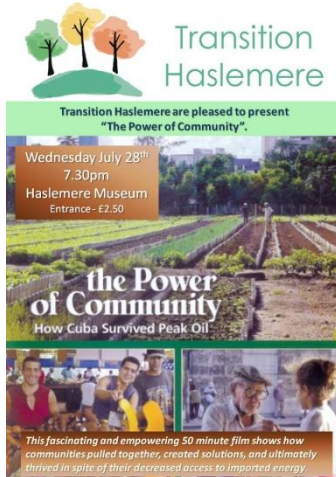




Transition
Haslemere

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How to Survive without Oil – A Case Study!



On **Wednesday July 28th at 7.30 pm** we are showing the enlightening film "The Power of Community" at the **Haslemere Museum**. This is a very useful pointer for us all as we tackle the twin threats of Climate Change and Peak oil.

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic

crisis, which they call "The Special Period." The film opens with a short history of Peak Oil, a term for the time in our history when world oil production will reach its all-time peak and begin to decline forever. Cuba, the only country that has faced such a crisis – the massive reduction of fossil fuels – is an example of options and hope.

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

Volunteers Needed



Transition Haslemere has accomplished a great deal since its inception almost two years ago, including a fantastic community garden, home energy saving initiatives and wonderful events such as a sustainable harvest picnic, Green Fair and talks on a variety of green subjects. And it's all thanks to a group of committed volunteers.

We would love to have more people join us in our activities, so if you can spare a little bit of time and would like to get involved please get in touch. You don't have to be an eco expert or give up lots of time, just come

along to any of our monthly meetings and input where you can and we can achieve a whole lot more. Visit the diary on the website to find out when meetings are www.transitionhaslemere.org or email us at transitiontownhaslemere@googlemail.com if you want to take a more active part. You will be made very welcome and meet lots of lovely people too!

DIY Food Event



Sat 18th Sept. Haslemere Museum, 11am-4pm

Do you want to know how to grow your own vegetables, keep chickens, decorate cakes or make your own ginger beer?

These are just some of the things you can learn about at our DIY food event as part of the Haslemere Food Fair.

There will be demos and talks all day in the lecture hall as well as freebies and info on reducing your food waste.

See our website and local press for more details of what's on offer during the day. £2 entry, under 16's free.

Transport Survey – Tell us what you think are the transport issues in Haslemere



Transition Haslemere is conducting a survey to find out what the community thinks are the main issues in the area.

- What do **you** think of public transport in the area?
- What are the barriers to **you** using public transport more?
- How would **you** improve public transport in Haslemere?

These are just some of the things we want to find out.

We will shortly be holding an open meeting in September where we would like to discuss the issues you have raised in the survey and discuss ideas to try and combat some of the problems we might face getting from A to B in a safe and sustainable manner.

We will be sending out a link to the on-line questionnaire to everyone on our email list and will also be interviewing people in the street so Please take a few minutes to complete our survey (it will only take a very few minutes) and we will enter you into a

prize draw to win either an energy monitor or a lovely vegetable box with produce straight from our thriving community garden!

Cycle Training



Cycling in Haslemere can be hazardous and daunting, especially if you have not ridden a bike in a long time or feel that your cycling skills are not up to today's busy roads.

This why Transition Haslemere is organising cycle training and maintenance courses for adults.

We will be running a cycle training course one month on a Saturday, followed by a cycle maintenance course the following month, also on a Saturday, where you can learn how to fix punctures, repair chains and keep your bike in tip-top condition. If you are interested please get in touch.

Each course (lasting 3 hours) costs £30 per person. The courses will be taught by trained experts. We need a minimum of 6 people to run the courses, so email us at transitiontownhaslemere@googlemail.com if you are interested.



Colin Butfield presentation available on website.

For those if you who missed Colin Butfield's excellent presentation last month you can see it [here](#)

Climate Change Information

The Committee on Climate Change has recently issued its second annual report to the UK Government. You can read the report [here](#) or for a more condensed view see this BBC article [here](#)

Dates for your diary

- July 28th Film "The Power of Community" (Haslemere Museum 7.30 pm)
- August 1st Haslemere Farmers Market
- August 2nd Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- August 5th Energy and Transport Group meeting (Mill Tavern 8.00 pm)
- August 25th Film "Rebecca's Wild Farm" (Haslemere 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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