



Cost Effective Ways to reduce your carbon footprint



In the final talk in the 2010 series of **Transition Haslemere Evenings** Sandy Polak talked on **"Cost-effective ways to reduce your carbon footprint"**

There were many good, sensible ideas on how to save money and carbon as well. If you missed the talk then you can see the presentation [here](#).

Some thought starters:

Are you aware that a transatlantic flight for two is more damaging to the atmosphere than as driving a small car for a year? A good rule of thumb is that the slower the mode of transport the more environmentally safe it is (WALK ⇨ BIKE ⇨ HORSE ⇨ BUS ⇨ TRAIN ⇨ PLANE)



Sandy is a professional mechanical engineer and a consultant for over 25 years. He is passionate about environmental issues, particularly energy (and CO2) matters which are sometimes confusingly and inconsistently treated in the media.
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Running your home with gas and electricity is by far the largest producers of carbon dioxide in the majority of households, anything you can do to reduce the amount of gas and electricity you consume will make a big difference. The best ways to achieve this are:

- Loft Insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Double glazing
- Drawing your curtains and stopping draughts
- Change all those old incandescent bulbs for low energy ones (incandescent bulbs waste through heat; 90% of the energy they consume).

For much more information on how to reduce your carbon footprint and save money we recommend you read Sandy's full article [here](#).

Transition Haslemere Evenings will be back in March 2011 with a new and exciting programme of monthly evening talks, films and other events. For more news keep an eye on the website and of course the newsletters.

Haslemere Design Statement



As we reported last month we are actively involved in the preparation of the Haslemere Design Statement; in principle the design statement sets out what is appropriate development taking into account the character of local buildings and the surrounding environment.

The first of two formal public consultation meetings was held on Wednesday 6th Oct at the Georgian Hotel. Transition Haslemere displayed its work so far on drafting guidelines for the transport and sustainability sections of the Haslemere Design Statement, including suggestions ranging from encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school to improve the energy performance of homes.

Two Transition Haslemere working groups are working on these proposals and if you are interested please contact either Lesley Banfield (lesley.banfield@gmail.com) or Clive Davidson (cdavidson@cix.co.uk)

The next public meeting is to be held on the **1st November (7.30 pm) in the Methodist Church, Weyhill**. Feedback from the earlier consultation is to be included for this second meeting and all Transition Haslemere members and supporters are encouraged to attend and say what they think is important to include in the new Design Statement. Once complete it will form part of planning policy to be considered in any future developments to the town and environs. So it is a great opportunity to make your views be heard and incorporated.

Transition Haslemere Goes to School



At the request of the Headmistress, Transition Haslemere were invited to address the Woolmer Hill School Upper and Lower School assemblies. It was very rewarding to hear what the school are already doing and inspiring to talk to members of their ECO team. There is a great deal of knowledge, enthusiasm and no little ambition to make a difference among the pupils at Woolmer Hill School and we expect this to be a start of an exciting cooperation with the school, its pupils and staff.

Inspiration!



I don't know what your image of Newcastle (another Transition Town) is but I will bet it is not that it is the greenest city in Britain! Well it is in the 2010 league table of sustainability. This is no fluke as it the second year running it has won.

Projects range from an electric car hub, with nearly 600 charging points, to an urban bees programme. The city is very proud of its bee strategy, which included revamping municipal flower beds, installing bumble-bee boxes and hives, and designating selected allotments as "bee gardens".

Other initiatives which levered Newcastle into first place included its 20 mph speed limits, the smart-power meters, and the "no power hours" at schools and in the city centre, experimenting with 60 minutes without electricity. Thermal imaging of the city has started to grade heating efficiency, and car clubs and wildlife projects flourish, include surprisingly rich findings from a survey of slow worms.

Dates for your diary

- October 21st Energy & Transport Group Meeting (venue TBA)
- November 1st Design Statement Open Meeting (Weyhill Methodist Church 7.30 pm)
- November 2nd Steering Group Meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- November 7th Farmers Market

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

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