



Transition Bro Gwaun

a community initiative

www.transitionbrogwaun.org.uk

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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SUMMER EVENTS – PLEASE CAN YOU HELP??

Please let us know if you would like to be involved in our display at any of the following events. (Contact Chris on 01348 831021.) We are focussing on carbon footprinting and energy generation and use, and obviously keen to retain the shield for the best overall carnival float!!

LIONS DAY on Saturday 24th July, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on the Parrog car park, behind the Scout Hall

FISHGUARD SHOW on Friday 6th August

FISHGUARD and GOODWICK CARNIVAL on Saturday 28th August

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RENEWABLE ENERGY QUESTIONNAIRE – launched at the Energy Advice Day on 17/06 We are asking people in Pembrokeshire who have installed renewable generation systems in their homes to share their knowledge and experience by completing our questionnaire. This information will be published to encourage others to invest with confidence in the most appropriate technology for their situation. The questionnaire is attached, and also available at www.transitionbrogwaun.org.uk or tel. 01348 831021. Please email if you would like it in Welsh.

We are grateful to the late Steve Craft for starting this project, to Matt Leese at the Eco Centre who will be analyzing the results, and to 'Save and Generate' (www.saveandgenerate.com) for their help.

Please mention this to any one you know who has a renewable energy system, and ask them to complete and return the questionnaire.

We are grateful to the Mayor, Cllr Bob Wheatley, who opened the Energy Advice Day and also chaired the evening's discussion. The Mayor said:

'We are living in an age when responsible people must consider what will happen in the not too distant future, when we have no energy. Steps must be taken to find a sustainable source of power that will be available for the masses, not just for the well off. At the meeting tonight,

ways of achieving that goal were outlined and it was very interesting. Images of the hippies and flower power people in their sandals wanting to change the world has long gone, and serious minds are realising that maybe there was an element of truth in what they were talking about. For me it will not happen in my lifetime, but for my children and their children things will be so different.

It is all down to funding; we can give billions away saving the banks, but cannot devote half that to saving the planet. Although I am sure that this Earth will survive. I am not so sure about the human race. The attitude that people have seems to be that so long as we pay our bills we will get energy. No you won't, when it's gone its gone, and if we have done nothing about energy by the time energy has almost run out, it will be too late for many of our descendents. Energy is vital to food security; remember you cannot eat money! The choice is yours.'

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FE COURSES for this autumn

Transition Bro Gwaun will again be running evening courses at the Community Learning Centre in Fishguard. For more information about the courses below, please contact Chris Samra on 01348 831021 or to enrol contact the Community Learning Centre on 01348 872488

Gardening in a changing world will focus on ideas and techniques to enable gardeners to successfully grow in an age of changing weather patterns, and to become more self reliant in a time of uncertain resources. Beginners welcome.

Running from 4th November – 9th December and 13th January – 3rd February 7 – 9 pm.
Tutor – Julia Riddell

Solar and Wind Technologies is a course for people interested in finding out these and other renewable technologies. No prior knowledge needed, this is an introductory course, covering Why Renewables?, Energy Sources, and the different systems. Technologies covered are small scale solar, wind, biomass, and heat-pump systems.

Starting Thursday 30th September 7 - 9pm for 10 weeks. Tutor - Jane O'Brien

Fishguard Farmers Market – every Saturday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

A welcome to any one who would like to help at the Transition Bro Gwaun stall in the Fishguard Farmers Market! The seed and seedling swap continues – for more info contact Ann Bushell on 01348 811291.

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Credit Union banking

We are looking into the possibility of having a Credit Union bank operating locally, as a branch of either of the existing ones at Cardigan or Milford. If you are interested in volunteering a small amount of time to running (after training) a bank, or know of suitable premises, please let us know! For more information on the Haven Credit Union, go to www.havencreditunion.org.uk

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Transition Network (UK) conference 2010:

Ann Bushell and Chris Samra attended from Transition Bro Gwaun and have produced the attached report.

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Cwm Arian Renewable Energy

Every Saturday morning at Hermon Community Centre - Cwm Arian Renewable Energy in Association with Transition Frenni have organised a speaker and discussion on various transition issues. Those who heard Cris Tomos speak at our Energy Advice Day will have been inspired by what is happening there. See link below for their list of coming events:

<http://www.cwmarian.org.uk/>

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West Wales Eco Centre 30th anniversary events include:

Friday July 16th 7.00 pm, Newport (Pembs) Memorial Hall

Come and hear Wales' leading campaigners, speakers and thinkers on

Sustainable Development and Climate Change.

A panel debate followed by questions from the audience.

Jane Davidson, AM Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Peter Davies, OBE Commissioner for Wales, UK Sustainable Development Commission

Gordon James, Director FoE Cymru

Andy Middleton, Chief Thinker, TYF Group

Chaired by Jake Hollyfield, West Wales ECO Centre

Book your place at

www.ecocentre.org.uk/en/30th-anniversary-event-book-now

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