



Transition Bro Gwaun' is a community initiative promoting local economic and social resilience in response to the global challenges of resource depletion and climate change

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'TRANSITION TOPICS' Meeting on 27 November 7.30pm, at The Point Youth Centre, Parc y Shwt, Fishguard (near the Car Park entrance behind the Town Hall)

The film 'In Transition', shown last month at Theatre Gwaun, presented some interesting and exciting examples of what Transition Groups are doing around the world. A survey of those present revealed most interest and commitment in the following:

- Sustainable gardening and garden sharing (which fits in well with our Big Lottery Bid – see below)
- Travel and tourism (including the development of electric cars and car sharing)
- Carbon reduction and renewable energy projects
- Sustainable building methods
- Traditional skills

On 27th Nov there will be an opportunity to progress these ideas at Point. If you would like to be involved or have other initiatives that you want TBG to support please do come along. Or if you can't come but would like to contribute, could you please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to us.

If you missed the film and would like to see it, we will be arranging more showings around the TBG area. If you are a member of a group that would like a showing, we can arrange to bring the film to you. Contact Brian Jackson on 01348 891286

Possibility of NEW ALLOTMENTS IN GOODWICK

We're encouraged that Pembrokeshire County Council has identified some land at Allt yr Carne, Goodwick that could be used for allotments. TBG and the Compost Group are still in discussion with the Council with regard to leasing terms. To apply, write to County Cllr Moira Lewis, 45 Seaview Crescent, Goodwick SA64 0ZA.

RENEWABLE ENERGY – sourcing good advice

Following the very useful meeting last Saturday in Fishguard, Dave Clarke and Geoff Hourihan from the Future-Energy Company, are prepared to return to the area to provide specific advice on private or community projects. There would be a cost involved, but this could be reduced if there are several people in a relatively small area who would be interested in participating. Anyone interested in the Fishguard and Goodwick please contact Tom Latter for further information. (There are obviously advisors nearer who we can also ask, and we would be interested to hear of any experience that you would like to pass on)

BIG LOTTERY BID

Transition Bro Gwaun , working with the Composting and Recycling Group has been promoting community growing initiatives and encouraging local people to grow more of their own food. With the West Wales Ecocentre, we are applying to the Big Lottery Fund in order to employ some one to assist with, for example:

- The development of new allotments, Garden Shares and community growing.
- Working with schools and community groups to develop growing initiatives
- Providing advice and community learning events on sustainable gardening methods.
- Organising community events e.g. seed and plant swaps, cookery demonstrations.

If you have any comments or ideas about this, please phone Chris on 01348 831021

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THE BRASS MONKEYS will be playing in Fishguard Farmers Market on Saturday 21st Nov.

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Transition Narberth have got Rob Hopkins!

Transition Narberth are holding their unleashing event on the 19th November at 7.00pm for 7.30 at the Queens Hall. 'From oil dependence to local resilience' with Rob Hopkins, Dr Brian John and Gordon James.

'The Challenge of Coastal Change – some Pembrokeshire case studies.'(TENP EVENT)
The Bloomfield Centre, Narberth, December 8th, 7 – 8.30 p.m.

Richard Ellis, of the National Trust, will be giving a brief overview of the sea level rise issue in the UK, and will offer some Pembrokeshire case studies. (more info at www.tenp.org.uk)

RSVP; to Mmordey@googlemail.com or 01239 820791, by Friday 4th December.

ECO-BUILDING - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help build a 25 foot reciprocal frame roundhouse, including dry stone walling, reciprocal roof raising, building straw bale walls, lime rendering, turf roofing. No previous experience needed, though enthusiasm a must! All tools provided, but bring sturdy shoes, waterproofs, gloves and a packed lunch. Hot drinks provided, and basic kitchen facilities available for heating food.

Building is taking place every day until mid December 2009, people welcome for the day or campers also welcome. Call or email to confirm when you want to come. Call Cassandra or Nigel 07786067297 or 07786067298 cassandra@livelightly.co.uk

LETS trading event at Newcastle Emlyn.

There will be a LETS trading event and social gathering from 2-4 on Sunday November 29th at the Old grammar School Hall, Newcastle Emlyn. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about LETS. Join up immediately and start spending Teifis, or pay for things with old-fashioned cash!

MEETING OF THE WELSH TRANSITION NETWORK. Nov 21, The Old Co-op, Blaenau Ffestiniog. contact Sara Ashton on 01766 832214. Also PATRICK HOLDEN (Director of the Soil Assoc) on 'Farming in an Oil Scarce Future' Nov 20, 7.00, The Cell, Blaenau Ffestiniog.

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Listed below are initiatives shown in the 'In Transition' film plus some others which we have already begun to think about and/or develop. Please indicate which of these you would like to see developed locally; those where you have knowledge and experience which you could share with others; and those which you would like to be involved in.

INITIATIVES	I'd like these developed locally	I have knowledge/skills to share	I'd like to get involved
Local Food Projects e.g. marketing, excess crop sharing schemes, cookery demonstrations/ competitions			
Gardening more sustainably Seed and plant swaps Tree planting and orchards Bee keeping Permaculture group Composting			
Garden shares and allotments Community Horticulture/ Agriculture schemes			
Buying local Local currencies Supporting the local economy			
Travel and Tourism Electric cars Car sharing Train and bus networks			

Carbon reduction projects Renewable energy systems Energy saving			
Sustainable building methods			
School/community links Interage projects Integrating cultures			
Learning traditional skills Arts and crafts e.g. plastic/oil memorial			
Involvement in local planning and development Working with Town and County Councillors			

If you have any other initiatives you would like to see developed, or if you would like to comment further on any of the topics listed, please do so below.

Name.....

Address.....

E-mail

Tel no.....

Are you happy for us to contact you about your comments? YES/NO

THANKYOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE