



Transition
Haslemere

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Colin Butfield talks on how to make your home sustainable.



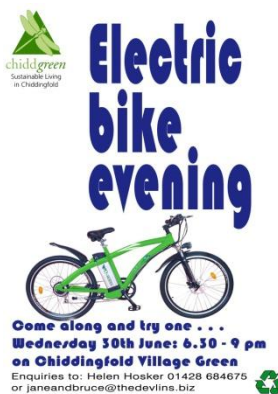
On **Wednesday June 23rd at 7.30 pm** Colin Butfield of the WWF gives the next Transition Haslemere Evening talk at the Haslemere Museum entitled "How to turn your home into an ECO Home"

Our homes have one of the major impacts on our carbon footprint. They account for over a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. A sustainable home is simply a better home- this is as much about quality as it is environmentalism. An ecohome won't have drafts, won't waste tons of energy, will be more pleasant to live in and cheaper to run. This talk is about one man's experience trying to turn a very typical 1930s house in Haslemere into an ecohome.

Colin is Head of Campaigns at WWF-UK where he manages a team working on everything from stopping illegal logging, to tackling climate change, to making UK homes more sustainable. The main areas of WWF's work on homes are the Existing Homes Alliance which Colin is chairman of and a partnership with Grand Designs, the Great British Refurb Campaign, which Colin helped create and run. For more details click [here](#)

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

Electric Bicycles on Chiddingfold Green



"Chiddgreen" promotes sustainable living in Chiddingfold, whether it is recycling, wildlife-friendly gardening, supporting local shops, promoting safe routes to school or picking up litter. If it's to do with the environment or the Chiddingfold community then it's a subject for Chiddgreen.

Chiddgreen are putting on an "Electric Bike Evening" between 6.30 and 9.00 pm on Wednesday 30th June on the Village Green which should be both fun and interesting.

TH goes to Beacon Hill

We were very pleased to have been asked by the Beacon Hill community to their June meeting to talk about what we do. We presented Transition Haslemere; who we are, what we do and why it is necessary. We then had a good and enthusiastic discussion around a number of opportunities for Beacon Hill including the possibility of creating another community garden in the Beacon Hill area and how we might assist.

Landshare Group and the Community Garden



We had a very successful Open Day on Sunday June 13th with lots of interest from the visitors coming to see us and Roundhurst Farm. The plot is looking good with all the hard work that is being put in starting to show results as our vegetables grow.

We have a large plot and there is plenty of room for more gardeners and produce 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 24th June at 7.30 in the Barn at the Mill Tavern or simply email transitiontown@haslemere.com



For more pictures click [here](#)



Energy and Transport Group

Beacon Hill Primary School are ready to start the 10:10 energy monitor challenge after Camelsdale Primary School's success.



We are investigating a project called Transition Together which will complement our energy challenge by bringing groups together and helping them to reduce their carbon emissions through actions on energy, food, waste, water and transport. It involves groups of friends of neighbours, 5-8 in total meeting every few weeks for a total of 7 times. It is hoped this, along with the energy monitors will motivate people and encourage longer term behavioural changes. The groups work through a simple workbook for guidance. If you would like to be part of this please email us at transitiontownhaslemere@googlemail.com. We will be offering up a prize for the household that makes the biggest improvement.

We are also investigating transport issues in Haslemere and will be conducting a survey soon and will hold an open meeting in September to find out your issues. We particularly want to make the roads safer in Haslemere for pedestrians and cyclists and will be conducting community and school speedwatches in the area to find out the most dangerous routes. If you know of a particularly dangerous road that you would like us to check, please email us at transitiontownhaslemere@googlemail.com. If we have a good enough case we will campaign for 20mph zones in some areas.

We will also be organising cycle training and maintenance courses for adults to give people more confidence on the roads (though we can't do anything about the hills!) if you would like to take part email us at transitiontownhaslemere@googlemail.com.

Our group is also investigating using the Hoppa bus as a commuter shuttle in the mornings and evenings, if you feel you would use this service and what route would be most helpful please let us know.

Finally we will be producing maps with alternative cycle routes to the station that avoid the busiest traffic, again to encourage more cycling and fewer cars.

Our next meeting is on the 24th June at 8pm in the Mill Tavern, all are welcome and your input is greatly appreciated.

Green Electricity



Many electricity companies are now offering a 'green' tariff, but the quality, availability and price of these vary significantly and companies are obliged to provide energy from renewable sources but charge a higher price.

To find out the pro's and con's of each, the costs involved and where the energy comes from visit www.greenelectricity.org and type in your postcode. All you have to do to change over is contact the new supplier and ask them to do it.

Rob Hopkins comes to town....



He did not actually come to Haslemere but Rob Hopkins came to Godalming on June 7th in a joint event organised by Transition Haslemere, Transition Farnham and Transition Godalming.

There was a good turn out of about 80 people; young and old coming from afar as Chichester, Portsmouth, Guildford, Woking and in one case Edinburgh.

Rob talked with his usual enthusiasm, insight and clarity for about one hour on the Transition Process and the reasons why we need to transition.

You will be able to see his presentation in full on the website (link will be installed in a couple of days when we have a copy of the presentation).













Just as good was the wide ranging question and answer session that had to be curtailed after one hour, it could have gone on far longer. We covered the full spectrum of topics from the macro to the micro and those of us from Transition Haslemere came away buzzing with ideas and suggestions for projects.

Be Greener – Holiday in the UK!



50% of us say we are more concerned with flying than 5 years ago but only 8% of us actually fly less.

Long-haul flights have the biggest climate impact of all our travel, but this is a tough luxury to quit. To help you, here is a list of fantastic holidays to have in the UK which could also save you money.

-  Walk in the Lake District or the Pennines – check out all 14 National Parks at www.nationalparks.gov.uk.
-  Learn to surf - take a surf holiday on the Cornish Coast www.cornwall-calling.co.uk
-  Go see Guardian's Top 10 UK lists e.g. 'Best City Breaks'.
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/travel/uk>
-  Visit Britain's Heritage Cities such as York, Canterbury, and Bath.
www.heritagecities.com
-  Go to sleep in London, wake up in the Scottish Highlands on the Caledonian Sleeper train from £19 single. www.scotrail.co.uk/index.html
-  Stay in a castle in Scotland's most beautiful youth hostels. www.syha.org.uk.
-  Hire an historic building with your friends, through the Landmark Trust www.landmarktrust.org.uk or National Trust www.nationaltrust.org.uk
-  Stay for free on an organic farm in the UK with 'World Wide Opportunities On Organic Farms' www.wwoof.org.uk
-  Find environmentally friendly holidays at www.greentraveller.co.uk.
-  Go camping or caravanning – see the Camping & Caravanning Club www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/
-  Stay on a houseboat – contact the Inland Waterways Association www.waterways.org.uk
-  Volunteer, learn new skills and get a very cheap holiday at www.btcv.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- June 23rd Colin Butfield (WWF) talk (Haslemere Educational Museum 7.30 pm)
- June 24th Energy and Transport Group meeting (Mill Tavern 8.00 pm)
- June 24th Landshare Group meeting (Barn at Mill Tavern 7.45 pm)
- June 30th Electric Bicycle Even t on Chiddingfold Village Green (6.30-9.00pm)
- July 4th Haslemere Farmers Market
- July 5th Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- July 28th "The power of the community" TH film showing (Museum 7.30pm)

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

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