



# Transition Times

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### Clear Vision.

Looking at our members we have realised that many people join with an existing interest.. Some are keen on grow-your-own vegetables, others are turned on by power generation, some by passing on skills to rising generations, some by composting, cycling or recycling,

The steering group had been concentrating on awareness raising events or films in preparation for a "Great Unleashing" event and

formation of sub-groups.

However things are moving forward apace.

The Heart and Soul group has been effective at looking at personal change and inner transition.

The Weymouth Energy Action Group looks set to fill a the niche for low carbon home enthusiasts.

Active groups are seen to be the way ahead.



To help this grassroots evolution there have been a series of meetings looking at vision and mission. These have clarified our goals and methods.

This being to move towards a positive happier society with more local resilience. The full text will shortly be on the website along with a revamped front screen to direct folk to sub-groups more readily.

We are moving forward with renewed momentum in 2010.

### Food for Free !

**Join Claire and Andrea on a Wild food Foraging Foray.**



Location and more details to be arranged, so watch this space! We will meet at 10.30am to spend the morning foraging for goodies, learning together and nibbling.

We'd recommend you bring sandwiches for an optional picnic afterwards, weather permitting. Kids and dogs welcome.

17 Apr 2010 - 10:30 am

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
March 8th	7:15 pm	Heart and Soul Group	Preston	855524
March 13th	9am-5pm	Dorset Gathering	Dorford Centre. Dorchester	213721
April 17th	10:30am	Food Foraging	Weymouth	Website.
April 24th	11am-3pm	Food Celebration	Ocean Room Pavilion Complex	772152
May 18th/25th	evening	Film	Old Town Hall, Chapelhay	772152
June 1st	evening	Film	Films to be confirmed	772152

## TT Events.

Food Celebration—Ocean room 24th April. We have two confirmed speakers at this conference. The aim has been to find inspiring examples from Dorset where local people have taken on a piece of land and are then using it productively together.

The Incline Community Orchard and Garden on Portland has made an excellent start recently with the planting of heritage apple trees, a honey bee colony, willows and wildflowers. Nearby the Chiswell Community Trust are growing potatoes, garlic, onions, beans and flowers.

In Shaftesbury there is a project called Shaftesbury Home Grown. They have a nominal rent on a 4.5 acre field and have already sown onions, garlic and broad beans. Now fencing for a few sheep.

They based their scheme on a similar scheme [www.futurefarms.co.uk](http://www.futurefarms.co.uk) in Martin, Hants.

Why couldn't we do the same here in Weymouth? The land in Markham / Little Francis, Tumble-down Farm or Lorton Valley outside the reserve would seem ideal plots. Lets get together all those in the borough looking for allotments and work together to find a way ahead. Jon Orrell.

### **Heart and Soul—Nurturing the Vision of Transition**

The group meet monthly, 7.15-9.00pm and is open to all. If you would like to find out more please contact Andrea on 07983093717 or, if you would like to come to a meeting, contact Sue on 013058535524.

The purpose in meeting includes:-

Having fun, celebration, viewing inevitable change as positive opportunity.

Offering support to each other and to the wider group.

Creating a respectful, safe space where hopes, fears, thoughts and feelings can be expressed.

Where our own belief systems, attitudes and prejudices can be explored.

Using silence as a tool for deeper connection.

### **Noticeboard—Other people's events and campaigns:**

Dorset Reduction and Recycling Group. Campaign event on food packaging. How to use fewer resources and save the environment. March 16th Lower Bond Street, Weymouth. Monday, March 22nd at Asda, Weymouth.

Friday 12 March, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at St. Aldhelm's Church, Spa Road - off Dorchester Road, Weymouth. Chaired by Dorchester Town Crier Alistair Chisholm. Hear from South Dorset parliamentary candidates: Berny Parkes from Dorset Respect, Ros Kayes Liberal Democrats, Brian Heatley, Green Party and Richard Denton-White, the Citizens' Action Party. Other main parties invited.

<http://www.fairvotesfordorset.org.uk/> Link to a voting reform campaigning group.

<http://www.nope.org.uk/index.html> Link to the palm oil campaigning group

[http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get\\_involved/campaign/climate\\_change/](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/climate_change/) Link to Oxfam climate change site.

[http://www.christianaid.org.uk/whatwedo/issues/climate\\_change.aspx](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/whatwedo/issues/climate_change.aspx) Link to climate change campaign.