

Transition Chepstow - March Newsletter

As the weather warms and as we all emerge from the big freeze, Transition Chepstow is returning with its first Spring events.

We hope you can join us soon to continue making Chepstow a greener and more sustainable place to live!

Visit www.transitionchepstow.org.uk or join our Facebook site to learn more.

News and Forthcoming Events

'Grow Your Own!' Stall

Saturday 10th April @ 09:00 - 13:00: - Farmers Market - Cormeilles Square, (next to Town Arch), Chepstow

Come and visit the GYO stall to learn more about how you can save money on your food bill and cut your carbon footprint by growing food locally.

For more information contact Marcus via food@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Transition Drinks

Friday 7th May @ 20:00 - 22:30: Coach & Horses Pub, Welsh Street, Chepstow NP16 5LN

An informal get together! Meet others involved in Transition projects over a drink or two. New faces very welcome.

For more information contact info@transitionchepstow.org.uk

'Give it Away - Take it Away'

Sunday 16th May @ 10:00 - 16:00: Severn Bridge Social Club car park, opposite the shops in Bulwark.

The format will be the same as last year's with everyone invited to bring along unwanted possessions and/or take away items they have a use for. Last September everything from books to bunny houses changed hands and we hope this Spring's event will be even bigger! Anything left over at the end will be given to a reuse charity such as Homemakers Community Recycling or Tools for Self-Reliance. As well as "givers" and "takers", we are looking for people to help marshal the event for an hour or two.

For more details contact Janet via recycling@transitionchepstow.org.uk or 01291 625977

A New Group is Forming! – 'Wildlife In Transition'

This new group aims to encourage more local people to care for the environment through helping wildlife. We want local people to enjoy and protect the wildlife on our doorsteps, not just in nature reserves. We're planning on holding a family friendly **"Picnic with Wildlife"** during the Chepstow Festival this year, on Saturday 10 July. At this event we'll be encouraging people to make their gardens more wildlife friendly and to chat to people about ideas for long term projects, such as a nature trail for Chepstow.

If you would like to get involved in setting up the new group and/or help out with organising the picnic please contact Rosemary Parkhouse via wildlifeintransition@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Chepstow Shared Gardens

Do you have an unused corner of your garden that you would be happy to share with a grower?

Do you long to be able to grow fresh and delicious vegetables, but have no garden or allotment?

What could you get out of this?

- A share of the produce
- The pleasure of seeing a lovely developing vegetable plot
- Being part of a sharing initiative
- A sense of community
- New connections—even friends!

Chepstow Shared Gardens matches and introduces committed, enthusiastic and respectful growers with local garden owners who want to see their gardens being used more productively.

To find out more, please call **Marian Lewis or Roy Garner on 01291 623559**

New Steering Group

Following the very successful March AGM, we are proud to unveil the 2010-2011 Steering Group members as . . .

Coordinator	Tim Melville	info@transitionchepstow.org.uk
Secretary	Steve Rawlings	secretary@transitionchepstow.org.uk
Treasurer	Glyn Parkhouse	ldp@transitionchepstow.org.uk
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Hilary Beach

Peter Evans (Working Group Co-ordinator, Health & Consciousness)

Jennifer Goslin

Chris Hallas

Tim Melville (Working Group Co-ordinator, Energy)

Glyn Parkhouse (Working Group Co-ordinator, Local Development Planning)

Rosemary Parkhouse (Working Group Co-ordinator, Wildlife In Transition)

Nik Peregrine (Working Group Co-ordinator, Transport)

Marcus Perrin (Working Group Co-ordinator, Food)

Janet Rawlings (Working Group Co-ordinator, Re-use & Recycling)

Transition Chepstow: Project Group Meetings

Transport Group

Monday 15th March @ 20:00hrs – Coach & Horses Pub, Welsh Street, Chepstow

For all those interested in Sustainable Transport in 2010, there will be a meeting at the Coach and Horses to discuss transport matters on Monday 15th March, at 8pm.

The main subject will be the start of the **Walking/Cycling map** for Chepstow and Vicinity. Anyone interested is welcome - your assistance with ideas is very welcome.

We will need to discuss: Presentation\ Routes\Liaison with other organisations\ Publicity\ Distribution\ Schools\Cycling Club\Any other subjects we have forgotten.

For further information contact Nik or Jen via transport@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Food Group

Monday 15th March @ 19:30 - 21:30 - Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow NP16 5EP

Current projects include fruit tree planting in Chepstow, helping to organise the 2010 Chepstow Apple Day and finding new allotments in the town.

If you have any other tasty ideas that could help build sustainable and local food supplies for Chepstow, please feel free to join us.

For more details contact Marcus via food@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Health & Consciousness

Thursday 18th March @ 19:30 - 21:30 - Coach & Horses Pub, Welsh Street, Chepstow NP16 5LN

Come along and join in a discussion on recent ideas including those of Lipton and discuss the thoughts of Teilhard de Chardin, Sheldrake and Laszlo.

For more information contact Margaret and Peter via sustainablehealth@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Re-use & Recycling Group

Tuesday 23rd March @ 19:30 - 21:30 - Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow

Planning has begun for our second *Give It Away/Take It Away* reuse event. It will be held from 10am til 4pm on Sunday 16th May in the Severn Bridge Social Club car park, opposite the shops in Bulwark. The format will be the same as last year's with everyone invited to bring along unwanted possessions and/or take away items they have a use for. Last September everything from books to bunny houses changed hands and we hope this Spring's event will be even bigger. Anything left over at the end will be given to a reuse charity such as Homemakers Community Recycling or Tools for Self-Reliance. As well as "givers" and "takers", we are looking for people to help marshal the event for an hour or two. Please have a look at our page on the TC website for more details - <http://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk/InitiativeDetails.aspx?id=4>

The R&R group wants to take forward their Plastic Bag Free Chepstow initiative as part of a wider approach to commerce and industry in Chepstow looking at waste (unwanted resources) and ways to reuse or recycle it locally. The aim is to broaden the approach to include energy and other business costs (plastic bags being one, of course). The idea is currently being developed with the Energy group as a joint project which will probably kick off with a survey/audit of local businesses.

For more information or to get involved please contact Janet Rawlings on 01291 625977 or at recycling@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Steering Group Meeting

Monday 12th April @ 19:30 - 21:30 - Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow NP16 5EP

Help shape the way forward for Transition Chepstow in 2010, including our events for the Chepstow Festival.

If you can join us, please let us know via info@transitionchepstow.org.uk