

Transition Forest of Dean!

Event Write Up Newent Memorial Hall 3rd October 2007

The second Newent meeting was again well attended, this time for a viewing of Rob Hopkins' presentation to the International Forum on Globalisation. For those who missed it here are links for viewing in 2 parts.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B0zQ1pJAaY>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhyIl_YBQz0

We tried our first Open Space facilitation based around areas of interest that were raised by the audience. We formed into workshop groups around our areas of interest. Key points, ideas and feedback resulting from those sessions is presented below:

1 FOOD

Schools Project aimed at awareness raising and Planting.

Community Supported Agriculture - Research

Forest Food Directory

The following individuals contributed to the discussion, some agreeing to take actions forward re school visits to a local variety nursery/grower. Others aimed to feed back info on CSA.

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2 CONSUME LESS

Be Aware of Wants Versus Needs

Information on Efficiency/Waste

Check out the Really Use Less Group www.climatespace.org

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3 BITTER PILL SWEETENING

Transport – Car Sharing, Mini Bus – More Communication needed – Stay late, leave early

Make an Advert – You Tube, FOD Radio – 30 seconds on reasons and how to do it. (Jon & Tom will take this on).

Cup ½ FULL not ½ Empty

Produce – Buy, Use locally – Health, taste

Boil - Microwave – Relearn Old Habits

Green Thumb

Travelling Abroad – once a year maybe?

Advertise positive benefits – Quieter roads, cleaner air, friendly milkman, quality environment.

Psychological adjustment of being in a community - neighbourliness

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Jon Ingham

4 CARBON FOOTPRINT

Put carbon footprint calculator in TFOD Newsletter and on TFOD Website and encourage people to fill it in. Send results by post or email to Michael Dunwell who will analyse the results over time and publish through Sue in TFOD Newsletter.

Are we better than average? If not, why not?
Repeat the process in a year's time.

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5 SOLAR/ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Set up cooperative buying group with local installer (present at meeting).

NB: Andrew & Sue Clarke are buying a wood fired boiler direct from the manufacturer in Czech - at huge (60%)discount compared to UK prices. A number of others have expressed serious interest also and we are looking at the possibility of collecting a lorry load. Here is the manufacturer with details of the range.
www.atmos.cz If you are interested in one from the range also please get in touch ASAP.

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6 CLIMATE CHANGE SUPPERS

Suppers using “Climate Talk” game. Invite dinner guests, play the game, get them to hold a similar event – pyramid way of spreading awareness.

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7 COMMUNICATION

Who are the Target Groups eg Schools, Local Businesses, Farmers

What are the methods to target them

What are the available resources

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There were several ideas mentioned – some already being put into practice. Also an acknowledgement that current resources will not stretch to respond to all suggestions and more support is needed.