

TRANSITION WILMSLOW

March 2013 Newsletter

Our Upcoming Events:

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

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

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 AGM, Wed, 20th March, at 7.30pm email transitionwilmslow@gmail.com for venue details

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

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

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

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

Community Planting Events

Volunteers from Transition Wilmslow will be helping the residents and staff of Lime Tree Court Hostel in Colshaw to build raised beds in their back garden so that they can start growing their own vegetables. Lime Tree Court also wants to create, with the help of Incredible Edible Wilmslow, a community garden at the front of the hostel so that residents on the Colshaw estate will be able to harvest vegetables later in the year.

The Gravel Lane community garden is coming along nicely with the newly built and manured raised beds awaiting



planting. The Food group will be launching the garden and planting the beds on Saturday, 27th April at 2pm. They will also be having a seed and seedling swap so save all your surplus and bring along. All welcome to come along and get involved. Refreshments will be provided.

Transport Group News

Come and join us for a Family bike ride organised by CycleWilmslow at the April Wilmslow Artisan market on Saturday, 20th April at 1.30pm. The Transport Group will also be hosting a stall at the market so if you have any transport questions, or would like to get involved in the Group, or want information on our Twenty's Plenty campaign please come and see us. If you would like to volunteer to help on the stall please contact Flo on mark_florence@hotmail.com.

Update on Open Space Meeting

I think all who attended would agree that we had a really positive and productive morning with a number of new faces bringing fresh ways of looking at sustainability in Wilmslow. We had a number of groups looking at Green spaces, the Town Centre plans, Transport issues and how to involve children and the wider community in our work. We'll be looking to bring some of the suggested ideas to life over the coming months so watch this space!



The Story of Stuff showing Wed 3rd April at Wilmslow Library

Where do our computers, soda cans, and T-shirts come from? Who and what was involved in their production? How far did they travel to reach us? And where will they go when we throw them away? Annie Leonard, creator of the internet film sensation "The Story of Stuff" takes readers on an epic journey around the world and back in time to understand our consumption-driven economy. Her conclusion is clear: we have too much Stuff, too much of it is toxic and we're not sharing it well.

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

Landscape Character Assessment Update & Response to Cheshire East consultation

A sub group of the Environment and Planning Group submitted a full response to the Cheshire East Development and Policy Document at the end of February suggesting that the North Cheshire Green Belt should be safeguarded, while supporting regeneration of Crewe and proposing that the town be the 21st century New town. The group point out that Crewe is in a particularly favourable location for investment and development as a New Town due to its key role within the west coast spine, which will be reinforced by the HS2 development.



Transition Wilmslow is against the use of Green Belt around Wilmslow and Handforth arguing the functionality of the Green Belt has been reinforced by recent and impending developments to the north of Cheshire East at Manchester Airport and on the former Woodford Aerodrome site in Stockport. To see the full Transition Wilmslow responses to the plan go to our website at www.transitionwilmslow.co.uk.

Planning Students from The University of Manchester are currently working closely with Transition Wilmslow to produce a Green Infrastructure Plan for Wilmslow over the coming months. This would include parks and gardens, amenity and natural green space, green corridors such as rivers, cycling routes and pedestrian paths and other areas, such as allotments, community gardens and church grounds. Given the recent plans for large scale development in and around the Wilmslow area the Green Infrastructure Plan is an opportunity to map the green assets currently available to Wilmslow residents providing opportunity to safe guard these and add to the assets through additional green space, green corridors and other methods of urban greening in the future.

The TW showing of the film "The Economics of Happiness" at the library last Wednesday evening drew a really good crowd covering a wide age range. It demonstrated how consumerism and globalisation has damaged the lives of not only the people of the village of Ladakh in Tibet featured in the film, but also people world-wide. Making all less happy and affecting livelihoods. It was followed by a lively and constructive discussion about how we can turn a three-decade policy of globalization into mobilizing flourishing local economies in order to bring prosperity not only to our own communities, but to every community on earth.

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