

Transition Chepstow

February 2011 Newsletter

We hope you've thawed out after 2010's freezing farewell!

With the days lengthening, Transition Chepstow is building an exciting programme for 2011. Please take a look through our first newsletter of the year to learn more about these events and other events that local, likeminded groups are creating.

Transition Chepstow Events

Woodland Clean Up

Sunday, February 20th, 10.30 am
Warrenslade, Chepstow

Help give Warrenslade Woods a facelift by taking part in this community litter pick. Meet at the roundabout between Bluebell Drive and Denbigh Drive, Thornwell. Sturdy footwear required. Litter picking equipment provided by Keep Wales Tidy.

Tidenham Landshare Project Launch

Sunday, March 13, 10.00 am
Tidenham Landshare Site

Interested in having space to grow fruit and veg? This launch event will be an introduction to the Tidenham Landshare Project and an opportunity to meet the landowner and Transition Chepstow members who are starting the project.

Growers will be required to sign a 'growing agreement' with the land owner, Lyndon Edwards. To express an interest in having a plot, please contact Marcus via **food@transitionchepstow.org.uk** or 07944 468052.

Film Showing 'spOILt' - and AGM

Monday, March 14th, 7.30 pm
Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow NP16 5EP

Join us for a free film showing of 'spOILt', a film sponsored by the Co-op and produced by a group of young film-makers in Wales. This is a hard-hitting film about the Canadian tar sands and our dependence on oil.

Preceded by our brief AGM and followed by drinks in the bar.

For more information contact Tim via **info@transitionchepstow.org.uk**.

Happiness: Human Right, Responsibility or Response? Group Discussion.

Thursday, March 17th, 7.30 pm
Coach & Horses, Welsh Street, Chepstow

All are invited to an open discussion. Organised by Transition Chepstow Health & Consciousness Group. For more details contact Peter via **sustainablehealth@transitionchepstow.org.uk**

Give It Away – Take It Away!

Sunday, 22nd May, 10am-4pm

Severn Bridge Social Club, Bulwark, Chepstow

Bring along unwanted, yet still useful, items to The Severn Bridge Social Club Car Park in Bulwark and take away any items you can make use of! For more information about the event, call Janet on 01291 625977.

Other events

'Fair Do's' - Fairtrade Clothes Sale

Thursday, 3rd March, 6 - 9 pm

Chepstow Methodist's Church Hall

A wide range of fairtrade textiles and clothes, both men's and women's fashions – available to try on and purchase. Supplied by Fair Do's of Cardiff (www.fairdos.com)

Grand Plant Sale & Bazaar - Gwent Wildlife Trust, Chepstow Local Group

Saturday, May 21st, 10.00 am

Palmer Community Centre, Cormeilles Square, Chepstow (nr Town Arch)

Contact: GWT, Chepstow Local Group, 01291 689326

Cost: £1.50 members, £2 non-members. Offers of help and plants to Hilary Lee on 01291 689326. Tea and coffee available.

Earth Hour – WWF

Saturday, 26th March

What makes one billion people around the world stop what they're doing and switch off their lights for an hour? All on the same night?

It could only be WWF's Earth Hour. In just five years, Earth Hour has become established as an annual global spectacle.

For more information visit; www.earthhour.wwf.org.uk

Transition Chepstow Meetings

Energy Group Meeting

Monday, February 21st, 7.30 pm

Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow, NP16 5EP

Help develop energy saving and renewable energy projects in Chepstow and the surrounding area. New faces welcome! For more details contact Tim via

energy@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Wildlife in Transition Group Meeting

Thursday, March 3rd, 7.30 pm

Private venue - please contact Rosemary on 01291 621914 for details

Launched for the Chepstow Festival in summer 2010, the Wildlife in Transition Group has been formed 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.

Food Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th, 7.30 pm

Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow, NP16 5EP

Interested in helping create more local and sustainable food supplies for Chepstow? Current projects include local fruit tree planting, a 'Grow Your Own' campaign and developing a Landshare Scheme.

If you have any other tasty ideas, please feel free to join us. Drinks in the bar after the meeting. For more details contact Marcus via 07944 468052 or

food@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Reuse & Recycling Group Meeting

March 24th, 7.30 pm

Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow

Meeting to plan our Give it Away / Take it Away reuse event in May along with other proposed projects. There's WormTech compost, CA site facilities, Plastic Bag Free Chepstow and our links with the new Litter Picking Group to discuss. Everyone welcome!

Steering Group Meeting - Transition Chepstow

Tuesday April 5th, 7.30 pm

Regency Room, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow, NP16 5EP

Interested in shaping the direction of Transition Chepstow projects and activities? New faces welcome! For more details email **info@transitionchepstow.org.uk**

And finally...

More trains for Chepstow!

Transition Chepstow has been a keen supporter of the 'Better Trains for Chepstow' campaign and we were delighted to learn of their recent success. More details here; <http://www.bettertrains4chepstow.co.uk/news.html>

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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