants.</p>	<p>Connections and outreach</p>	
<p>Responsible Fish Restaurants</p> <p>Ongoing - TTT and RFR</p>	<p>Linking Totnes restaurants with another organisation called "Responsible Fish Restaurants" (RFR). The project planned to help them to be able to source and trust local, sustainable fish direct from sustainable fishermen from the South Devon coast.</p> <p>Sadly one member of RFR was seriously affected by back problems, which prevented his going out onto fishing boats to assess sustainability. The credit crunch also affected the other key RFR person's ability to give her time. This meant that the project has not moved forward in its current form.</p> <p>However, another local project (co-ordinated by the Economics and Livelihoods group) is working with local fishermen, and the lessons learned and contacts made with the RFR project will be a great asset in moving the new project forward with local restaurants.</p>	<p>10 Totnes restaurants were interested in joining the initiative, which is almost all of the restaurants in the area.</p>	<p>Resilience</p> <p>Partnerships</p> <p>Connections</p>	<p>Possible</p>
<p>Farmers' meeting on Agriculture, Climate Change, and Oil.</p> <p>Held Feb 08</p>	<p>Organised a meeting with local farmers and residents to introduce the themes of climate change, peak oil, oil vulnerability, and to develop food localisation responses and strategies.</p> <p>There was good group discussion at the event. A key point moving forward was to bring about a meeting of farmers and retailers to identify the gaps and solutions to bring about more resilience in local food systems. This process ultimately led to the</p>	<p>100 people, including 15 farmers attended the event.</p>	<p>Outreach</p> <p>Culture change</p> <p>Resilience</p>	

	FoodLink project (see below).			
Gardenshare Ongoing	<p>Pairing and matching local growers who have no garden with people who are willing to donate a patch of their unused garden space to a gardener for food growing.</p> <p>Intergenerational and cross-societal connections being made through shared gardening spaces, tools and food - creating a richer, more resilient social fabric of interdependence and exchange through long-term “growing” relationships. Raising awareness of the general work of TTT, presenting alternatives to a very diverse audience that can be harder to reach: pensioners, busy families, low-income groups etc. The scheme interacts with other food initiatives, seed saving & swapping, garden crawls and so on.</p> <p>Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall was so inspired by this model that he set up the national “Landshare” scheme online. We have also had many requests and media interest from across the country asking for tips and experiences in setting up the project.</p>	<p>30 gardeners growing across 13 gardens.</p> <p>50 families receiving vegetables</p> <p>Tool sharing</p>	<p>Involvement and Connections</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>£ and carbon saved</p>	Yes.
Basic Gardening course	Result of Gardenshare and Garden crawls, a course 50 people have attended an ongoing course learning from local organic food growers.	50 attendees	<p>Reskilling</p> <p>£ and Carbon saved</p> <p>Resilience Connection</p>	
Edible Garden crawls	Members of the public can visit a variety of local gardens and allotments Local organic food growers show off their work and give tips and guidance on how they do it.	<p>3 Crawls</p> <p>Over 100 attended</p>	<p>Connection</p> <p>Culture change</p> <p>Resilience</p>	
Food Mapping Totnes research completed May 2009. National CPRE report to be released end of 2010. - TTT & CPRE.	<p>Researching the economic, environmental and social impact of the local food supply chain through interviews carried out by volunteers with local shopkeepers, farmers and processors and residents. A series of public workshops and events were also held.</p> <p>The CPRE report has not yet been published, but we anticipate it to have significant impact on local and national policy.</p> <p>The process of research has led to better links with the local farming and</p>	<p>14 products mapped.</p> <p>35 farmers</p> <p>30 shops?</p> <p>150 participants at events?</p> <p>25 volunteers</p>	<p>Resilience</p> <p>Culture change</p>	Yes

	<p>retail community and building the capacity of volunteers to engage at greater depth on these issues.</p> <p>The workshops were a good opportunity for people to share their views, identify opportunities and work towards solutions.</p> <p>CPRE carried out this research in several towns, many of which were transition towns, to gain a broad picture of the national trends and issues.</p>			
<p>Food Link – Ongoing</p>	<p>To provide a linking role between local farmers and local retailers. We have received funding for an individual to carry out research with retailers to identify what local foods they would like more of. That information will be shared with farmers, to help them to make informed and strategic decisions about crops to grow, and local shops they can sell to directly.</p> <p>The project has only started recently. We anticipate that the impact will be significant among the local farming community, who will start to realise the value of targeting local retail outlets instead of national chains.</p> <p>Stronger, shorter local supply chains will enhance Totnes’ resilience and ability to withstand shocks such as global fluctuations in food and oil prices, while reducing our food miles and impact on climate change.</p> <p>This pilot project is being set up with the aim that it can be repeated in transition towns across the country.</p>	<p>Project just starting.</p>		<p>Possible</p>

2. Housing and Building Group



Participants on the 2009 Open Eco-Homes tour visit a retrofitted house in Dartington.

Coordinated by:	Chris Bird
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Freelance writer specialising in eco-building, author of 'Local Sustainable Homes' and a director of Totnes Sustainable Construction Ltd
Started date:	April 2007
How many people receiving information?	100+
How many people actively involved?	A core of 15-20 with many others involved in particular events and projects
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Architects, landscape architect, skills in thermal modelling and low carbon energy assessment, builders including eco-refitters and cob construction, forest management, materials suppliers, interior design, journalism, social housing

Project title, status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Transition Homes Ongoing	Develop small communities of low cost and low carbon homes with associated food growing areas, in collaboration with the Dartington Trust and Community Land Trust Fund		Carbon saving Resilience	Yes
Eco construction - now an established company	A not for profit eco-construction and refurbishment company ('Totnes Sustainable Construction Company')		Carbon saving Involvement	Yes
Co-housing Ongoing -	Work towards local affordable sustainable housing, possibly to create funding mechanism In collaboration with TQ9 developers		Connecting Resilience Carbon saving	Yes
DPD consultation	See partnerships section			
Design Review at Planning Stage Ongoing	To develop a procedure to review developments already underway in Totnes to make sure developers deliver agreed renewable energy/energy efficiency measures/fixtures and to lobby where they are failing to do this			Yes
Eco homes tour	Following two successful eco-tours we successfully scaled this up to an Open Homes weekend in 2010.	50 – 100 attended eco-tours Open homes: 13 homes and over 500 visits Energy fair: 14 exhibitors and 300 – 400 visitors	Cultural change Connecting Carbon and £ saved	
Talks and discussions	Many talks, events, discussions about building and housing related issues. See events programme summary			

3. Energy Group



Solar panels being installed as part of TTT's 'Solar Water Heater Challenge'.

