

# Transition Town High Wycombe

....from Oil Dependence to Local Resilience...

TTHW Newsletter - Issue 4 - 1st February 2009



Dear Friend,

Welcome to our February 2009 Newsletter keeping you up to date with the latest and greatest from Transition Town High Wycombe. Please send us your news for inclusion here to [mark-brown@transition-wycombe.org.uk](mailto:mark-brown@transition-wycombe.org.uk).

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## Government Talks Up Transition



The newly appointed Minister for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Milliband, gave a talk on Monday 24th November to the Environment Agency conference in London. In it he pointed to the essential role that Transition Towns are playing. He said "We need people not just to come with us, but to push us for more. We need popular pressure - pressure on me, on local councillors, on our public services and businesses." He went on to say that "Movements come from individual experiences which raise consciousness of the issues and are translated into bigger demands. So local campaigns and action whether it's the Transition Town movement or pioneering local authorities - are absolutely essential. Not just because they are important in themselves but because they can help create a movement for change."

## Transition Allotment Exhibition

The TTHW Allotment Group invite you to the opening of their new exhibition at the Environment Centre on Saturday February 7th at 11am. Please join us to celebrate the opening of this exciting project creating a new allotment using sustainable organic methods and providing an opportunity for the local community to share and develop their gardening skills. The exhibition will follow the progress of the gardeners over the coming months and act as a forum and resource for aspiring vegetable growers in the transition to local food sustainability. As a tie in to this there is a planned "Talk about Vegetable Gardening" at the Environment Centre, hopefully with the help of a local Gardening Expert. Please let us know if you would like to attend this. This is expected in February onwards.



## Sustainable Communities Act to be adopted here



Several Team Members have been busy letter writing to various Councillors during the Christmas break. We have been pushing the new Sustainable Communities Act 2007. This is designed to support the devolvement of powers from Central Government to local authorities so as to enable greater localisation. Its only flaw was that it was optional. We have now been assured by Lesley Clarke, Head of the Wycombe District Council, that there is every intent to 'opt in' here. However they are seeking appropriate projects....

## Permaculture on the Beeb

Make sure you are watching BBC2 this Friday 20th February for "A Farm for the Future" (repeated Sunday 22nd). Part of the 'Natural World' series this part covers Peak Oil and Permaculture. It includes contributions from Patrick Whitefield, Dr Colin Campbell, Richard Heinberg and the Transition Conference.



## Not Stupid



Another date for the diary. Our sources are pretty sure that Sunday March 15th marks the first showing of "The Age of Stupid" at the Cinema in Maidenhead. The Environment Centre and Transition Town High Wycombe are hoping to send a whole coach load of people down there to pack the house. Don't miss out. Contact us to join the party!

## Energy Efficiency Training

So many dates! Here's another one: Wednesday March 11th at 7pm at the Environment Centre. This is when we plan to have our Energy Saving Training with Wycombe District Council. Pencil it in your diary. We have had a lot of interest in this from all over. However, just pencil it in for now as WDC has been slow confirming it with us....



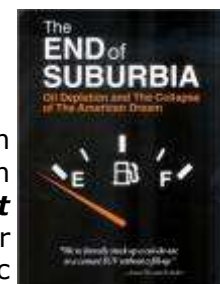
## The Transition Presidency



Aaaah... Barack Obama. Last year he was quoted as saying "...what we must do now, for the sake of our economy, our security, and the future of our planet, we must end the age of oil in our time... If anyone tries to tell you otherwise, they are either fooling themselves, or they're trying to fool you." Do we have the World's first Transition President?

## Date of Next TTHW Public Meeting & Movie Show

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th February at 7.15 to 9.15pm at the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead. All our meetings are open to the public. Further meetings are planned for 18th March 2009 and 8th April 2009. Thanks to everyone who came to our showing of "The Great Warming" last January 28th. We had a good showing with lots of fun discussion afterwards. Our next movie is on Wednesday 25th February. We are showing "The End of Suburbia" - a fantastic movie that is credited with starting the entire Transition Movement.



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