



Transition
Haslemere

Newsletter January 2010

New Year, new resolutions, same concerns about Climate Change.

It is a very good time to help to make a change and make a difference. Find out how you can participate in Transition Haslemere and pledge how you are going to help reduce your carbon emissions. But first a message from our Chairman....

"Our annual general meeting on 18 January 2010 marked the first year of activities of Transition Haslemere. We have achieved a lot in that time, establishing the foundations of our group and initiating a number of projects. These include a household and schools energy efficiency programme, a community garden, a local food survey and a schools liaison programme.

We held a number of events to raise awareness of the impact of climate change and peak oil and to gain support for our local community response, including a public meeting, a film show, a presence at the monthly farmers' market and the Christmas Fair, and our very successful Sustainable Harvest Picnic in October.

We have had strong support from Haslemere and Waverley Borough Councils, and we have opened discussion with them and Surrey County Council, as well as our fellow transition groups in Farnham and Godalming, on how we can cooperate in dealing with some of the challenges we face.

New plans for this year include a Green Fair at Haslemere Museum on Saturday 27 March, followed by a series of monthly talks. Our success has been down to the commitment and hard work of many people, and I'd like to thank them and everyone else who has supported Transition Haslemere in its first year."

Clive Davidson (Chair Transition Haslemere)

Get Involved



Transition Haslemere is a voluntary community-driven group. We have over 300 supporters in and around Haslemere; many of whom are already actively involved. Involvement does not have to take up a great deal of time, there are plenty of ways that you can get involved, find enjoyment and satisfaction and which will make a difference. If you would like to get involved then have a look at our **"30 ways you can get involved"** document by clicking [here](#).

Make a Pledge

There are plenty of ways that you can reduce your carbon emissions; here are just a few thoughts for starters:



Energy: Replace your light bulbs with low energy bulbs, turn down the thermostat by one degree.

Food: Buy more local food and more food locally.

Carbon: Plant a tree (or three!).

Nature: Put out a bird feeder or bird bath.

Recycle: You can now recycle yoghurt, margarine and similar plastics as well as children's plastic toys at many sites including the Wey Hill car park.

Education: Read up about Climate Change and environmental issues to become more informed.

Transport: Leave the car at home. Wasn't it fantastic to have a car-free Haslemere when the snow came; everybody talking to each other and bringing out the community spirit? See one of our Steering Group member's letter to the Herald [here](#).

Get Involved: with Transmission Haslemere.

Whatever resolutions you make to reduce your carbon emissions let us know by telling us on our website pledge page [here](#).

Green Fair and Talk Series



**Future
Events**

Plans for the Transition Haslemere Green Fair on March 27th in the Haslemere Educational Museum continue to progress with stands, stalls and activities planned. Much more news of this exciting event in next month's newsletter.

We will shortly be announcing the speakers for our talk series which will take place monthly starting at the Green Fair.

More news on both events will be published on the website www.transitionhaslemere.org.

Thanks.....



Transition Haslemere has had a really fantastic first year; we have achieved far more than we believed we could when we started. As an entirely voluntary organisation everyone who participates gives up their time and effort for the good of the community. We think that that needs to be acknowledged. We can't list all those who have participated here; this list would simply be too long but we can

recognise those people who have served on the Steering group over months. All these people are dedicated to the cause so if you know them then do ask them more about what we stand for and what we do. (In alphabetical order)

Lesley Banfield	Deborah Nicholls	Caroline Scarles
Naomi Clarke	Melanie Odell	Jackie Smith
Michael Crisp	Owyn Prandle	Claire Sparks
Clive Davidson	Nick Prandle	Sue Stathers
Ann Finlayson	Julia Roxan	Philip Valentino
Terry Haines	Pauline Ryder	Adrian Wimbush
Nikki James	Sandy Polak	

Our very own Mayor (and Steering Group member), Melanie Odell wrote to the Transition Haslemere Chairman.....



"My thanks as Mayor on behalf of the Town for the Steering Group's unstinting commitment and enthusiasm and for the work that has been done in the last year. Also congratulations to the whole group for their achievements. We look forward to the very exciting programme planned for this coming year".

We should add special thanks to you, Melanie for your unstinting support during a very busy year.

Finally.....

You may have noticed that we have changed our name (subtly) to Transition Haslemere. We think that that the "Town" in TTH was superfluous (hence our website www.transitionhaslemere.org). Over the coming months we will migrate to this name as and when we need to replenish supplies.

Dates for your diary

- January 25th Energy and Transport meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- February 8th Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.45 pm)
- March 8th Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.45 pm)
- March 27th Green Fair (Haslemere Educational Museum)

For more details on any of these dates please email transitiontown@haslemere.com