Coordinated by:	Naresh Giangrande
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Co founder of TTT. Facilitator and trainer. Business back ground.
Started date:	October 2006
How many people receiving information?	19
How many people actively involved?	14
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Many who are actively involved in renewable energy, installers of solar panel and biomass CHP, the sustainability officer for a county council, local council members, authors of books on RE, builders who install RE systems

Project title, status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Renewable Energy Workshops completed	<p>We ran a series of four day workshops covering a range of RE technologies, and had stands for RE installers to talk directly to potential customers.</p> <p>This was grant funded by the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative and several other TTs fall within this category.</p>	Over 600 people came to the 4 workshops	<p>Cultural change</p> <p>Carbon savings</p> <p>£ saved</p>	Yes
Solar Water Heater Challenge in process	To create a Solar Water Heater Buying Club to make the cost of this technology more affordable.	42 people have signed up to the project so far. Eight systems were installed.	<p>Carbon savings</p> <p>Involvement</p> <p>£savings</p>	Several other TTs have been in touch and are watching our progress via the web site.
Eco Teams Planning	<p>In partnership with Global Action Plan to train and support individuals to learn practical skills and how to support each other to become more energy and resource efficient.</p> <p>We have successful applied to the Norman Family Trust for grant funding and are awaiting an Awards for All grant to complete our funding requirements</p>	We have 5 people signed up to become eco team trainees.	In planning at the moment	Yes
Switch to green electricity Finished spring 2009	Through our web site and network to encourage people to switch to Good Energy, who will donate £20 to TTT for every person who signs up.			Yes
Walking on sunshine On going	That people who don't qualify for Transition Streets can get the same 10% discount that TS has achieved in order to purchase a solar PV system	At least one 4kw system has been installed.	Carbon savings	No

4. Education Group



Filming Transition Tales with Year 7 students at King Edward VI Community College.

Coordinated by:	Carole Whitty
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Former Secondary school Headteacher, engaged in community development and engagement and currently working part time with Headteachers nationally on a number of developmental projects
Started date:	2008
How many people receiving information?	15
How many people actively involved?	10
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Teachers, research, environmental education, headteacher

Project title , status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Transition Tales Ongoing since 2008	“Transition Tales” has proved to be a highly successful and inspiring Educational project which develops awareness of Climate Change and Peak Oil, stimulates creative constructive thinking and encourages personal responsibility for our environment.	1000 young people (mainly Key Stage 3) engaged over 3 years Evidence of the work is available globally on YouTube.	Culture change Partnerships Resilience	The programme has been replicated in several other Local Authorities through the Transition network. The Totnes Transition Tales Team now provide training for teachers locally and nationally
Research Just established	To support the requests for research received by TTT	Approx 50 per year	Outreach Culture change	replicable
Young person’s Transition group Planning	To establish a young person’s run Transition Group	Initially 10	Intended impacts Involvement Culture change resilience	replicable

5. Business and Livelihoods Group



The Totnes Pound, the community's alternative currency scheme.

Coordinated by:	Donal Lang
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Entrepreneur, Lecturer in enterprise and sustainable development
Started date:	December '06
How many people receiving information?	Mailing list of approx 50
How many people actively involved?	
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Economics, management, NGO, creating sustainable initiatives for Dartington Trust; business sustainability / carbon reduction consultants etc

Project title, status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Estates in Transition/ Food and Farming in Transition Completed June 2007	<p>Jointly hosted conference with Dartington Hall. To engage with regional landowners to raise awareness about climate change & peak oil. To create opportunities for new rural-urban dynamic and availability of land based resources for local food, renewable energy, construction materials</p> <p>Representatives from other Transition Towns in the South West also participated</p>	<p>65 participants (estate owners/managers; experts; & government).</p> <p>Over 200 in the public meeting in the evening.</p>	<p>Culture change</p> <p>Outreach</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	Yes,
Totnes Pound Ongoing since 2008	<p>Economic localisation is considered to be a key aspect of the transition process, and local currency systems provide the opportunity to strengthen the local economy whilst preventing money from leaking out by encouraging people to spend in locally run shops rather than chain stores.</p> <p>The amount in circulation is a tiny fraction of the local economy (about 0.01%) but has done a great job of raising awareness of the need to buy local.</p> <p>At least 2 other local currencies have started, inspired by the Totnes£</p>	<p>Over 70 businesses in Totnes take £T</p> <p>Hundreds of local people and tourists have bought and spent pounds</p> <p>£T6,000 approx in circulation</p> <p>£2,000 available for interest free loans for local groups</p>	<p>Culture change</p> <p>Outreach</p> <p>Resilience</p>	yes
Green Angels planning	An angel investment group as part of SWAIN (South West Angel Investors Network), where we hope to pick up on local investment money for Green projects.		<p>Resilience</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	
The Land Society Company formed	The Land Society; a not for profit society which arranges for groups of people who want to buy allotments or smallholdings get together and purchase larger areas of farmland, then split the land between them. The Society is formed as a company-limited-by-guarantee and the national website goes live in 2 weeks time with over 2,000 acres of land for sale, www.landsociety.org . For the moment you can see how the website works on www.land.boxstuff.com .	Anticipation that 5000 will register	<p>Resilience</p> <p>Involvement</p> <p>Connections</p>	
Sustainable fishing project Planning	<p>Sustainable Fishing Project; we've designed steel 20' sailing inshore fishing boats, and put together a teaching course to teach all the required skills; sailing, longline fishing and potting, navigation etc, as well as running a small business and marketing under the South West Handline Fishing Association http://www.linecaught.org.uk/ .</p> <p>Currently negotiating for South Devon College to run the course for 10-12 students per year from their Noss Marine facility, and will lease the boats to the students. We aim to get local</p>		<p>Resilience</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	

	restaurants and hotels to sponsor the boats; name them and paint them in their own colours. The proposal is that South Devon College trials and develops the course, then sells it on for other coastal colleges to run too.			
Dartmouth to St Malo Sailing Ferry Planning	Dartmouth to St Malo Sailing Ferry; we have proposed a 250 passenger sailing ferry to operate from Dartmouth to St Malo, 3 times a week for 9 months a year. We have already generated press coverage for the idea including this one, http://www.thisissouthdevon.co.uk/news/Talks-held-wind-powered-ferry-France/article-2634244-detail/article.html		Resilience Carbon saving	
'Transition Tours'	Providing a professional service of 'Adventure, Education and Inspiration' to groups visiting Totnes to learn about Transition. Developing a commercial function of Transition Training and Transition Tales, combined with site visits, excursions and outward bound activities. Providing employment for TTT activists, income and recognition to TTT projects and aligned local initiatives, generating income for TTT and providing visitors with a quality, useful experience.	So far: - 294 participants - £52,166 income to local economy - £4200 unrestricted income to TTT		Yes

6. Business projects

Part of the original economics and livelihoods group, this project is not currently active.

