



TRANSITION LLAMBLED NEWSLETTER

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"UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU CARES A WHOLE AWFUL LOT, NOTHING IS GOING TO GET BETTER. IT'S NOT."

— DR. SEUSS, FROM THE LORAX

THIS QUARTER'S ACTION

If you do nothing else this quarter do one of these.....

- Sign up to the One Hundred Months organisation www.onehundredmonths.org to find out why we only have 92 months left to save the world!

- Join the Transition Town network www.transitiontowns.org for news and inspiration from other Transition Towns.

- Become a member of Transition Llambled and find out what you can do to make a difference.



Eco-glazing

What is Transition Llambled?

In April 2008, Transition Llambled officially became part of the worldwide network of (to date) 152 Transition Towns

www.transitiontowns.org

The Transition initiative starts when a collection of individuals within a community come together with a shared concern:

how can our community respond to the challenges, and opportunities, of Peak Oil and Climate Change?

Climate change predictions vary but none of them look good for the future. Most now agree that human behavior is accelerating the process,

therefore, it follows that ***we have it in our power to change this.***

Peak oil is when oil production is equal to the demand for oil. The result will be a dramatic price increase and dwindling supplies of oil, gas, petrol and other fossil fuels. Many believe that if we haven't already reached a situation of peak oil that it is imminent. It is not in our power to change this - oil is a finite resource - but ***we can take action to cope.***

This is where Transition Llambled comes in. We are a community group that

exists to support Lampeter and the surrounding area in developing resilience to oil shortages and becoming a more sustainable place to live.

With a committed core of volunteers and growing support Transition Llambled has already started to explore opportunities to achieve this aim. Ideas like hydroelectricity for the town, local food cooperatives and indoor market venues are among the many that are already being explored and developed.

See Pg.2 for details of how to become a member.

Victoria Hall progress

On April 2nd, members of Transition Llambled met with a representative of Ceredigion County Council to discuss the feasibility of taking over the management of the Victoria Hall. We wish to provide a venue for a local produce and goods market and a far ranging community facility for Lampeter and the surrounding areas. This is to be done under the umbrella and ideals of Transition and hopefully it will become a flagship project for the movement. The meeting was ex-

tremely positive and it is entirely feasible that the project will proceed. Obviously this is a huge undertaking for us and we will need and welcome the support of everyone wishing to see it a success. It has become apparent that amongst our membership we have a wealth of talents and skills that could assist in the various aspects of the project. We already have a committed group focusing on the potential uses of the Hall but we would welcome anyone with time and en-



Victoria Hall

ergy to commit to the idea in whatever capacity you may have to offer. If you wish to have further information about the plans and ideas to date or wish to join the group please contact me, Gary Thorogood by email: royaloak.cellan@yahoo.co.uk or contact the office (*see back page*).

"I'D PUT MY MONEY ON THE SUN AND SOLAR ENERGY. WHAT A SOURCE OF POWER! I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL OIL AND COAL RUN OUT BEFORE WE TACKLE THAT."

— **THOMAS EDISON,**
1931

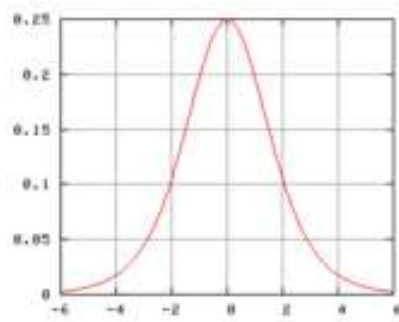


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Penllanw Olew

Mae'r cysyniad tu cefn i Benllanw Olew yn un digon syml. Mae synnwyr cyffredin yn dweud wrthom ei bod yn amhosib i'r cyflenwad olew rhad fod yn ddibendraw. Petaech yn creu darlun o'r cyflenwad o olew mewn rhanbarth yn erbyn amser buasech yn cael linell s'yn debyg i'r un yn diagram un, sef cromlin Hubbert. Datblygwyd y damcaniaeth yma yn 1956, ac fe'i defnyddwyd i ddarogan yn gywir y byddai Penllanw Olew yr Unol Dalaethau yn cael ei gyrraedd yn y flwyddyn 1970.

