

Newsletter April 2011

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Transition Town Bridport - a project working to bring together the people of Bridport to plan a life beyond dependence on oil, to reduce the carbon footprint of the town and to make it resilient to change.

You haven't missed a March newsletter – although we will try for regular monthly newsletters, occasionally they will be sporadic – we can't always meet deadlines!

Latest News

TTB's Eco Club receive grant from West Dorset Youth Bank

Luke Wayland, one of our young Transitioners and a member of Colfox's Eco Club, applied for a grant from the Dorset Youth Bank. A cheque for £50 has just been received, which will go towards growing medium and seeds. Well done Luke!

We're on Facebook

Bruce Douglas has created a Group page for us on Facebook, so those of you who want to keep in touch that way, can now do so. Just look us up (Transition Town Bridport – *of course!*), go and have a look, join the group and get involved. We are really hoping some young people will join the project to help us all shape their future.

News from the Sub-groups

Awareness & Education

We have several events in the pipeline – see our What's On section, for which we are busy pulling everything together. As a separate project a survey is being prepared to assess what skills we have lurking within our membership. We saw a comment on Transition Town Worthing's website – *"Transition Town Worthing is NOT a spectator sport. It is about getting 'hands on' with projects to help your local community work better."* We want to know what you are good at, and how we can get you 'hands-on' too.

Energy-saving



The energy monitor project is still going well, and there is another exciting project which we are hoping will come to fruition before too long – more news soon.

Our TTB team working with Colfox's Eco Club are hoping to instigate an energy audit at the school – with the school's permission of course!

Food



Promoting local food and getting involved in festivals

The Food group have been looking at a Local Food Resource which would provide a list of affordable, local food and drink producers and processors to provide information for Bridport people. In the course of gathering businesses we came across a website called Free Range Review www.freerangereview.com; by typing in your postcode this website will come up with a range of food/drink businesses (no further than 35 miles) which covered all our criteria. The best bit of the website is that you can make your own reviews of your favourite places. It could be an even better resource if they came up with 'food miles' statistics too. We have become involved with two Food and Drink Festivals, coming up soon. This is a good opportunity to outreach for foody people to get engaged with TTB. The Spring Tide Festival www.spring-tide.org.uk is giving us a complimentary stand to promote our work. This is on **Saturday 21 May 2011** at Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock.

Bridport Food Festival www.bridportfoodfestival.org.uk will involve TTB three times:

- **12 June** – joint event with Movie Mums, involving a film, picnic and special fun events. Look out for more details to follow
- **18 June** – stall at the festival in Askers Meadows
- **19 June** - Community Picnic Lunch in the Community Orchard

Book these dates in your diary!

Young Transitioners



Exciting things in store! Firstly the Eco Club is holding a **"Food of Love" stall in front of Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday 23rd April, from 10am – 2pm.** (Food of Love is because 23rd is Shakespeare's birthday.) They will be giving away vegetable plants for you to lovingly nurture until they are ready to eat. Any donations of more vegetable plants would be very gratefully received for the stall. Hope you will be there to support!

In addition, the Eco Club has taken over the large greenhouse at Colfox, which had been out of use for some time and seed sowing is continuing. It is very much hoped that they will eventually be able to grow vegetables which can be used in the new 6th Form catering area.

Hedging 'whips' obtained from The Woodland Trust not wanted by Colfox have now been donated to The Community Orchard.

Two members of TTB, who run the Eco Club, met with a senior member of staff at Colfox to see if there could be improvements in support and coordination of our work there. Further meetings will be held with two more members of TTB in the light of this to plan for the Summer Term.

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Zero waste



Some are better at keeping their waste to a minimum than others – we all need an extra push sometimes. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or need any help in reducing your waste, do get in touch - you could use our Facebook page.

What's On

Check the website too, as more events may be added



TTB's Food Group

Beach and Barnicott (upstairs room) - South St, Bridport

Friday 1st April at 3.00pm

See above for our current activities. All welcome, see you there.



TTB's Green Drinks

The Tiger Inn, Barrack Street

Thursday 21st April from 8pm. This event is every 3rd Thursday in the month. Come and join our chat on 'green' issues.



TTB's Young Transitioners

Outside Bridport Arts Centre

Saturday, 23rd April, 10am – 2pm

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May Day Earth Fair

(not a TTB event)

Broadoak Field, Bridport

Sunday 1 May, 12-4pm

Storytelling, Maypole Dancing, Bike workshop, Music and singing, Art installations, Massage & Yoga, Horse rides, Street theatre, Skill sharing, Swap stalls.

Bring clothes, books, DVDs, CDs, plants and seeds to swap on our stalls. Make a cake for the cake stall. Bring friends and family.

Food for sale, everything else is FREE.

Lifts available from Bridport - ring 01308 898788

Directions and more info: earthfairb@gmail.com

GETTING INVOLVED

IF YOU HAVE EMAIL AND USE COMPUTERS

All anyone has to do is to get in contact with admin@transitiontownbridport.co.uk and you will be added to the Interested People list and/or put in touch with the group or activity you would like to join. If you are receiving this, you are already on it.

You can [download a membership form](#) and sign up as a registered/voting member.

IF YOU DON'T USE COMPUTERS

AT LAST we have a scheme to include our non computer users. We now have a signup sheet available from the upstairs desk in **Bridport Library**. Details will be collected regularly and paper newsletters will be either hand-delivered or posted. Comments and suggestions (constructive, please!) can be left at the library too, in the folder.

SUB-GROUPS (ACTIVITY GROUPS)

Just contact us and you will be put in touch with the group or activity you would like to join, or just get yourself to a meeting – check **What's On** here, or on the website.

OUTSIDE GROUPS

People have been asking how outside groups (of which Bridport has many) can get involved with TTB now that our Steering Group's structure is different.

If anyone belonging to an outside/associated group wishes to collaborate with TTB on any project, or has ideas for a new project, please let us know and you will be welcomed to the next Steering Group meeting. Please contact admin@transitiontownbridport.co.uk

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