



Seasons' Greetings from Transition Wilmslow!

Over the last three years, the Transition Wilmslow group has grown to become a significant voice in the community. Our doing surveys with infrared cameras and offering advice, and our “Top Tips to Save Energy” leaflet based on last year’s surveys has been adopted by the Town Council. Our Food Group has built a community garden and orchard in a local park, with a bench made from a whole tree trunk (carved with different shaped bottoms!) so people can sit and enjoy it. Local food collections are arranged from our friends in Macclesfield, Food4Macc, to enable us to enjoy locally produced food. Family Bike rides have been organised with Cycle Wilmslow from the town’s monthly market, and a petition for “20’s plenty” forwarded to the Council.



Wilmslow is a town with a wonderful environmental heritage (the home of Lindow Man!) which is under threat:

we are working with other local groups to try to restore and preserve Lindow Moss. We have worked with final year students from Manchester University who produced a “Green Infrastructure” plan for the town, including the views of local people on the spaces that matter to them. This emphasized how important small green spaces are and how much people value them. Our environment group has also undertaken a Landscape Character assessment which involved several days of group walks exploring the local area, making drawings and taking photographs: we are planning an exhibition next year. We’ve found public events, including film nights, the best way to find more volunteers, but remain indebted to a small and really devoted group who contribute so much time and energy to Transition. We are learning the “power of just doing stuff” locally, and having fun doing it....and learn so much from hearing about what our fellow Transitioners across the world are up to: what an inspiration! Happy Christmas and a more sustainable 2014 from all of us in Wilmslow!