Project title , status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Energy Resilience Assessments Rolling out through Transition Network	The ERA process will help a company identify and quantify its level of risk related to increasing/fluctuating energy prices. Solution themes are then researched and presented, including energy efficiency, renewables, substitute materials, transport efficiency etc.	Initial awareness raising to 10 local companies in Oct		Being rolled out through Transition Network
Business Exchange Pilot complete.	Get local businesses together to exchange spare resources and waste thus encouraging cross-business efficiency and trade in Totnes. Businesses also became aware of what their neighbours did and some were able to trade directly. Major result was re-use of everyone's waste cardboard by a local removal company.	Pilot swapshop conducted on 1st May 07 with 10 businesses from the Totnes Industrial Estate. 38 matches were made for 55 items offered/wanted.	Connection Resilience	Yes
High Street Energy Efficient Lighting Campaign	To promote the update of energy-efficient lighting in the High Street (retail sector has a high lighting demand). An expert will be doing free onsite visits, with samples in July and August.	Totnes High Street businesses (approx 150)	Varying cost and carbon savings e.g. £9,000 per year for one business	Yes

7. Heart and Soul – Inner Transition Theme Group



The first Open Space event facilitated by Transition Town Totnes, October 2007.

Coordinated by:	Group of 6: Suzanne Dennis, Annie Leymarie, Sylvia Rose, Sophy Banks, Ros Langdon, Rose Kirkby, Pauline Hastings
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Professional therapists (psychosynthesis, drama, Core process), supervisors, trainer, social worker, education.
Started date:	July 2006
How many people receiving information?	210
How many people actively involved?	35
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Range of skills in psychology, spirituality and associated disciplines; including social workers, mental health professionals including psychologists, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, body workers, writers, eco-psychologists, spiritual practitioners and teachers, wilderness skills teachers, people working in education, arts.

Project title status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable ?
Home Groups Ongoing	To initiate and resource small self organising groups. These will help people share information about the need for transition, and inspire and support individual change. Also build community networks.	30 people came to the launch in June 2008 5 groups have formed and run involving up to 30 people. Some still going, others have folded	Connecting Replicable	Yes, resources are available nationally
Mentoring project Ongoing	Provide professional level support for people very active in Transition to enhance working practice and reduce risk of burnout Included in Transition Training	11 mentors working 15 have been supported	Connecting Well being	Yes
Workshops Ongoing	Short affordable workshops that offer support or address issues that come up during the process of change in Transition Aim to have one every 1-2 months	Over 200 have attended 8 workshops over 2 years.	Well being Connecting Culture change	
Mediation and conflict resolution, non-violent communication skills: Developing	Offering facilitation and mediation to groups encountering conflict Linking with national project to address this	Direct support provided to one group so far	Connecting Well being	Yes
Event advice and facilitation Ongoing	Help with designing public events and TTT discussions that include an inner perspective Pool of facilitators for events or discussions	Facilitation provide to 3 major public events 2 internal workshop days	Well being (of projects as well as people)	Yes
Public talks and events Ongoing	Host major speakers and artists on spiritual, psychological and consciousness aspects of Transition	80 - 250 have attended 7 major events over 3 years Total attendance: approx 1100	Culture change Well being Outreach	Yes
Discussions Ongoing	Public events to reflect on topical issues, using non traditional methods such as circular discussions, representing wider fields of life and so on.	4 events with participation of 25 - 40 people	Culture change Well being Outreach	Yes

8. Arts Group



A TTTAG practical workshop on 'clay winning', discovering different kinds of local clay and their uses

Coordinated by:	Jan O'Highway
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	
Started date:	November 2006
How many people receiving information?	Email circulation list 59
How many people actively involved?	15
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Arts practitioners including writers, actors, visual artists, activists, theatre companies, dancers, film makers, makers, recyclers, community radio, photographers, community artists, arts administrators and other performers

Project title status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Sustainable Makers Ongoing	<p>A research venture to link people engaged in making creative things to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage sustainable making including carbon footprinting • Create a directory of local makers including local 'branding' • Create a directory of local material sources, including a geological survey • Exchange skills • Educate the local community about sustainable making and local suppliers • Encourage local makers initiatives • Forum for debate and networking <p>Written outputs of the research can be shared through the TTT Network and through other Maker networks.</p>	<p>Currently:</p> <p>A growing network of makers; interviews with well-established makers in the area; and the visioning of future making.</p> <p>Near future:</p> <p>Meeting Dartington Trust re supplying their proposed 'green' conference centre.</p> <p>In planning:</p> <p>Exhibitions will reach a wider audience when staged.</p> <p>Individual makers products to be included in TTT Market Stall</p>	<p>Skills</p> <p>Partnerships and involvement</p>	Yes
Arts events	Talks and workshops from local and visiting artists, makers including Ecology of Making, Transforming the Future: a design perspective in collaboration with international partners		<p>Culture change</p> <p>Well being</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	Yes
Talks	Talks on sustainable making, design for the future to Plymouth university	Two talks at Plymouth for 60 and 100 people	<p>Culture change</p> <p>Outreach</p>	
Reskilling workshops	<p>Teaching sustainable skills for making</p> <p>Clay winning</p> <p>Recycling knitting</p> <p>Raku firing</p>	Between 5 and 15 people attending	<p>Culture change</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Involvement</p>	

9. Transport Group – Totnes Traffic & Transport Forum



The Totnes Rickshaw scheme, a Community Interest Company running 3 rickshaws on reused vegetable oil, with a weekly fuel bill of under £3 each...

Coordinated by:	Julian Wright (Chair); Judy Westacott (Vice-Chair)
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	
Started date:	pre-2001
How many people receiving information?	73 on mailing list; minutes also go to all Town Councillors
How many people actively involved?	typical attendance at monthly meeting is 20
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	town councillors, district councillors, traders, former civil servants

Project title status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Green Travel Plan for Totnes & District led by Anne Ward	developing a Travel Plan for entire town; integrating individual plans		Carbon saving Resilience	
Town Centre Traffic Management led by Judy Westacott	liaising with DCC on ideas for improving the town centre		Partnership Well being Resilience	
Local Transport Strategy led by Louis Victory	linking in with DCC on LTP3 to deliver direct benefits through Totnes-focused projects		Carbon saving	

10. Communications Group (part of TTT Services)

TRANSITION TOWN TOTNES
SEASON TWO

Programme of Events – September – December 2007.

