



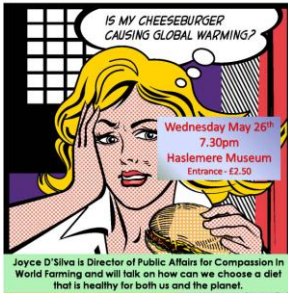
Transition
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Joyce D'Silva talks on Sustainable Eating.



Joyce D'Silva talk: "Is our diet damaging our planet?"



On **Wednesday May 26th at 7.30 pm** Joyce D'Silva delivers the next Transition Haslemere Evening talk at the Haslemere Museum entitled "Is our diet damaging the planet?"

What we eat has a profound impact on the planet in terms of carbon emissions, water use, land use, pollution, animal welfare, global trade and local economies. Our diets are the third biggest source of our individual carbon emissions after our energy use and transport, It is the area where we tend to have the most control. What factors must we weigh up in choosing a diet that is healthy for both us and the planet?

Joyce is Director of Public Affairs for Compassion In World Farming and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Washington-based Global Animal Partnership. Joyce has been widely published on farm animal welfare issues and has worked for more than four decades to improve the lives of animals raised for food and is regarded as one of the animal welfare community's most effective leaders.

For more details click [here](#)

No reservations are necessary; entrance is £2.50 (pay at the door).

"Sustainability? What we need is education!"



How often do we hear the cry "What we need is education!" The worldwide Transition Town movement, of which Haslemere is now officially a part, is no exception.

Whether we mean educating ourselves by trying to live in a low carbon way, or educating ourselves about the impact we are having on the planet and its resources and systems, or by educating others in our community, we are all on this learning journey together.

Unlike the way many of us may have been educated – by looking at the past – education for sustainability has to have a more forward looking focus. We have to imagine a more sustainable future, we have to learn from our experiments and we have to have the courage to try new things. If we do this in our schools, what an addition to our children's education that would be!

All over the country schools and communities are dipping their toes into this sort of education. Happily for schools this work is endorsed by the Government. The Government has a current target of making all schools 'Sustainable Schools' by 2020. It

also has a very tough target of all schools reducing their CO2 emissions by 53% by 2020. This will need the help of the community if schools are to achieve this.

So what help is out there for schools? Transition Haslemere is exploring what schools feel they need locally to support them.

Meanwhile, coming up is the annual National Sustainable Schools Conference, run by SEEd and sponsored by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, which will take place in London this year on 18 June. If you are not free then, you can join the online conference at your leisure through the month of June and early July. Find out more at www.se-ed.org.uk.

Free Place at Sustainable Schools Conference: The first Haslemere school teacher who emails about attending the June event will get a *free place* – ann.finlayson@se-ed.org.uk.

Camelsdale Primary School Energy Challenge Success!



Nine families took part in the Transition Haslemere Energy Monitor challenge and managed to reduce their energy consumption by around 10%. This is taking into account the time of year (when we use less heating and lighting).

Actions taken included switching off appliances and lights whilst this is not a massive amount (though 10% of electricity bills is not to be sniffed at!) there are other benefits including general awareness raising and behaviour changes.

Transition Haslemere would like to implement this challenge with a group of neighbours or friends working together. We believe this would help families make better use of their monitors and exchange information and ideas on actions taken and longer term ideas, such as insulation. The Energy and Transport Group are looking into this idea, called Transition Together, set up by Transition Totnes. We have also made the feedback forms for the challenge much more helpful, including how to read your meter, which can be quite confusing! If you would like to get involved with the energy challenge please email us on transitionhaslemere@googlemail.com

Energy and Transport Group



As well as the Energy Monitor challenge update above the group have been discussing the tricky issue of sustainable transport in Haslemere. Naomi Clarke met with Cheryl Faure, the Waverley Transport Advisor who was extremely helpful and supportive but funds are limited as they are in all areas. We would like to find out your transport issues and are producing a questionnaire to this end which we hope to conduct over the summer months at the Farmers Market and around town. We will then hold an Open Meeting in September. Some ideas we want to explore include civic speed checks, 20mph speed zones, better bike storage at the station, cycle

training and cycle maintenance courses for adults, group bike rides and safer cycle routes around Haslemere, possibilities of a commuter bus and more walking buses to school.

The next Energy and Transport Group meeting is on Thursday 27th May at 7.30 in the Town Hall.

Landshare Group and the Community Garden

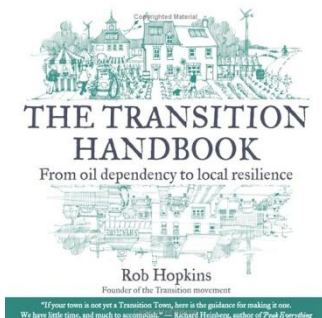


Landshare Group's Community Garden is progressing well with plenty of planting, watering regimes and of course the all important on-going weeding!

There is plenty more to be done and plenty more land that can be cultivated so if you are interested in joining or just plan to come along to have a look then we are up at the plot at Roundhurst Farm most Saturdays and Sundays - just pop along or alternatively come to the next meeting on Thursday

27th May at 7.30 in the Mill Tavern or simply email transitiontown@haslemere.com

Transition Town Founder comes to Godalming



Rob Hopkins, founder of the Transition Movement, is coming to talk in **Godalming on 7 June, 7-9pm**. This is a great opportunity to 'hear it from the horse's mouth', and ask any questions you may have. Transition Towns Farnham, Godalming and Haslemere are all involved, so come along and bring your friends. The talk will take place at the Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, off the High Street, Godalming. For directions see [here](#). All are welcome.

Mapping our local food network



Last summer, a number of Transition Haslemere supporters helped the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) conduct a survey of local food producers and retailers, as well as consumer attitudes to local food. The survey was part of a national project to look at local food networks and devise ways of promoting them. The data collected is currently being analysed along with data from a number of other pilot projects across the UK and the CPRE expects to produce its report in the autumn. When we receive the report, Transition Haslemere plans to create a local food group to use the data to help promote our local food production and consumption.

Dates for your diary

- May 26th Joyce D'Silva talk (Haslemere Educational Museum 7.30 pm)
- May 27th Energy and Transport Group meeting (Mill Tavern 7.30 pm)
- May 27th Landshare Group meeting (Mill Tavern 7.45 pm)
- June 1st Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- June 6th Haslemere Farmers Market
- June 7th Rob Hopkins Talk (Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Godalming 7.00pm)
- June 26th Colin Butfield (WWF) talk (Haslemere Educational Museum 7.30 pm)

For more details on any of these dates please see the website www.transitionhaslemere.org or email transitiontown@haslemere.com

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