

Transition Wilmslow



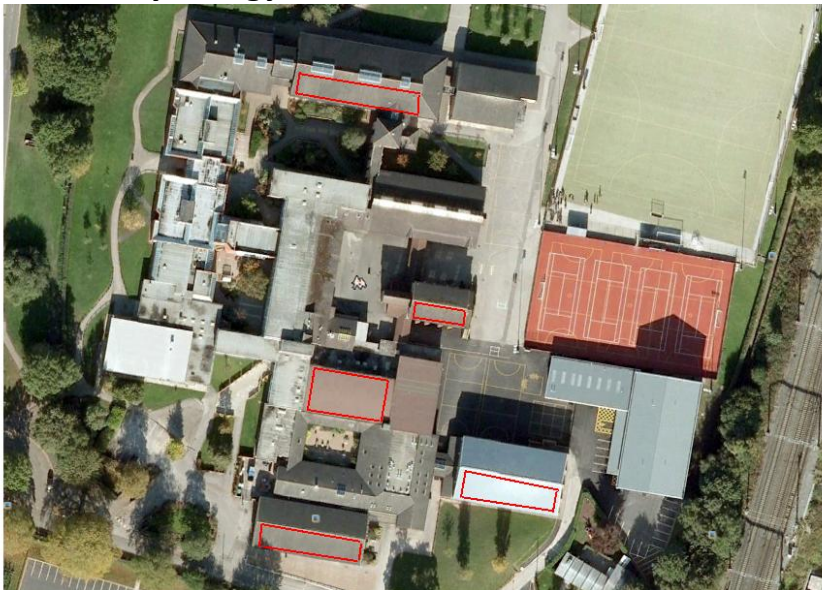
February 2015 Newsletter

Latest News from the steering group – Charity Status!

We have agreed to become a formal charity 'to develop a self-sustaining community that protects and improves the natural environment and encourages the prudent use of resources for the benefit of the people of Wilmslow and surrounding areas.' At last we will be able to apply for some grants and have a recognised status!

We will need to have an annual general meeting (which we do anyway) and provide audited accounts. The people willing to be trustees for now are Anthony and Pippa Jones, Rachel Corrigan, Denise Renshaw, John Handley and we will expect to replace at least one each year as we are all effectively trustees in that we aim to keep the organisation going in the right direction. Meanwhile, attached is a membership form if you want to be a member, and if you want just to be on our mailing list, you will count as a friend without voting responsibility.

Community Energy



Generating electricity from community roofs like the High School would save them money, encourage them to insulate, and generate money for the community and investors. Are you interested? Andrew Backhouse and others are setting up a Community Benefit Society to do this. If you are interested in potentially investing, or helping, email alisonberry@me.com

Food – and Food4MacDirect

Winter is a time for food groups to do more talking and less planting – but the apple trees in the Carrs were vandalised, and the garden at The Temp always needs a bit of TLC. For reducing your food miles see www.food4macdirect.co.uk

Film night ahead

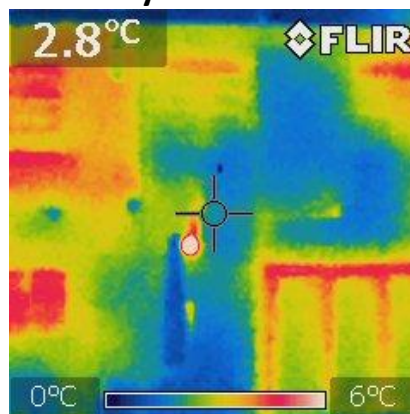
The United Reformed Church will host another film night for us on the 31st March and it's a great way to get involved in Transition without too much effort!

Artisan Market

Stalls at the Artisan Market do help us engage with interested people on things like sustainability and energy. Come along on the 21st March to help us power up light bulbs with our mobile bike generator – and show that LEDs are most efficient! Better than a gym....

Energy group – grant from council and offers of surveys...

Is this your house? The left hand side is solid wall, with no insulation externally or internally, the windows are leaking heat through the frames. If you want your house surveyed, or want to help surveying houses, Wilmslow Town Council has kindly given us money to pay for training and access to cameras. Contact Ali Berry as soon as you can – 07887 425387. Chris Daniel surveyed one house recently and was able to spot the biggest problem was the heating controls and could save them 50% of their bill! What can you save, and help the planet in the process?



Lindow Moss

The planning application to build houses on the peat processing site and restore the rest of the peat workings is in. John Handley has drafted a response for us.

Twelve Monthly Challenges:

Are you willing to join in our step- by- step challenges: the ‘Rubbish Diet’, ‘Wasting Water?’, ‘Do good with your money!’ and more. Catch up with them at www.transitionwilmslow.co.uk/12-monthly-challenges

Forthcoming Events:

Tues 10 Feb 8pm: Green Drinks at Old Dancer, Grove St – and every 2nd Tues of the month.

Sat 14 Feb: Love Wilmslow, Love our Planet at Wilmslow Guild. Hosted by Churches Together and Transition Wilmslow: a fantastic day of talks, lunch, and skills share for all ages. In the morning hear Paul Allen, an author of Zero Carbon Britain, talk about what Wilmslow could do; in the afternoon, learn to fix punctures, dripping taps, and make interesting things like biscuits, planters, seedling pots

Mon 16 Feb: Energy Group

Wed 18 Feb 7.30pm: AGM, Wed 18 Mar Steering Group both at Friends Meeting House, Bourne St.

Wed 25 Feb 8pm: Food Group at Coach & Four – and every 4th Wed of the month

Sat 21 Mar: Artisan Market with a Transition Wilmslow stall featuring the Energy Group

Sat 28 Mar: Earth Hour 8.30pm-9.30pm Earth Hour: Lights-off event to demonstrate our commitment to caring for the planet

Tues 31 Mar: Film Night – at URC 7.30pm ‘A Dangerous Game’. Golf Courses versus Environment?

Find out more about events at www.transitionwilmslow.co.uk/diary

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