

# Transition Wirral: The Answer

## The Transition Town Project

All over Britain and around the world, groups are forming to look for answers at the level of the local community, where each person can help to plan for the end of cheap oil and climate change.

These communities have become known as **Transition Groups** - indicating a transition away from fossil fuel energy.  
[www.transitiontowns.org](http://www.transitiontowns.org)

Transition groups such as Totnes's in Devon have started projects to look at home energy efficiency, the sharing of skills and ideas, grow-your-own and other local sources of food.



## An improved quality of life

- life using less energy will happen and it is better to plan for it in advance
- there are many possible benefits: less congestion and pollution, healthier food and stronger communities
- by sharing ideas and skills, neighbours can build a better way of living that is more connected, more enriching and that cares for each other and the planet

## What is happening locally?

- films, public talks, community music events, cycling workshops, bike rides, skill sharing, solar panel demonstrations
- new community allotments and planting of a mini community orchard
- annual Travelling Light lantern parade
- Honouring Our Elders project
- Local Food Fair
- contributing to Wirral and regional planning

## What is your passion?

Local food? Walking and transport?  
Creativity, well-being and spirituality?  
Energy? Skill sharing?

## Get involved

- join one of our groups or form a new one
- share ideas & skills
- tell your friends
- visit the website
- join the email list
- help change our lifestyle



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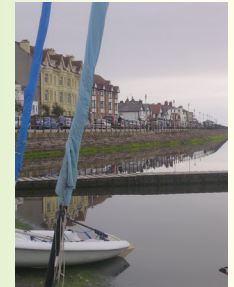
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**For a more resilient and vibrant community**

Transition Wirral



**Building  
a better life  
for us and  
our children**



# Why Transition Wirral is needed

## Our current lifestyle depends on oil

For the last few decades, we have been plundering the earth's resources with hardly a thought of what we will do when they run out.

- petrol and other fuels, fertilizers, plastics, fabrics etc are all made from oil



- food production and transport depend on oil. During the fuel blockade of 2000, supermarket shelves emptied in a few days



- many jobs are disappearing as oil becomes more expensive

## Our climate is changing

The earth's temperature is rising

We are seeing more storms, floods and droughts.



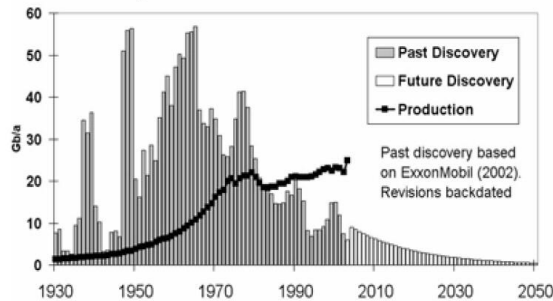
This is affecting farming and the price of food.

## Governments are not acting

Cheap oil is running out but for many governments it seems to be 'business as usual'

It is no longer just about saving the planet, but about saving ourselves

THE GROWING GAP  
Oil Discovery and Production



## Oil supplies are dwindling

### North Sea oil is running out

World oil production will peak within the next few years. It may have peaked already. Oil extraction is becoming more difficult, more expensive, and more risky. Oil producing countries are using more and exporting less.

## Other sources of energy are not enough

- gas and coal supplies are also limited
- nuclear power has many risks, and is expensive
- biofuels are made from food crops
- wind, solar and tidal power will provide some energy, but not enough
- hydrogen is not an answer, it needs energy to make it