

TRANSITION WILMSLOW

February 2013 Newsletter

Our Upcoming Events:

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

Landscape Character Assessment Workshop, Sat, 9th Feb, 9.45 to 3pm, Wilmslow Leisure centre meeting room

Green Drinks, Tues 12th Feb, 8pm at the Carters Arms, 22 Chapel Lane, Wilmslow

Energy Group meeting, Wed 13th Feb, 7.30pm at Fieldhead Avenue, Wilmslow

Energy Group Stall at the Wilmslow Artisan Market on Sat, 16th February 10-4

Steering Group AGM, Wed, 20th Feb, at 7.30pm at Pat's house, 17 Curzon Mews, Wilmslow, SK9 5JN

Transport Group Meeting, Wed 27th Feb, 7.30pm Coach & Four, 69-71 Alderley Rd, Wilmslow

Food Group meeting, Wed 27th Feb, 7.30pm at the Coach and Four, 69-71 Alderley Road, Wilmslow

Film Night – The Economics of Happiness 6th March 7.30pm at Wilmslow Library

Landscape Character Assessment Workshop

Following on from the successful strategy workshop in December which reviewed the overall aims and objectives of the landscape project, we are now proposing to get into the detail with some hands on work. At this workshop on 9th February we will draw on the full range of information from the desk study work that Jonathan Porter has assembled in the first stage of the project.

The objective is to produce a draft landscape character map for Wilmslow (including Handforth and Styal) covering both the built up area and the surrounding countryside. This will not only be a valuable template for our work in Transition, but will also help us in responding to the consultation on the Local Plan for Cheshire East.

We are keen to have input from anyone who wishes to contribute, irrespective of whether you have previously been involved, and would particularly like input from a cycling perspective.

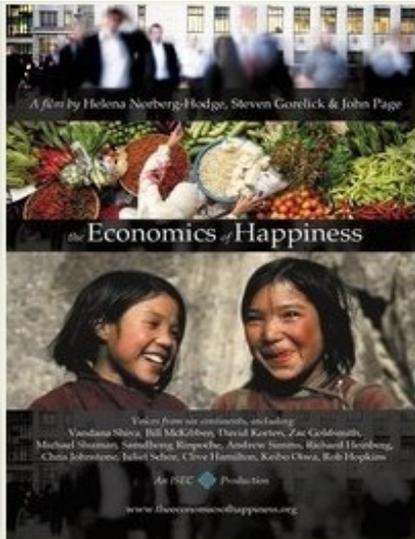
Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and fruit will be available but we would ask if you could bring along a packed lunch as, due to the leisure centre rules, we are not able to provide any food in the meeting room. However you will be able to buy food at leisure centre cafe.

Transition Wilmslow Steering Group AGM

We shall be holding our AGM on Wednesday, 20th February and invite members to come along. At the meeting we will be electing new roles within the steering group, such as chairperson and secretary, and looking for volunteers for other roles. If you would like to get involved and have any skills which you can contribute please come and join us....also if you have any ideas of what you would like to see TW doing please come along and share your views with us. The meeting will be held at 17 Curzon Mews, Wilmslow from 7.30pm.

Open Space Meeting Saturday March 2nd

Come along to our Open Space meeting on Saturday, March 2nd from 9.45am – 1pm with the aim of discussing "How can we make Wilmslow a more sustainable and beautiful place to live?" This is an ideal opportunity to let us know what changes you would like to see in Wilmslow and what our groups should be focusing on to make Wilmslow a more resilient community. The meeting will be held at the Quaker meeting house in Wilmslow.



The Economics of Happiness showing Wed 6th March at Wilmslow Library

The Economics of Happiness features many voices from six continents calling for systemic economic change. The documentary describes a world moving simultaneously in two opposing directions. While government and big business continue to promote globalization and the consolidation of corporate power, people around the world are resisting those policies and working to forge a very different future. Communities are coming together to re-build more human scale, ecological economies based on a new paradigm: an economics of localization.

All are welcome to watch the film, with a short discussion afterwards. Tea and coffee, and biscuits, will be provided!

Transport Group News

The 20's Plenty campaign is still ongoing, though 2013 will hopefully see more and more people getting behind the move to petition the council and allow all road users, but especially our most vulnerable, to enjoy quieter and safer streets in Wilmslow. Go Slow in Wilmslow!

The group, together with Living Streets and Cycle Wilmslow, have also discussed the A6 proposals. We will be sending in our comments in due course, but generally we will be looking for well thought out, uninterrupted cycle lanes and crossings.

The council's current street lighting trials are cause for concern - in some areas they have been switched off (2 on, 2 off) causing uneven illumination, and this is dangerous for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians alike.

Finally, the group hosted a talk on Electric Vehicles: David Hytch of Greater Manchester Public Transport spoke about the new charging hubs that are due to be launched this year. Watch this space!

The Transport group meets every 4th Wednesday of the month, at The Coach & Four, at 7:30pm. The next meeting is on the 23rd January.



Reskilling Opportunites

Interesting in learning an old or a new skill this year? TW will be holding a number of informal workshops in the Spring – if there is a particular skill you would like to learn let us know.

Meanwhile, **Norton Priory Museum and Gardens** at Runcorn are holding a range of Traditional Skills Courses in 2013 including the following:

- Fruit Tree Grafting – Tues 19th/Sun 24th Feb
- Hedge Laying – Sat 9th Feb
- Hurdle making – Sun 24th March
- Bee Keeping – Sun 26th May
- Basket making – Sat & Sun 22/23rd June
- Pottery – 24th/25th Aug

For more information visit their website at www.nortonpriory.org

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