Diagram 1: Cromlin Hubbert



Ochr arall y geiniog yw'r galw am olew. Mae'r cynnydd mewn galw a defnydd o olew wedi tyfu'n gyson, ac wrth i economi'r byd ddod allan o'r dirwasgiad presennol fe gynyddith eto. Rhyw ben bydd y galw am olew yn uwch na'r cyflenwad, a'r effaith, wrth gwrs, bydd cynnydd ym mhreis olew a phopeth sy'n ddibynnol arno. Cawsom flas o hyn flwyddyn yn ôl, pan gyrrhaeddodd pris tanwydd car £1.25 y liter. Bydd pris olew uchel yn cael effaith andwyol ar ein bywyd. Mae'n amlwg ein bod yn ddibynnol ar olew i deithio mewn ceir, gwresogi'n tai a choginio. Maie'n llai amlwg mai

olew rhad sydd tu cefn i'r bywyd rhad rydym hefyd yn ddibynnol arno. Mae'r cynnydd mewn cynnyrch y cnydau sydd tu cefn i'n bywyd pob dydd yn

ddibynnol ar wrtaith wedi

ei wneud o olew a pheiriannau sy'n rhedeg ar olew. Mae'n sustem ddsbarthu wedyn yn ddibynnol ar olew er mwyn cludo'r bwyd i'n siopau rydym yn gyrru iddynt.

Mae penllanw'r cromlin yn gysylltiedig â faint o olew sy'n cael ei ddarganfod. Hynny yw, drwy edrych ar faint o olew sy'n cael ei ddarganfod, mae'n bosib darogan faint o olew fydd yn cael ei gynhyrchu am flynyddoedd i'r dyfodol. Yn anffodus, mae'r cyfanswm o olew sy'n cael ei ddarganfod wedi cwmpo'n gyson ers 1964. Y gwir yw, does neb yn gwybod pryd fydd Penllanw Olew, ond mae'n bosib ein bod ar gyrraedd brig y cromlin ers 2006, a nawr yn croesi'r Penllanw ac ar fin dechrau lawr yr ochr draw. Mae eraill yn dweud 2013, neu flwyddyn neu ddwy ymhellach. Ta beth yw'r gwir, os nad ydym wedi cyrraedd, mae'n go agos.

Your Chance to Join Transition Llambled

Transition Llambled has over 300 supporters on our database. If you are one or if you agree with what we are trying to achieve then why not become a member? It costs nothing to join and

members will be kept informed of everything we're up to, will have the chance to get involved, and they get to vote at meetings including the approaching Annual General Meeting.

Membership forms will be available at the AGM. So get involved and help make a difference.

Forms will be available from other places soon too — we will let you know.

Events / Courses / Meetings

28 April, 7pm Transition Llambled AGM, Film & Discussion Night, *Victoria Hall* The AGM will include an opportunity to vote for the Chair and will briefly precede the film *The Power of Community*. This film looks at how Cuba dealt with oil and food shortages by reverting to traditional and organic food growing methods. There will be an open discussion after the film.



5 May, 7pm TL Environment Group meeting, *Black Lion, Lampeter*. To discuss the Victoria Hall proposals.

Fancy a night out at the cinema but find it too far or too expensive? Well, in keeping with the Transition ideal of localisation, Cellan Millenium Hall will be screening various mainstream films (see below). Cost is a suggested donation of £2. And don't forget to look out for Transition Llambled screenings too.

8 May Film: Australia, Cellan Millenium Hall

20 May, 7.30pm TL Energy Group meeting, *Black Lion, Lampeter*

Dotted throughout this issue are various cartoons. They are some of the entries to the Earthworks 2008 global cartoon competition on the theme

of global warming and our threatened environment.