Thursday September 6th. Seven Stars Hotel. 8 - 11:30pm. £6 (£5 concs)
TTT's 1st Birthday Celebration! Advance tickets - Greenfibres, Totnes Pet & Garden.
 Wednesday 12th September. Free Mason's Hall, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs).
Redesigning Our Towns and Cities For Life Beyond The Car.*
 With Herbert Girardet, author of 'Creating Sustainable Cities' and Peter Lipman of Sustrans.
 Saturday 15th September. Methodist Hall Totnes. 10am - 2pm. Free.
Imagining Totnes Beyond the Car? An Open Space Day.
 Wednesday 19th September. St Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs).
Retooling Totnes: making the best of what we have.*
 A Talk by Maggie Bremke, director of SustainAbility.
 Wednesday 3rd October. St Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs)
The Last Oil Shock: The Imminent Extinction of Petroleum Man.
 A Talk by David Strahan. Also, introducing The Carbon Account.
 Friday 12th October. St Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs).
After the Floods – rethinking agriculture with the climate in mind.*
 With Kevin Morgan of Cardiff University, Chrisian Taylor of CSF and Craig Sams.
 Tuesday October 23rd. St. Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 7.30pm. Free.
Transition Town Totnes and Devon Churches Green Action present an Interfaith Evening Prayer for the Planet: are we caring for our planet as our faith requires?
 Friday October 26th. Methodist Hall, Totnes. 8pm. £6 (£5 concs).
This Farming Life: traditional song and archive film from 1920 – 1970.
 Wednesday October 31st. St Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs)
Zero Carbon Britain; an Energy Descent Plan for the UK.
 With Paul Allen, director, Centre for Alternative Technology.
 Wednesday 7th November. St. John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs).
Education for Community Powerdown.*
 With Alberkado Bezas, Ed O'Sullivan, Stephen Jones, Rob Hopkins and Alan Dyer.
 Friday November 9th. Venue to be confirmed. 8pm.
The Launch of Totnes Renewable Energy Company.
 Saturday 10th November. Methodist Hall, Totnes. 10am - 4pm.
Education for Sustainability. An Open Space Day. Free.
 Saturday 17th November. St. Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs)
Economics in Transition: what future for local economies and their currencies? with Bernard Lietzer, Richard Douthwaite and David Boyle.
 Wednesday 5th December. A Transition Event for Young People (tbc)
 Saturday 8th December. Methodist Hall, Totnes. 10am-4pm. Free.
A Youth Open Space Day.

For more details visit www.transitiontowns.org/Totnes

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Programme of Events – January – March 2007.

Wednesday January 10th. St. John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm.
 Screening of award-winning new film **Crude Impact**. Suggested donation £3.
 Wednesday January 17th. St. John Church, Bridgetown. 8pm.
Transition Town Totnes Heart and Soul Group in association with Schumacher College
Waking Up In Time - A Talk by Peter Russell. £4 (£3 concs).
 Author of "From Science to God: A Physician's Journey into the Mystery of Consciousness."
 Thursday February 1st. Darington Village Hall. 8pm. Suggested donation £3.
 Film Screening - **The Power of Community – how Cuba survived peak oil.**
 Saturday February 3rd. Totnes Civic Hall. 10am – 4pm.
Heart and Soul Open Space Day. Free. All welcome.
 Exploring the psychological, spiritual and consciousness aspects of Transition.
'Local Responses to Climate Change' Series.
 Jointly presented by Transition Town Totnes, Schumacher College, South Hams Friends of the Earth and Totnes Renewable Energy Supply Company (TRESCO).
 All Events are at St. John's Church, Bridgetown, start at 8pm and cost £4 (£3 concs).
 Wednesday February 7th
Contraction and Convergence - A Talk by Aubrey Meyer.
 Wednesday February 21st
Community Responses to Climate Change.
 A Talk by Tony Juniper, director of Friends of the Earth.
 Wednesday February 28th
How We Can Save the Planet.
 A Talk by Meyer Hillman and Book Launch - "The Energy Challenge" by Geoffrey Haggis
 Wednesday March 7th. St. John's Church, Bridgetown. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs).
Local Money, Local Skills, Local Power – the role of money in building resilience.
 Speakers include Molly Cato, author of "Market Schmarker", and others the.
 Saturday March 10th. Methodist Hall, Totnes. 10am - 4pm. All Welcome. Free.
The Economic Revival of Totnes - how can we build a sustainable, equitable and healthy economy in Totnes? - An Open Space Day.
 Wednesday March 14th. St. John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. £4 (£3 concs).
Transition Town Totnes in association with Schumacher College presents:
At the End of the Era of Globalization; Turning Again to the Local.
 A Talk by Jerry Mandt, co-editor of "Alternatives to Economic Globalization".
 A Date in March to be confirmed, **The Barn Cloona, Darington.**
 A **Crude Awakening – the Oil Crash**
 Premiere of award winning new film, followed by a discussion with an invited panel.

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The intention of this group is to support TTT Services in all matters relating to communicating TTT.

Group name	Communications
Coordinated by:	Hal Gillmore
Summary of coordinator's background and skills:	Interim manager and fundraiser for TTT from Nov 09 to May 2010. Self-employed trainer, group leader & sales / marketing temp. Previous employment includes marketing and business development of commercial arm of London-based charity.
Started date:	Dec 2009
How many people receiving information?	All TTT mail list, activists current and future
How many people actively involved?	15
What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?	Participation is mainly by TTT activists who are also involved in other groups, except in some cases where people have specific skills and backgrounds in communications. These include copywriting and proof reading, film production, graphic design, NLP, communications training, facilitation, photography, community radio, training, marketing & community outreach.

