

About Transition Diss

We are a group of local people meeting together to think about and plan community initiatives in response to the challenges of peak oil and climate change and the credit crunch.

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See our page on the Transition East website:
<http://transitioneast.net/groups/transition-diss>

Other sources of information and other towns involved in the Transition Network:

Transition:

www.transitioneast.net
www.transitiontowns.org
www.transitionculture.org
www.transitionnorwich.org
www.transitioncambridge.org
www.transitionely.org

Peak oil/climate change

www.powerswitch.co.uk
www.theoil drum.com
www.energybulletin.net

Some books:

The Transition Handbook - Rob Hopkins
The Transition Timeline - Shaun Chamberlin
eGaia, Growing a peaceful, sustainable Earth through communications - Gary Alexander
Peak Everything/Power Down/The Party s Over - Richard Heinberg
Half Gone - Jeremy Leggett
The Last Oil Shock - David Staham



**Building a
Resilient
Community**

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**Learning together how we can
live with the challenges of
climate change, peak oil and the
credit crunch.**

Transition Diss is part of a national and international movement seeking to find local, community-led responses to the twin problems of Peak Oil and Climate Change.

The Transition Movement is developing a whole new set of ideas and ways of doing things as communities. It links together towns and villages all over the country to share ideas and skills. The emphasis is on local solutions to build resilience in these challenging times.

Why Transition initiatives are necessary

Climate Change and Peak Oil are the two toughest challenges facing us at the start of this 21st century, and the credit crunch is making us re-think the way we live.

Most of us are aware of **climate change**. The increased warming of the Earth's atmosphere from emissions of greenhouse gases is already changing the weather and may make large areas uninhabitable. We can, and soon will have to, reduce our use of fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) that produce the carbon dioxide emissions – the main contributor to global warming.

Peak oil is the term used to describe the point at which the amount of oil produced worldwide reaches its maximum and then

starts to get less... and less.

Oil reserves aren't infinite, reserves identified through exploration are decreasing each year. Oil is getting more costly to extract. It will become more expensive – affecting all areas of our lives unless all of us adapt.

There is a lot of work happening in the political arena to reach new international agreements about carbon emissions.

In the UK, we are considering the risks and benefits of nuclear and coal power stations. We are also investing in off-shore wind farms that will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. There are already large numbers of wind turbines in the East Anglian countryside.

The Credit Crunch has left politicians floundering in unknown territory, with uncertain results.

Where does that leave us?

We can't leave it all to politicians, corporations, scientists and diplomats.

And there is lots we can do – using our local skills and knowledge – to help each other to prepare for life when reducing our carbon emissions becomes a necessity and we no longer have access to cheap oil.

What can we do in Diss?

- Learn about and raise awareness of Peak Oil and Climate Change.
- Reduce our use of energy-greedy forms of transportation – cut out non-essential journeys, car share, use more trains, more cycling.
- Boost our local economy by supporting local producers and suppliers of essential goods and services – shop locally, support the town market and small shops.
- Identify and promote local renewable energy generation projects and schemes that will result in more efficient and/or reduced energy use – reduce our own energy consumption – share tips with neighbours.
- Learn how to grow more of our own food. Share gardens. Buy locally produced food.
- Promote green and ethical providers of public services – electricity, phone and internet banking, insurance, local currencies, local credit unions.
- Share ideas, skills and learning; network with like minded groups. Get together for social events to share food, music, ideas and FUN.
- Consume less and share more.