

transitionarberth

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Welcome to the December edition of the Transition Narberth Newsletter. This edition features news of past and future events throughout the area. There are also relevant articles on climate change and peak oil. Plus, news from around the Transition movement.

If you have any suggestions for future content or comments on the format of the newsletter please email me at communications@transitionarberth.org.uk

The deadline for articles to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter is the 26th of the preceding month.

Many thanks, Mike

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1. Transition Narberth News

Transition in Pembrokeshire.

Four Pembrokeshire based Transition groups met recently to explore practical ways of supporting transition, and other groups in the work of helping to restore resilience and sustainability in Pembrokeshire. The four groups were Narberth, Haverfordwest, Bro Gwaun and Frenni.

The first steps were taken to establish a Pembrokeshire Energy Group(helping local and county wide initiative in renewable energy development), and a Pembrokeshire Pound Project.(local currency feasibility)

Transition Narberth are sad to lose their secretary, Linda Cooke. We would like to thank Linda for all her hard work from the very earliest days of Transition Narberth. Linda is continuing as a member of the wider coordinating group. However, we are very pleased to report that Jenn Carter and Joan Norman are to share the position of secretary. Many thanks to them both.

2. Group News

- **Hearts, Mind & Soul Group**

We are looking at the deeper aspects of this time of transition, and what it means for all of us and our place in this changing world. The groups work is very helpful in applying a sound philosophical base to our work. All welcome , please telephone 01437 563 936

- **Food Group**

The Fruit and Nut Tree Project is starting to enter the practical stage, with planting of trees now beginning. This round of tree planting over the coming winter, is hopefully only the first phase. With much of the hard work already out of the way, and with many lessons learnt, we are optimistic, that fruit and nut tree planting can continue, making Narberth a town with a future of free food for generations to come.

. For details of forthcoming group meetings please email Geraldine@transitionarberth.org.uk

- **Narberth Area Renewable Energy Group.**

This is a new group and it has made a promising start. It has a broad base support, and if you wish to be part of this exciting initiative please contact Chris at chrislawrence@cooptel.net

3. Get Inspired, Get Involved!!!

- **St Peter's Hall, Carmarthen, from 9.30am until 1pm on Thursday 16 December 2010.** In a fast-changing landscape, **Carmarthenshire Energy Agency (CEA)** is organising a consultation workshop to discuss and inform the findings of a timely study they have commissioned on **Planning for Renewables**.

As part of its RDP-funded **Zero Carbon Communities** project (a partnership with **Menter Cwm Gwendraeth**), CEA have commissioned leading planning consultants **CDN Planning**, who have expertise in renewables and an all-Wales presence, to carry out the study.

Who Should Attend?

The workshop will be of interest to community halls, community organisations, local authorities, developers, individuals and any others who are considering installing or developing renewable energy projects.

Christmas Reception and Solar PV Panels Viewing

A **lunchtime reception** will be held after the workshop with Christmas refreshments to mark and learn about the installation of a **new solar PV panel system on St Peter's Hall's roof**, (viewing available) which is one of 13 solar PV installations we are supporting under the Zero Carbon Communities project.

Please confirm by email if you wish to attend the workshop and you will be sent a full programme and map. Email: guowen@sirgar.gov.uk

- **20th January 2011 TENP (The Environmental Network for Pembrokeshire) AGM** will take place at 7pm on the 20th January 2011, in the Gallery Room, Queen's Hall, Narberth.

This will be followed, at 7:30pm by **'Success for a Change'** with guest speaker Andy Middleton and presentations from TENP member projects. To date Transition Bro Gwaun and Narberth Allotments project have agreed to speak. We are also hoping that a marine conservation group will come forward and also the Badger's Trust, tbc..

4. Climate Change

- **30 ways in 30 days**

From creating mass markets for solar water heaters, improving vehicle efficiency, using waste for energy or installing energy-efficient cooking stoves or planting trees and protecting forests, The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) highlights 30 case studies prove that solutions to combat Climate Change are available, accessible and replicable.

Across the globe, in myriad ways, from community-based programmes to large entrepreneurial endeavours, the solutions have much in common. These projects do not represent the status quo, they embody innovation and creativity; they harness benefits for the people they serve as well as help us to take the actions needed to reduce global emissions.

The stories have been arranged according to UNEP's Climate Change priorities, areas of work that support countries in their accelerated and effective response to a warming world and its unpredictable consequences.

For more info go to <http://www.unep.org/unite/30ways>

5. Energy

Swalec are giving out free solar PV systems (info on their website www.swalec.co.uk). They pay for the installations. You save on your electricity bill by using free solar generated electricity instead of importing from the grid - they borrow your roof and keep the premium cash payment from the Feed in Tariff for the solar electricity generated on your roof and used by you. Make sure you use your washing machine when the sun shines!

Sounds like a good option for most householders who don't have the £10,000 to £15,000 finance lying around to buy their own system!

6. Transition News & Stuff

- **How I fell in love with a fish.....**

Chef Dan Barber squares off with a dilemma facing many chefs today: how to keep fish on the menu. With impeccable research and deadpan humour, he chronicles his pursuit of a sustainable fish he could love, and the foodie's honeymoon he's enjoyed since discovering an outrageously delicious fish raised using a revolutionary farming method in Spain. An inspiring account of sustainable, environmentally sound farming.

http://www.ted.com/talks/dan_barber_how_i_fell_in_love_with_a_fish.html

- **Yes, you can make a difference...**

If you haven't heard of The Do lectures, here's your chance to catch up and get inspired.

The idea is a simple one.

That people who Do things, can inspire the rest of us to go and Do things too.

So each year, we invite a set of people down here to come and tell us what they Do.

They can be small Do's or big Do's or just plain amazing extraordinary Do's. But when you listen to their stories, they just light a fire in your belly to go and Do your thing, your passion, the thing that sits in the back your head each day, just waiting, and waiting for you to follow your heart.

To go find your cause to fight for, your company to go start, your invention to invent, your book to write, your mountain to climb.

The one thing the Doers of the world Do, apart from Do amazing things, is to inspire the rest of us to go and Do amazing things.

They are fire-starters.

David Hieatt - *Co-founder of the Do lectures.*

Watch presentations from the presenters at previous lectures through the speakers page at <http://www.dolectures.com>