Project title status and owner	Project summary	Numbers	Other impacts	Replicable in other Transition Initiatives
Website Ongoing	Developing and maintaining website. Providing training and support to TTT activists to update the site. Four people in management team (admin, PM, technical, designer), plus at least one person from each group or project to maintain their content.	4500 users signed up	outreach culture change	Yes
Programme of events Ongoing	Delivering an inspiring and engaging programme of events that combine outdoor events and site visits with evening talks, films, workshops, parties, celebrations and fundraisers. Coordinated by TTT Admin (Lou) with input of all groups and projects.	Attendance at events ranges from 10 – 250 40 – 60 events per year	Outreach and involvement Culture change	Yes
Newsletter Ongoing	Monthly email bulletin. Coordinated by TTT Admin (Lou) with input of all groups and projects.	Circulation of 2000 Produced monthly	Culture change Involvement and Outreach	Yes
TTT Ambassadors ongoing	Developing capacity of TTT activists to deliver talks, workshops, interviews and generally represent TTT throughout the community to a professional standard Training also extended to neighbouring Transition Initiatives	12 trained in public speaking	Partnerships Involvement Culture change	Yes
Media pack Sporadic ongoing	Keeping our media pack up to date		Culture change	
Design and print ongoing	Developing appropriate publicity and promotional material for target audiences	3 providing service to all groups and projects		Yes
Creatives ongoing	Filming and recording events, editing and production, animations, anything to bring our events and project ideas to life in new and engaging ways Videos on you tube and usually promoted on Rob Hopkins' blog. Significantly expands reach and impact of our events.	3 people working on it but many hundreds who see the videos	Outreach Culture change	Yes

Talking Transition	Our biweekly slot every other Friday at 1230pm on Soundart Radio 102.5FM or online http://www.soundartradio.org.uk/	1 person coordinating,	Outreach Culture change	
TTT Stand	Maintaining and refreshing the TTT display stand and taking it out to shows, fetes, fairs and events throughout the community	5	Outreach	Yes

Future Plans: where next?

TTT has established its presence across the town and surrounding communities over the past 4 years. We have focused on inspiring, engaging and supporting the community in Transition; our office, now shared with the Transition Network, and Lou Brown our administrator, have provided a key focal point and have enabled much of what is outlined above to happen. We have identified an infrastructure of support which we believe is essential just to maintain our position: this includes:

- An office on Totnes High Street as a point of contact and information about the project and a meeting space and the place where paid and voluntary workers carry out their work, often on a 'hot-desking' basis
- An ongoing central programme of events to continue the process of raising awareness (see Appendix 1), provide discussion spaces, expert speakers, reskilling workshops and opportunities to meet, reflect and deepen understanding of what Transition is
- A website platform which enables groups and projects to communicate about their work and activities to the local and wider community
- Some support which has been provided to groups and projects including help with funding applications and training in how to get groups to work well and have productive meetings
- Outreach and partnerships – representing TTT in other community forums, giving talks and attending events on behalf of TTT
- Communication and publicity including press releases, interviews
- Managing volunteers who help with various activities
- Providing information to the steady flow of visitors (sometimes referred to as "Transition Pilgrims"!) who come to hear what has happened at the 'source' of Transition
- Some major projects which don't belong to a single theme group have been run from the centre from funding applications to management and report writing. These include the EDAP, Transition Streets. See the section on Central Projects for more details (page 13).

The Next Phase: Our Future Needs

Premises

When we rented the current premises we had no idea that TTT would grow to such an extent. We are now at capacity for the number of events and interactions; we have 3 small offices and one meeting room all shared with the Transition network. The rooms are situated up a narrow staircase and with inadequate access for the disabled. The meeting room is in constant use and TTT groups often have to meet elsewhere. Visitors (pilgrims) are also hosted in the meeting room. There are frequent visits from journalist from all sections of the media which adds to the pressure for



Chair of Totnes Chamber of Commerce Paul Wesley tells the launch of the EDAP that it is "*the most important book about Totnes ever published*"....

space. Our intention is to maintain the current levels of support and to reach even deeper into the community. It is our hope that we can expand into premises which will provide more visibility

Administrative support

Our administrator works for 3 days a week but as we have grown and developed she covers at least twice that in volume of enquiries, support for events and in a huge amount of moral support! She is supported by volunteer help with a regular office volunteer team every Wednesday. However, the consistent support and maintenance of the core support remains with her. She is responsible for ensuring that events are effectively managed and all within TTT rely on her holding the ring!

Communications

A communications volunteer group has also been set up to serve TTT's communications needs by maximising volunteer involvement and minimising costs. The paid admin worker is fundamental holding this activity. We are undergoing a significant shift in how we communicate Transition. Thus far we have focussed on awareness raising about the key context issues of Transition, and encouraging people to explore their vision of the future. Our programme of events has historically been our flagship promotion piece. Now we are communicating through the projects and community businesses we are delivering and the positive changes people can see and be apart of in the next few years. Our projects, most significantly catalyst projects and the new economy they are building, are now our flagship promotion instruments.



The new TTT website (www.transitiontowntotnes.org), launched October 2010.

A new website is in development to support this shift, being much more project led. It retains the capacity for TTT projects and groups to create their own content, whilst also being friendly, welcoming and easy to use for new visitors. It also aims to honour TTT's status as a flagship Transition Initiative by being a useful first point of information for people investigating Transition and associated issues for the first time. While it provides a platform for all activists to co-create content, the paid admin worker is fundamental to its successful function.

Income generation

We have developed a strategy to become self-financing in three years and we are now putting this into practice. It is based on the following key components:

1. Programme of events, including fundraising events – profits raised by door takings, raffles, food sales etc
2. TTT Supporters: setting up a regular standing order from individual supporters; minimum £5 per month

3. Commercial events, tours and training – providing a professional service to groups visiting the area to learn about Transition
4. Returns from projects and businesses - pegged to our ability to generate projects and community businesses; new 'Transition' projects and enterprises provide a financial 'kick-back' to TTT's Core costs through a proportion of any successful funding award and a proportion of income for a set period of their profitable existence.
5. TTT services and publications – gardening courses, book sales (eg Handbook and EDAP), DVDs ...

Management Support

A year ago we identified the need to bring more systems into place to support the burgeoning workload and to identify new sources of funding. An interim manager was appointed and was instrumental in securing funding for the Transition In Action Manager post that we are about to appoint, funded by the EF foundation. The key tasks of the appointee will be to facilitate the shaping of the next phase of our development, and help us to be self sustaining. A key focus for us will be the developing concept of social enterprise across TTT and within our local community. Our starting point will be through catalyst projects.

