



Transition  
Haslemere

## Transition Haslemere Steering Group AGM, 11 JANUARY 2010

### CHAIR'S REPORT

2009 was a busy year for Transition Haslemere in which we established the foundations of the group, staged several events and launched a number of projects.

In January we agreed the constitution of TH and planned an open space meeting. We also set up the website.

In February we publicised and prepared for the open space meeting.

In March we held a very successful open space meeting, which helped us set out our priorities agenda. We published the first of our monthly newsletters. We opened a bank account at the Co-op. We celebrated Earth Hour together with WWF.

In April I took over from Naomi as chair. We established a protocol for working groups and launched three – carbon footprint (now energy and transport), landshare and local food (now combined).

In May we showed The Age of Stupid movie in conjunction with Haslemere Hall. We drew up governance rules for working groups. We met with the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and agreed to support their research on local food networks.

In June we drew up a business plan. The carbon footprint obtained 10 energy monitors from Waverley and distributed them among members to try out. The landshare group looked at a potential community garden site on National Trust property. Volunteers undertook training with the CPRE for the local food network research. We established a presence at the monthly farmers market. Website development was ongoing.

In July we had a stall at the Big Lunch event in Camelsdale. We completed the awareness questionnaire research begun the previous year.

In August we continued with the CPRE research, web development and farmers market.

In September we planned an event coincide with the 350 campaign – a Sustainable Harvest Picnic. We attended the opening of the Clammers Hill allotments and planted a tree. Naomi, Deborah and Clive attended a transition

town training course, funded by Waverley and Haslemere Councils. Adrian and Clive attended a joint meeting between Haslemere, Farnham and Godalming transition town groups and Waverley councillors and officials. Deborah attended a meeting with Surrey County Council on climate change.

In October we held our Sustainable Harvest Picnic, with nearly 90 people attending. Roundhurst Farm offered a site for a community garden. St Bartholomew's School agreed to participate in our 10:10 campaign, distributing energy monitors to families. We completed work with the CPRE local food network research.

In November Phil attended a joint meeting with Haslemere, Farnham and Godalming transition towns and Surrey's climate change officer. We planned the Xmas market. We decided to undertake a series of talks in 2010, plus a Green Fair to mark our unleashing.

In December we attended the Xmas fair and raised £60. We were chosen as one of Waitrose's sponsored charities and raised £434. The landshare group received more offers of sites. The carbon group created case studies for the website. We incorporated transport into the carbon footprint group, remaining it energy and transport. We incorporated the local food group into the landshare group.

Throughout the year we put out a number of press releases and received coverage in the Herald and Messenger.

We achieved a lot of the last year thanks to the hard work of many people, particularly the members of the steering group and working groups. We also received much help and encouragement from many local individuals and organisations. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts, and I am confident that we have now established firm roots for Transition Haslemere in the community.

[Clive Davidson, Chair Transition Haslemere](#)