

Transition Town High Wycombe

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

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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our April 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.

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Hands Up for the "The Age of Stupid"



Thanks to everyone who made the world-record-breaking People's Premiere of "The Age of Stupid" such a special event. We managed to sell-out the Odeon in Maidenhead even if a few couldn't make it on the day. The Sunday evening (15th March) was preceded by a live Satellite link-up to the Green Carpet in Leicester Square where we could watch the celebrities arrive. After the movie there were further link ups to the after-show bash where the "Not Stupid" Campaign (www.notstupid.org - supported by the Transition Network!) was launched and poor Ed Milliband got a grilling. Then we listened to Cindy and Dave's after-show chat before heading home. The movie itself was an eye-opener — unusually deserving every bit of hype as it really was better than expected. A masterpiece! Don't take our word for it — see it for yourself.... If the cinemas will show it. So please contact your local cinema and complain if they are not.

Microgeneration Technology Showcase

Another round of thanks to all who visited the Technology Showcase on Saturday the 21st March. A dedicated team of High Wycombe's Transitioners, from the Energy Group, manned our stall for the day. We spent the day chatting to all the vendors as well as the Energy Saving Trust representatives. Event Officials sadly outnumbered the public for most of the day but we still managed to talk to a fair few of the people of High Wycombe. We also chatted to the Bucks Free Press who gave us good coverage — but sadly only after the event. Even if we say so our selves we were pleased with how our display looked. Julian's 'Solar-Powered Bicycle' certainly attracted the crowds, many of whom stopped to chat through the various other Eco-devices on display.



Energy Efficiency Training



A third round of thanks to Lesley and Derek from Wycombe District Council who supplied the Energy Efficiency and Microgeneration Training Session at the Environment Centre on the evening of Wednesday the 11th March. We had a good turn out and everyone enjoyed the session. It was clear that much of what was learnt was already self-evident to many of the team members (who study such matters out of interest). However this did not distract from the value of the evening as we got a chance to talk informally about our own shared experiences. It was also another very good opportunity for the WDC and TTHW to meet and exchange ideas for the future relationship.

BFP Blog Starts

Wednesday 4th March saw our new Blog being launched on the Bucks Free Press web site.

Allotment Closes

On Wednesday the 14th March the Bassetsbury Lane Allotments were closed indefinitely due to alleged contamination. This has temporarily put paid to intentions of developing the site for educational purposes as a Community Allotment. However the Food Group have plenty of other ideas — and they also have other Allotments! We will be hearing a lot from this group soon enough.

Library Exhibit

Come and join us at the High Wycombe Library this coming weekend the **4th and 5th April**. We'll have a small attended stand on the 1st floor (NOT the Mezzanine!). The Library opens 9.30am to 5.30pm on Saturday plus 11am to 5pm on the Sunday. Maybe we'll challenge the Library to start stocking more books on Peak Oil & Climate Change?

Fossil Fools Day



Yes its April the 1st! The traditional **April Fool's Day** has been transformed in recent years to become "Fossil Fools" day. Although I don't think any of the local Transitioners have anything planned it just may be that this global event makes the evening news? Expect a good-humoured day of action against such things as Aviation and the Oil extraction industries. Let this foolishness end! See www.fossilfoolsday.org for details. What will YOU do?

Date of Next TTHW Public Meeting & Movie Show

This month's public meeting will be on **Wednesday April 15th**, 7.15pm to 9.15pm. The FREE Film Show is on **Wednesday the April 29th** at 7.30pm to 9.30pm (doors at 7pm). Both events are held at the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead. This month's movie is "**Money as Debt**" and it is a High Wycombe Film Premiere! We like this 47 minute animation so much we bought the rights to show it and ten copies of the DVD to sell. Check out the YouTube promo we have posted to our web site then, if you like it, please buy your copy at a big saving. All proceeds to TTHW — keeping those Movies FREE!



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