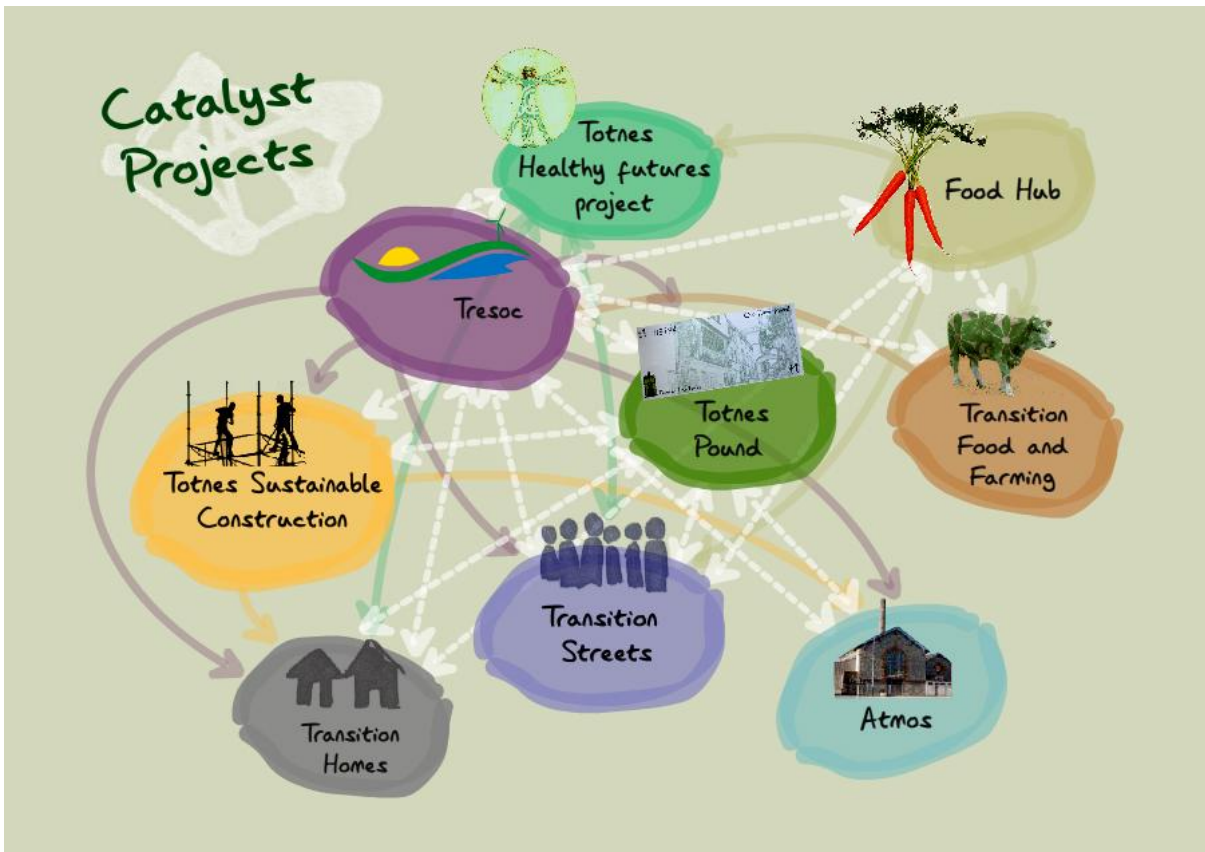
Catalyst projects

The next phase for TTT is more than just initiating individual projects. It is about establishing a network of projects and community business that work together to create a resilience framework within the local economy. A strategy to realise this hinges on selected projects, identified for their potential to do this and to catalyse further Transition activity at an accelerated rate.

These catalyst projects represent cornerstone sectors within a resilient community economy:

- The people and their micro-communities; Transition Streets, strengthening communities around streets and neighbourhoods, reducing energy demand and bringing down household costs.
- Energy; TRESOC, developing local renewable energy capacity under the democratic ownership of local residents
- The built environment; Totnes Sustainable Construction Company, Transition Homes, ATMOS
- Food production and distribution; Transition food and farming, Food Hub
- Health and wellbeing; Totnes Healthy Futures Project
- Economy; Totnes Pound

Inherent in all these projects and business are employment and education opportunities.



All these projects have emerged from the Transition story so far. Some are now operating as businesses independent to TTT. Others are being led by partner organisations in the community, such as the Totnes Development Trust. Common characteristics of catalyst projects are:

- High synchronicity
- Enabling / catalyst
- Replicable
- Partnership opportunities
- Speaks to new audiences / sectors
- New skills development
- High employment
- High chance of success / viable
- Profitable / viable
- Carbon emissions reducing (land based projects carbon sequestering)

Appendix 1. Programme of Events – April 2008 – December 2010.

Thursday 24th April. Methodist Church, Totnes. 7pm. **“Together”, a film about co-housing, followed by a discussion.**

Sunday 4th May. The Plains, Totnes. 10am. Free. **Bike Ride to Slapton. Bring bike, waterproofs & lunch!**

Wednesday 7th May. St. Johns Church, Bridgetown. 8pm. **Food, Soil, & Community: how can the community support agriculture?** A talk by Catherine Sneed, prison gardening activist & Christian Taylor of CSF.

Wednesday 14th May. Old Kitchen Space, Birdwood, Totnes. Donations. 7pm. **Community Supported Agriculture: A meeting for all those interested in establishing a CSA scheme in the Totnes area.**

Wednesday 21st May. Details tbc. **How is TTT doing? Open Community Meeting.** All welcome.

Thursday 29th May. Methodist Hall, 8pm. **Film Screening: Inspiring Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil: A Convenient Truth**

Wednesday 4th June. Schumacher College, 8pm. **Environmental Art from Lascaux to Last Week: A talk by Lynne Hull, eco-artist.**

Sat 14th – Sun 22nd June. **National Bike Week events** from the Cycle Group planned. Details tbc

Saturday 21st June. Details tbc. **TTT Summer Picnic, Games, & Solstice celebration.**

Saturday 28th June. 4-7pm. **Edible Edges: designing future feasts into some of Totnes' unloved corners.** A walk around site in the town with Patrick Whitefield, author of “The Earthcare Manual”.

Saturday 5th July. 12-5pm. Details tbc. **The Art of Retrofitting: a detailed walk through the energy options of three very different houses.** With Rob McLeod.

Wednesday 9th July. Methodist Church. 8pm. **Earth Spirit: Earth Action.** A talk by Starhawk.

Wednesday 16th July. St Johns Church, Bridgetown. 8pm. **Sacred Activism.** A talk with Andrew Harvey.

Sunday 20th July. Details tbc. **The Totnes Summer Edible Garden Crawl.** A visit to various open edible gardens around Totnes. Join us for cake, tips and gardening inspiration!

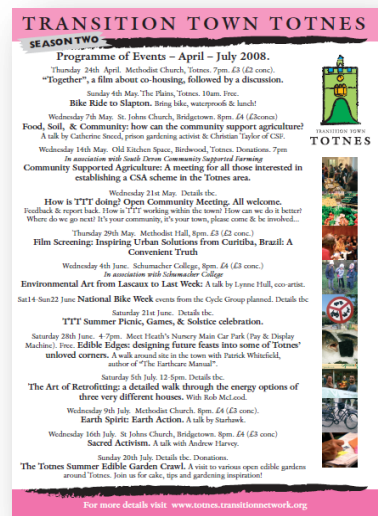
Monday 8th September. The Ariel Centre 7-10pm. *In association with the Totnes Festival:* **The Turning of the Tide: an evening of inspired storytelling.**

Friday 12th September. Methodist Church. 8pm. **Anything is Possible:** Inspiring stories from a founder of the Eco-village movement. A talk by Albert Bates of the Global Eco-village Network & author of the Post Petroleum Survival Guide & Cookbook.

