

A TIME FOR TRANSITION.

As the price of energy continues to rise steeply, we become increasingly aware of all that cheap oil has made possible in our lives. From globalisation and strawberries in December to plastics and medicines, all rely on abundant and cheap energy supplies.

Many experts now agree that world oil production is reaching its peak and that the age of cheap oil is drawing to a close. The list of oil producing nations in depletion is growing steadily.

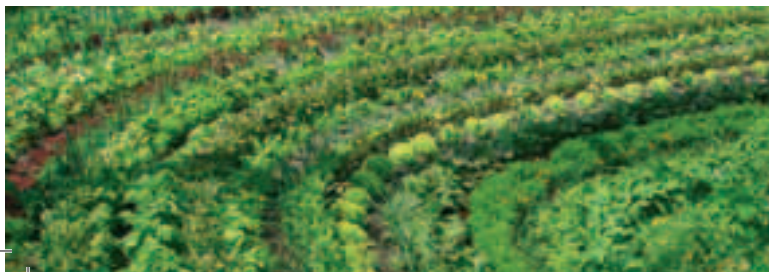
A world without oil is hard to imagine, but it is possible and could, if properly planned and implemented, offer a higher quality of life than the present. Sweden has already announced its intention to be oil-free by 2020, with Finland set to follow. What would a low energy society look like? How would it feed, house and power itself? Do we wait until it is too late, or lead by example?



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

This new initiative, Transition Town Totnes, will seek to engage all sectors of the community in addressing this, the great transition of our time. We offer no fixed answers, rather believing the solutions will arise from engaging the creativity, imagination and knowledge for which Totnes is so well known. TTT is designed to stimulate creative thought, and its aim over the next year is to create a timetabled plan for how Totnes can move to a lower energy future which is both abundant and delightful.

This programme contains the first steps in that journey. We have some great international speakers, community think tanks and inspiring talks. It will be fun, engaging, inspiring and positive. We will put Totnes on the international map as a community that engaged its creativity and collective genius with this timely and pressing issue. We look forward to your participation.



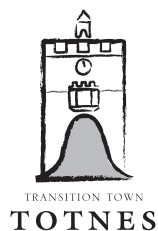
WHAT IS PEAK OIL — IN A NUTSHELL?

'Peak Oil' refers to the maximum extraction rate of oil, after which the rate of extraction will decline. It has been found that the extraction of oil always follows a more or less bell-shaped curve: first the oil is discovered and once it starts to be pumped out, the rate increases steadily until it reaches a peak, after which it becomes impossible to pump at the same rate: production will inexorably decline.

World discovery of oil peaked in 1964 and has been declining ever since, despite considerable improvements in technology, and there is no prospect of any significant large discoveries. We are currently consuming more than six barrels of oil for every one we discover. There is a growing consensus that we are now approaching, or are even at, the world oil peak.

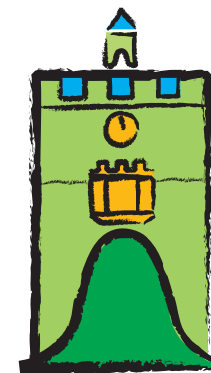
PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER THE PEAK

Transition Town Totnes builds on a project initiated by Rob Hopkins in Kinsale, Ireland in October 2004. The Kinsale Energy Descent Action Plan was the first attempt anywhere in the world to design a conscious pathway down from the oil peak. Utilising creative participation tools, community visioning and backcasting, it created a practical model that has subsequently been adopted by communities around the world in their own relocation initiatives. The Totnes initiative will build on the lessons learnt from the Kinsale experience. The Kinsale plan can be downloaded for free from www.transitionculture.org.



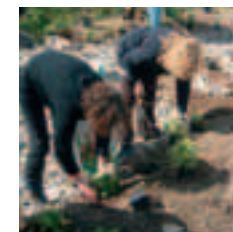
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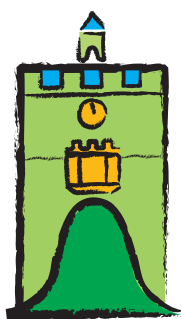
Programme of Events September - December 2006



Can you imagine Totnes beyond oil?



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Wednesday September 6th. Totnes Civic Hall. 8pm

The Official Unleashing of Transition Town Totnes

With Rob Hopkins and Dr. Chris Johnstone

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 Powerdown – a 10 week evening class

Wednesday October 4th 8pm. St John's Church, Bridgetown, 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, Bridgetown, 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 Mobbs

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 Initiative

Building Locally – the potential of natural building materials

With Gareth Walton of DSBI, 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, Bridgetown, Totnes

in association with Schumacher College

Lean Energy – A Practical Guide to Energy Descent

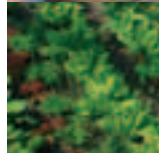
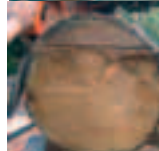
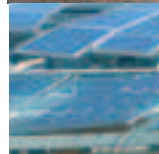
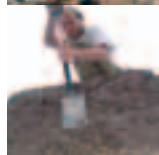
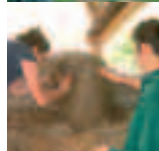
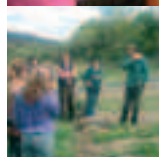
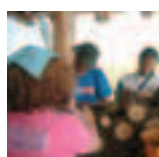
A Talk by David Fleming

Wednesday 22nd November. Totnes Civic Hall. 8pm

in association with Schumacher College

Peak Oil: Local Solutions to a Global Challenge

A talk by Richard Heinberg, author of 'The Party's Over' and 'Powerdown'



For more details visit www.transitiontowns.org/Totnes