

## TWIN CHALLENGES

**Climate Change** and **Peak Oil** challenges face modern humans on an ancient planet. These are facts of life, not scientific theories.

Government has already started to take measures for Climate Change. This is a slow, longer-term trend that will have enormous costs when cities & docks get flooded.

The Peak Oil problem is not about oil running out, it's about the price going up. This is because oil will cost more to extract – we've had the easy stuff and as it gets harder to extract, the price will go up. Soon! And in big jumps!

**The answer is NOT to earn more.  
The answer is to spend less.**

This means growing our own food, using cars less, depending on fewer imports, recycling & re-using more, working as neighbourhood teams... and inventing new answers to the problems facing us locally.

### **TRANSITION ISLAND NETWORK –**

Islands are more vulnerable simply because everything has to be brought here by ferry.

So food, petrol, furniture, tools, computers, etc, etc, may all cost more than the mainland. But we have less disposable income because there are fewer jobs here!

Islands need to work together to learn from each other's ideas and to put their special case to Government.

## 1st STEERING GROUP

Chris Wakeley, Newport  
Jemma Soper, Ryde  
John Craddock, Freshwater  
Rowan Adams, Ventnor  
Vav Simon, Ryde

Please do get in touch to discuss a public meeting on your Town or Village to discuss all these issues and perhaps start your own Transition Town Initiative.

**REMEMBER:** Keeping preparations local means that people have more control over the place where they live.

**ALSO:** This initiative is not attempting to replace any existing projects or plans. It aims to support, encourage and perhaps link up environment-conscious developments.

### **ACTION GROUPS**

To plan for all this, we need Action Groups.

These are NOT committees for people to sit and talk (although planning does require discussion). These are groups of people who make a plan and then push it into action to start preparations for resilience.

Action Groups are often focussed on:

- Health
- Education
- Transport
- Food
- Water
- Recycling



**HOW WILL WE SURVIVE  
INCREASING FERRY PRICES,  
FOOD PRICES. PETROL &  
HEATING?**

***WE NEED TO START  
PLANNING FOR PEAK OIL  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT  
A LOCAL LEVEL.... NOW!***

***Help prepare your  
Town or Village.***

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## WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR OIL PRICE RISES ... ASAP !!!

Many years ago these rises were predicted to start between 2006 and 2012. They will dramatically affect ferry prices and therefore food and other products brought over from the mainland, AND will isolate the Island by reducing commuting and 'exporting' of our own products. Globally, they will change transport, plastics, pharmaceuticals and how we grow & distribute food. This issue is called '**Peak Oil**'.

**Climate Change** is another set of changes that will affect us all - perhaps more than Peak Oil, but probably more slowly. Much needs to be done to deal with the implications for food, disease, building, heating, etc. **To survive these challenges and use these opportunities, we need local plans for sustainable lifestyles that use skills rather than machines.**

Transition Island is an **independent Community Action project** which will **encourage** rather than compete with similar initiatives. It will foster the idea of **everybody** on the Island doing a little bit, rather than waiting for unknown experts to do it for us. This gives us the best opportunity to develop locally what we actually need for the Island to be more **resilient**.

### **JOIN US TO SHAPE THE FUTURE!**

This is always a time-limited responsibility. Every Group Member is expected to stand down after six months and hand over to someone else *they have already found*.

## TRANSITION ISLAND

We held the first **Transition Island** public meeting on 11th October 2007 at the Riverside Centre, Newport and over 65 people attended. It was a resounding success with energetic discussion and volunteers stepping forward to drive the project onwards.

**The decision was taken almost unanimously to adopt the Transition Towns model for the whole Island,** which does not stop the model being adopted for individual towns or villages as well.

We have a **Steering Group** in place, who see their main task as sparking up Town and Village groups all around the Island.

Another task is to work on our special vulnerabilities as an island, rather than expect each Town or Village to do this.

**Future meetings of Transition Island** will be advertised to the email list we have started. If you want to be kept up to date, send your email address to [TransitionIsland@aldermoor-farm.co.uk](mailto:TransitionIsland@aldermoor-farm.co.uk).

We hope to develop a website soon and would appreciate any offers of help to do this. We also need ways to contact people who are not online - leaflets, posters, phone calls, etc. - so designs, funds, delivery are needed desperately. *Please help!*

## KEY CONCEPTS

**Independent** - separate from party politics, personal ambitions, etc: instead driven by Community Action...

**Community Action** - not government, multi-nationals, 'experts', etc: but people who will continue to live here...

**Local** - groups of people in neighbourhood areas, reducing petrol use, saving time and improving relevance to real issues...

**Sustainable** - keeping the ecological cost of living within what the environment can provide in the future...

**Resilient** - our ability to survive the major changes expected that will dramatically alter our currently very comfortable lifestyles...

**Skills** - by using human nature at its best for creativity, drive, pride-in-achievement, humour, teamwork...

**Inclusive** - joining with everyone who wants to help and those already working on these problems...

**Emergent** - in an everyone-does-a-little-bit, no-one-pays-too-much, exploring-creativity-&-opportunity sort of way...

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Want to help with planning, developing, building, community projects to ensure the Island copes with the changes ahead?

Phone IW566009 to discuss possibilities!