Thursday 18th September. Methodist Church, 8pm. **The Power of Community: How Cuba survived Peak Oil.** An evening talk by Roberto Peres with Cuban music.

Wednesday 24th September. St Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. All welcome. **Public Launch of Energy Descent Action Pathways Project for Totnes: Imagining Totnes in 2030.** Cheese & wine available.

Date, venue & price t.b.c. **Seedy Sisters Autumn's Glorious Glut Gig.** Seed saving workshops, produce swap & sale, refreshments & talks.



Thursday 9th October. Bogan House. 7:30-9:30pm. **A Question of Belonging: 'Where do you belong? Who does Totnes belong to?'** A Fishbowl discussion exploring our connection to place.

Saturday 11th October. . The Steiner School, 7.30pm for 8-10pm. **Parallel Community: A platform for change.** A talk by author & renowned dowser Hamish Miller.

Wednesday 15th October, Methodist Church. 8pm. **Natural Building for a Sustainable Future: How to construct healthy, ecological buildings using local & reclaimed materials.** Video diaries & slides from local eco-builders of straw, cob & timber frame homes.

Wednesday 12th November. St Johns Church, Bridgetown. 7:30-10pm. **The Great Energy Debate: Be part of the conversation.** With Dr Jeremy Leggett & nuclear engineering consultant Rebecca Ferris.

Wednesday November 19th. Methodist Church. 8pm. **How to make your house more energy efficient: local experience with solar thermal, photovoltaic, ground source heat pumps, insulation & the Passivhaus.** A series of short presentations with time for questions & discussion.

Saturday 22nd November. Totnes Civic Hall. 11am-3pm. **Food and Health Open Space Day.**

Saturday 29th November. Methodist Hall 12-4pm. *TTT in association with the Wondermentalist Collective.* **Flashback to the Future: A Transition Tales creative writing workshop.** *Followed by:* Dartmouth Inn. 7-9pm. £5. **Transition Cabaret Evening Performance** starring Wondermentalist, with Matt Harvey, Liv, Beryl the Feral & Torc amongst others.

Wednesday 3rd December. Methodist Hall 8pm. **Co-Housing: How can we make it happen?** A talk by Max Comfort, co-founder of the Springhill Co-housing Project, Stroud.

Monday 19th January. Birdwood, Totnes. 7pm. **Mapping Local Food Webs in Totnes.**

Saturday 24th January. Methodist Hall, Totnes. **2030 – The Quest - An interactive community board game for kids of 9 - 90.** Transition Tales presents a day of playing, discussing, & visioning.

Wednesday 4th February. St John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. **Money, Money, Money: the Recession explained...the solutions outlined.** With Colin Hines & Ralf Becker.

Saturday 21st February. Birdwood House, Totnes. **The Seedy Sisters' Seedy Saturday** – Bring your seeds/donations, garden goodies & knowledge!

Monday 2nd-7th March 2-6 pm + Fri 6th 7-10 pm & Sun 8th 10-2. Birdwood Kitchen. Free. Refreshments. **Public Exhibition of Totnes & District DRAFT Energy Descent Action Plan 2030**

Wednesday 11th March. Methodist Church, Totnes. 7:30-10pm. **Earth, Wind, and Fire: adventures in eco-construction.** With local speakers on earth-building, wind power & passive solar heating.

Saturday 14th March. Methodist Church, Totnes. **What is Social Change?** A 'World Cafe' style event to explore the what, how, why & when of social change.

Wednesday 18th March. Methodist Church. **Spiral Dynamics: a potential / integral model for communities in Transition.** A talk by Don Beck.

Saturday 21st March. 10.30 – 2. Meet: Strawbale Sawmill, Huxhams Cross. **Eco-tour: Walking tour of ecological buildings in Dartington.** Covers straw & cob building as well as solar heating, photovoltaics & ground source heat pumps.

Saturday 28th March. Methodist Church. **What is Personal Change?** A 'World Cafe' style event to deepen our understanding of how personal change comes about.

Saturday 25th April. Totnes Methodist Hall. **Sustainable Home Heating:** an open exhibition with various talks covering all aspects of heating your home sustainably.

Tuesday 5th May. 8pm. Totnes Methodist Hall. **Transition from around the world:** look what you've started! Hear from other Transition Projects around the world.

Monday 18th May. Totnes Methodist Church. 7.30pm. **Can Totnes Feed Itself? An exploration of models for regional self-reliance:** with Mark Thurston-Goodwin, Nick Weir & Rob Hopkins.

Wednesday 20th May. Totnes Methodist Church. 8pm. **An Evening with Fritjof Capra:** Can globalisation be compatible with the demands of human dignity & ecological sustainability?

Tuesday 26th May. Totnes Methodist Hall. 8pm. **The Transition Movie:** the world premiere: it all started here!

Wednesday 3rd June. Totnes Methodist Church. 7.30pm. **'Building Beyond Oil – how do we build when the oil runs out?'**

Saturday 6th June. 10am-4pm. Venue tbc. **'Local Wisdom': sharing the stories of our clothes & celebrating the fashion ingenuity of Totnes.**

Sunday 7th June. 11am- all day. **An Open day at Landmatters:** transition & permaculture in action in our local community.

Sunday 21st June. **TTT Annual Summer Edible Garden Crawl.** Ending up at the **TTT Summer Picnic, Games, and Solstice Celebration.**

Tuesday 30th June. Totnes Methodist Hall. 8pm. **Climate action & transition - how should the transition movement relate to direct action climate campaigns?**

Wednesday 9th September. 8pm. The Barn Cinema, Dartington. **The Transition Movie**

Wednesday 23rd September. 8pm. St John's Church, Bridgetown. **The hidden promise of our dark age: the wisdom, strength & beauty we can discover:** a talk by Joanna Macy

Saturday 24th October. 4-8pm. Totnes Civic Hall. **TTT Energy Descent Action Plan 2009 – 2030 goes live!**

Thursday 12th November. 7-10pm. **The Future of Food in our Town: An Action Workshop.** With Thea Platt of Campaign to Protect Rural England & Noni Mackenzie of TTT.

