

TRANSITION WILMSLOW

April 2013 Newsletter

Our Upcoming Events:

Film Night – The Story of Stuff 3rd April 7.30pm at Wilmslow Library

Cinema Group meeting, email Garry on ggresham@theideas-house.co.uk

Green Drinks, Tues 9th April, 8pm at the **Coach and Four**, next to Sainsburys NB change of venue

Energy Group meeting, Thursday 11th April, 7.45pm at 5 Fieldhead Avenue, Wilmslow

Transport Group Stall & Family Bike ride at the Wilmslow Artisan Market on Sat, 20th April 10-4

Steering Group, Tuesday, 16th April, at 7.30pm upstairs at the Quaker Meeting Hse., 1a Bourne St.

Transport Group Meeting, Wed 24th April, 7.30pm at the Coach & Four, 69-71 Alderley Rd, Wilmslow

Food Group meeting, Wed 24th April, 7.30pm at the Coach & Four, 69-71 Alderley Road, Wilmslow

Gravel Lane Community Garden Planting & Seed/Seedling Swap, Sat 27th April at 2pm

Transition Wilmslow Transport Group at the Artisan Market 20th April

Transition Wilmslow Transport Group will be hosting the Artisan market stall (Grove Avenue) in April from which we will continue to run the 20's Plenty petition, to reduce speed limits to 20 mph and enhance the quality of life for everyone on our roads. Come and bring us your ideas and questions on Sustainable Transport and consider joining our group, new members always welcome!

There will be a family bike ride led by Cycle Wilmslow: registration can be done at any time in the morning at the stall; departure will be at 1:30 pm.

We will be asking passers-by to indicate, with green and red stickers on a map of Wilmslow, where there are "pleasant" streets and paths to walk and cycle and where there are problems. This ties in with the work of the Environment and Planning group who are leading in mapping Wilmslow's Landscape Character and guiding a team of planning students from the University of Manchester in a "green infrastructure" project.

Also, look out for home made cupcakes and sustainable transport themed raffle prizes!



Inaugural planting of the Transition Wilmslow Community Garden at "The temp" Gravel Lane, Wilmslow and Vegetable Seed and Seedling swap, 2 pm Saturday April 27th



Having raised the money and built the raised beds in the Autumn the time has now come to start planting the veg in the community garden. Please come along and take part, share your gardening knowledge as well as surplus seeds and seedlings. New to vegetable growing? Come along and learn!

We welcome contributions of vegetable and herb plants to put in the new beds. Keeping them watered will be a problem so please pot into biodegradable pots that can go straight into the ground and maybe put some water retaining granules in the potting soil. Incredible Edible will be joining us and offer more opportunities for community gardening. On April 7th they are meeting at the library, the focus will be the Bank Square and Waitrose area, on

Tuesday April 9th they are meeting at the library to plant seeds and on the 19th at 1.00pm working with Wilmslow High School students they will be tackling the station forecourt.

Skill sharing Coffee Morning Saturday May 11th ,10 'til 12 at St Chads Church next to the Library in Handforth. In this throwaway society we are losing the skills of past generations to make and mend. Come and join us for coffee and a chance to learn some new skills; knitting, sewing, bike maintenance, replacing tap washers... If you have skills that you could share please let Andrew Backhouse know at www.transitionwilmslow.co.uk, before the day.

Green Infrastructure Plan for Wilmslow

As reported in our last newsletter the Manchester University Students are progressing with their audit of Wilmslow's green spaces and will be ready to submit their report and recommendations on how to capitalise on and develop our green infrastructure in May.



The group are seeking public consultation and community engagement and will welcome your comments. They will be present at the

Transition Wilmslow Stall on the 20th April or take part in their survey which can be found on <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2H9LH23> or contact Jake Crompton on gi.wilmslow@gmail.com

Lime Tree Court Vegetable Garden

Despite horrible weather residents, staff and volunteers got stuck in and had a very successful day building raised vegetable beds and a compost bin in the garden of Lime Tree Court Hostel. They are now all ready to start growing their own food and are planting some fruit trees as well. They have ambitious plans to develop a community garden in front of the hostel so that Colshaw Farm residents will be able to sample home grown veg. as well. We are happy to continue supporting them in this.



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