



Transition
Haslemere

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TRANSITION HASLEMERE GAINS OFFICIAL STATUS

Transition Haslemere, the local community group promoting action on climate change and peak oil, has achieved official recognition and joined the international Transition Town Network. As part of the official network of transition towns, which includes 272 towns in 16 countries, Transition Haslemere gains access to shared resources and ideas.

To achieve official status, Transition Haslemere had to satisfy a strict set of criteria to ensure that the initiative was strong and sustainable, and that the founding committee had a sound understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change and peak oil and are committed to the principles of collective community action.

Transition Haslemere was one of seven initiatives to gain recognition in January, including Kendal and South Lakes in Cumbria, Black Isle in Scotland and Adelaide West in Australia. In making the announcement, Ben Brangwyn, co-founder of the Transition Town Network singled out the Haslemere for commendation on the way it has developed relationships with its local councils.

"This new set of official initiatives is truly wonderful – so many great people, so much excellent work," said Brangwyn. "There are some very impressive projects already underway – one thing stood out for me, and that was Haslemere's collaboration with the local council."

Naomi Clarke, deputy chair of Transition Haslemere, said, "I am delighted we have been accepted as an official Transition Town. This is due to a lot of hard work and commitment by our members. We are particularly glad to see recognised the way we are developing partnerships with Haslemere, Waverley and Surrey County Councils, together with our neighbouring Transition Farnham and Transition Godalming groups. We are looking forward to an active and successful 2010."

Transition Haslemere will be holding a Green Fair at the Haslemere Museum on Saturday 27 March.

For more information or to get involved in the Transition Town Haslemere programme see www.transitionhaslemere.org, or email: transitiontown@haslmere.com

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