Monday 16th November. Sunday 22nd November. **Bag Week**

Saturday 28th November. Totnes Civic Hall. **An Open Day with the Transition Town Totnes Projects**

Wednesday 25th November. 8pm. Totnes Methodist Church. **How We Used To Live - Food, energy, skills, and elbow-grease: memories of a pre-oil Totnes.**

Tuesday 6th October. 7.45pm. Methodist Church Hall. **The Age of Stupid.**

Thursday 18th March. Methodist Church Hall. 7.30. **Kanyini – Film, Discussion & Story** with Joanna Lathan

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th April. Greyfield Timber. **'Taster' day with practical sessions on strawbale, cob, rammed earth, clay plastering etc.**

Wednesday 21st April. Totnes Methodist Church. 8pm. **Ask the Candidate:** Your chance to quiz our would-be MPs on their environmental credentials before you cast your vote.

Sunday 9th May. Follaton Arboretum. 10am. **Spring Wild Tree Food** with Trees for Health and the Transition Town Totnes Food Group

Sunday 13th June. **Dartington Edible Garden Crawl.**



The poster for Transition Town Totnes lists various events from September to November 2009. It includes details for 'The Transition Movie', 'A Sponsored TTT Bike Ride', 'The Hidden Promise of Our Dark Age: Discover!', 'TTT Energy Descent Action Plan 2009', 'The Future of Food in our Town: An Action Workshop', 'Bag Week', 'An Open Day with the Transition Town Totnes Projects', 'How We Used to Live - Food, energy, skills, and elbow-grease', and 'The Age of Stupid'. Each event entry provides the date, time, location, and a brief description. The poster also features the Transition Town Totnes logo and a contact website: www.totnes.transitionnetwork.org.

Saturday 26th June. Totnes Methodist Hall. 7:30pm. The First Totnes '**Slow Food Feast!**' 3 course Gourmet but Green meal followed by entertainment and dancing... All food from within 5 miles and 363 yards of Totnes and living proof that too many cooks definitely don't spoil the broth!

Monday 6th September. Birdwood House, High Street. 7.30-9.30. **Community Arts and a month in Japan** - a talk by Doug King-Smith.

Saturday 11th September. 10am-4pm. Follaton Arboretum & Follaton Village Hall. **Autumn Wild Food.**

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th September. 10am-4pm. Free. **Open Eco-homes and Transition Streets event.**

Tuesday 14th September. Dartmouth Inn, Totnes. 7:30-10:30. **TTT Film Club: Who killed the electric car?**

Wednesday 15th September. Totnes Methodist Church. 8pm. **Why food is vital to a sustainable society?** Talk with Carolyn Steel.

Saturday 18th September. Switch-on celebration 12.00-1.30pm. Exhibition 10am-4pm. *In partnership with Totnes Town Council.* **The Big Switch On!**

Saturday 25th September. Bowden House, 5pm -10.45pm. **Autumn Return: A harvest of Tales.** With Steph Bradley.

Mon Oct 4th TTT Arts Film Evening. TTT meeting room 43 Fore Street 7.30 - 9.30pm. **Film & discussion about Indigo Dyeing.**

Tuesday 5th October. Totnes Methodist Church. 7.30 - 9.45pm. **Financial Collapse or Prosperity without Growth? - What does the financial crisis mean for you?** With Prof. Tim Jackson, Ed Mayo and Naresh Giangrande.

Tuesday 12th October. Dartmouth Inn. 7:30-10:30pm. TTT Film Club. **The Future of Food**

Saturday 16th October. St Mary's Church Hall. 2-5pm. **Seedy Sisters - Fabulous Food Swap & Seed Saving Workshop.**

Saturday 23rd October. Sharpham Estate, Ashprington, Totnes. 10.30am-4pm. **Hips, Haws & Chestnuts**

Sunday 24th October. 1.30-5.30pm at Foxhole (Dartington). **A Work-that-Reconnects Workshop.**

Sunday 31st October. Follaton Community Hall, Follaton, Totnes. 6:30-10:30pm. **Halloween Community Ceilidh: Dressed to kill!**

Tuesday 9th November. Dartmouth Inn. 7:30-10:30pm. TTT Film Club. **How many people can live on planet earth?**

Saturday 13th November. Civic Hall, Totnes. 11-4pm. **Winterfest**

Wednesday 24th November. Totnes Methodist Church. 8-10:30pm. **Incredible Edible Totnes?** A talk by **Paul Clarke** of Incredible Edible Todmorden.

Monday 6th December. TTT meeting room, 43 Fore Street. Totnes. 7.30-9.30. **Making Midwinter/Christmas gifts & wrapping paper**

Tuesday 14th December. TTT Offices, 43 Fore Street. 8pm. **Transition Film Club Night Xmas Mull**

Appendix 2: Transition Town Totnes Trustees

The Current Trustees:

Peter Redstone has considerable experience in business, strategy, marketing, HR etc from 13 years running Rocombe Farm Fresh Ice Cream Ltd, plus a background in consulting, most recently with The Barefoot Partnership Ltd, helping clients with strategy, creative problem solving, leadership training and sustainable development. He is a Trustee of Torbay Coast and Countryside, a Director of the Carbonsense Foundation and Director of The Barefoot Partnership Ltd.

Sophy Banks has been involved with TTT since its launch in 2006, focalising the Heart and Soul group and then as part of the operations team. She has a background in voluntary sector organisations and charities both as staff and management committee member, and worked professionally as IT trainer and psychotherapist. Together with Naresh she set up Transition Training in 2008, which has delivered trainings in Transition and trained trainers in four continents and over 20 countries. With TTT she has been involved with preparation of successful funding bids and design of some of the events and processes that have contributed to our success.

Carole Whitty has a long experience in education, as a teacher, Headteacher and Deputy General Secretary of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT), with experience of policy development, budget and personnel issues as well as organisational development and training. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a “Leading Education Thinker” with the National Education Trust, and is working on a national level on a social enterprise educational project and on the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools programme. She is a Trustee of the Totnes Development Trust, a Trustee of the Totnes community Strategy Group and is Mayoress of Totnes May 2010-2011.

Naresh Giangrande co-founded Transition Town Totnes with Rob Hopkins when they discovered shared interests in permaculture and peak oil. He coordinated the TTT Energy group in its early days and comes from a background of being managing director of a Landscaping Company. This gave him experience in the many challenges of running an organisation from accounts to employment and publicity. .. He is also the co-founder, with Sophy Banks, of Transition Training.

Peta Harper has 25 years experience of HR both in public and private sector and currently managed HR at South Devon College.

Tony Greenham is Head of Finance and Business at the New Economics Foundation, and is a chartered accountant and founder of Transition Town Lostwithiel in Cornwall.



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