For more go to:

www.kenspraguefund.org/competition

22 May Film: The Duchess, Cellan Millenium Hall

28 May Transition Town Network meeting, *Hay-on-Wye*

1pm Transition Town panel discussion featuring Rob Hopkins, Andrew Simms, Caroline Lucas and Rosie Boycott

2.30-5pm TT network meeting

7.30pm Discussion between George Monbiot and Mark Lynas about the Age of Stupid followed by a showing of the film.

30 May (Sat) 6pm Film: *Age of Stupid, Lampeter University* Oscar-winning Pete Postlethwaite stars as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, looking at old footage from 2008 and asking: why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance? Presented by Transition Llambled in collaboration with the University's Documentary Society. More information to follow.

5 June Film: Slumdog Millionaire, Cellan Millenium Hall

16 June Tim Strang of Lime Firms is offering 2 courses, *Llanerchaeron (National Trust property), near Aberaeron*:

16 June The use of lime in both the heritage sector and from an ecological perspective - including lime concrete, modified one-coat lime renders and the use of hemp & lime plasters.

Date tbc Traditional and ecological paints and finishes.

They will both cost £65 + VAT, which includes lunch. The courses will be practically based and numbers will be limited to 10 participants - who will be expected to get their (gloved) hands a bit dirty!

For more information and to book phone 01974 821624

19 June Film: The Boy in Striped Pyjamas, Cellan Millenium Hall

1 August Italian Transition Group

Visit A group of about 25 Italians will be visiting Lampeter because they have heard how strong the Transition movement is here and want to get inspiration for ideas to kick-start their own town. The plans for the day are not finalised but will begin with a presentation showing how Transition Llambled got started. Then they would like to see some ongoing projects, such as Victoria Hall. There will be a shared lunch, then a Q&A session, so the more people who can come and join lunch and the discussion the better. Any suggestions or offers of help would be welcomed - contact Steph: steph@theknobblycarrot.co.uk

There may be further events, courses and meetings coming up that we don't yet know about so keep an eye on the forum and website and look out for posters around town or become a member to receive updates.

Are you an aspiring cartoonist? Perhaps you'd like to send us some material for the next newsletter...? See back page for details of where to send material.



Where have all the flowers gone?

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HERE TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE



We will keep you informed of our progress via different media including this quarterly newsletter, posters, flyers, an information folder in the library, our website and forum and local press including The Lamp.

We have listed various ways you can contact us, on the left of this page.

Please send newsletter contributions by post or email to sarah@transition-llambed.org.uk

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Preparing for Energy Descent

Many of you will be aware but, in case you haven't heard, Transition Llambed, in partnership with Menter Llambed and Ymlaen Ceredigion, successfully bid for funding under Axes 3 & 4 of the Welsh Rural Development Plan to develop the project: Preparing for Energy Descent in Lampeter (PEDL). It will work towards drafting an Energy Descent Action Plan (EDAP) for the Lampeter area based on the model outlined in the Transition Handbook.

The funding runs until Feb 2011 and two mem-

bers of staff have been taken on to help coordinate the project. They are Dr Sarah Watson-Jones and Mr Dafydd Owen. Both have worked in the rural, agricultural or environmental sector for some years and welcome the opportunity to be involved in such an exciting and important initiative. They would like to emphasise that they are not in charge of developing an EDAP but are there to help coordinate the efforts of Transition Llambed and the local community towards developing their own

strategies to cope with future oil shortages and climate change.

There is still a need to engage the wider community but first we need to know how people feel about issues such as climate change and peak oil. So, we have designed and are trialing a questionnaire to gauge people's understanding of these issues.

We will be calling for volunteers who may be able to spare time to come into the office to input data from the questionnaires and we will need about 10 people (preferably bilingual) who

would be prepared to take the questionnaire to 70 randomly-selected households for completion. If you think you could help please contact Sarah or Dafydd.

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