



# TRANSITION BELPER

We are a group of local people who, as part of a growing international 'Transition' network, are exploring how we can increase our communities 'resilience' to the twin challenges of peak oil and climate change. Our activities are all aimed at making the market town of Belper a more sustainable place for us to live, work and play, and at the same time reducing our impact on the planet and our Carbon Footprint.

Transition Belper is made up of people from all ages and backgrounds. It is not a political group, or a campaigning group. What brings the group together is a shared desire for action for the benefit of our local community and our planet. So instead of worrying about the future of the planet, join in!

## The Twin Challenges

**Peak oil** (and gas) is the point when the maximum rate of worldwide oil extraction is reached, after which the rate of extraction declines until there is none left. Some people believe we are **already at that point** or very near to it. The recent sharp increases in petrol prices are indicators of this change. The challenge for people in the future will be adapting with reduced availability and much more expensive oil; this will impact all elements of our lives, and it presents communities with the opportunity to work together to find solutions.

One strategy for a more resilient Belper is a more self sufficient and sustainable community, with locally produced food, local energy generation and a 'waste not – want not' or 'make do and mend' attitude.

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### Contact Details for Receiving Information about Events, Activities, Projects and Meetings

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Interests : \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the information supplied will not be passed on to any other organisation.

I am\*/am not\* happy to be contacted by phone\*/email\*. (\*Delete as appropriate)

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**Climate Change** is now talked about daily and we need to take action. Whether it is the promotion of local renewable energy generation (like the hydro power at the East Mill), helping energy efficiency efforts at home or supporting projects that will reduce the impact of car emissions – as a community we can make a difference.

### **Making a Difference**

**All are welcome** to our monthly get-togethers at the **Belper Strutt Centre** (former Strutt School on the A6 - opposite Babington Hospital) on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30pm**. Our meetings are a mixture of learning more about Peak Oil and Climate Change, learning new skills from each other (wherever possible in a fun way !) and socialising. With newly formed and activity groups working in areas such as **Energy, Events, Arts and Crafts, Laying the Foundations** (communicating the Transition activities) and **Land Use** you can come and join in whatever takes your interest or even help set up a new group. We just ask for a small donation to cover room hire and drinks.

**We are also** keen to talk to and work with other local community and official groups, to improve Belper's understanding of the Peak Oil and Climate Change challenges, to jointly develop our Local Resilience (self sufficiency) and to reduce Belper's Carbon Footprint.

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### **Mission Statement**

Belper Transition town is a group of local people whose purpose is to respond to the twin challenges of Peak Oil and Climate Change by developing resilience at a community level.

Our object is to facilitate the creation of an Energy Descent Action Plan, and we will achieve this by:

- **Increasing awareness and understanding**
- **Promoting change at a community and personal level**
- **Capacity building**
- **Resilience**
- **Facilitating visioning**

This will be done in the context of community inclusiveness and ownership