

Transition Cambridge Annual Report

October 2012 to October 2013



Our Mission

To raise awareness about the implications of climate change and rising energy prices in Cambridge, and to encourage everyone to get involved in activities which reduce our carbon emissions and make Cambridge more resilient to energy supply challenges. We focus on practical ways that we can work together as a community rather than individually, because we can achieve more that way - and it's more fun too.

Our Vision

We hold a vision of a future Cambridge that has successfully faced the twin challenges of climate change and peak oil, and has come through them to create a prosperous vibrant city, no longer dependent on fossil fuels and with a strong network of communities supporting each other and providing for each other's needs.

Our Values

We aspire to be positive, inspiring, creative, visionary, practical, active, engaging, local, sustainable, solution-focused, people-centred, inclusive and passionate in all that we do.

Constitution

Transition Cambridge is run entirely by volunteers, and is as informal as possible. Our [constitution](#) is on our website. Each group is autonomous, sending representatives to the hub co-ordination meetings once a month. Our officers are:

Chairperson: Anna McIvor; **Treasurer:** Martin Roach; **Secretary:** Nicola Terry

Our address

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Our web-site: <http://www.transitioncambridge.org>

What we do

Transition Cambridge is a local voluntary group that aims to raise awareness about the challenges of climate change and energy supply challenges, and to promote practical actions that increase our resilience as a community and reduce our carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels. We started in 2008, and we currently have approximately 80 active volunteers but many more people take part by attending our talks, workshops, and film nights, going on our trips and training courses, using our website resources and meeting up with us at stalls.

We send out a weekly e-newsletter to 2,050 people that is full of local news and events relating to sustainable living. The newsletter is derived from the content on our website which is constantly updated. We aim to create a new culture of low energy living where we value local resources and where people feel part of a supportive community. We try to engage with all parts of the community, and we continue to grow as more people get involved and more projects get going. We aim to inspire people to live more future-friendly lifestyles and to have fun along the way!

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Chairperson's Report

This year, Transition Cambridge has continued to flourish. At our Annual General Meeting, we invited representatives from the various Transition groups to tell us what they had been up to over the past year, and it was amazing to hear how much everyone has been doing! We have tried to condense those presentations into this report, and we hope that reading this report inspires you as it did us.

Highlights of the year have included our Summer Festival to celebrate five years of Transition Cambridge, the Cropshare Harvest Party, the Energy Group's forums on wood stoves and wall insulation, Seedy Sunday (seed swap), and the People and Permaculture workshop with Looby Macnamara, amongst many other wonderful events and stalls.

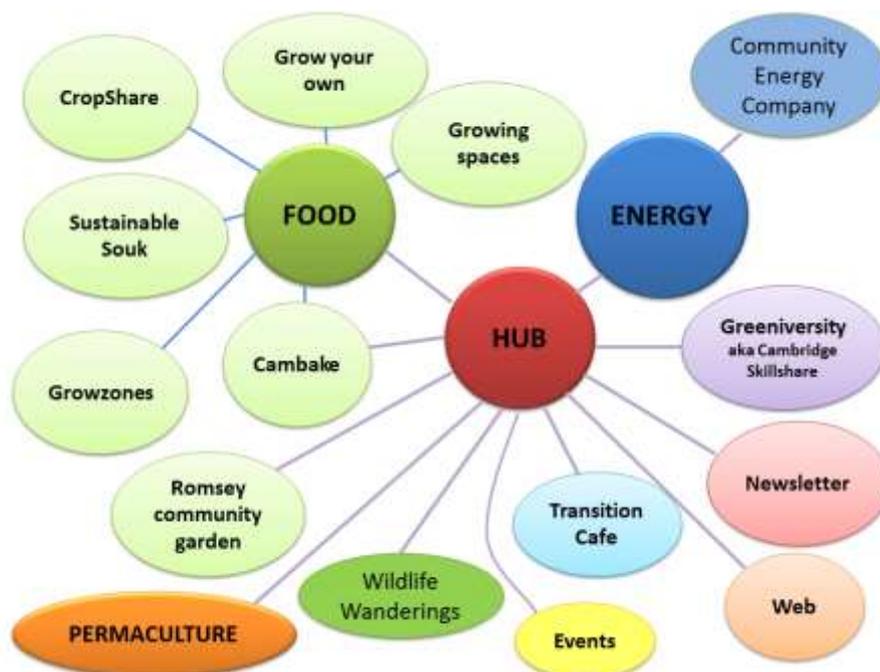
Skill-sharing has been a major focus this year with the new Greeniversity project, which inspired the skillsfest at our Summer Festival. This year has also seen the start of Wildlife Wanderings, a chance to go out and appreciate nature. And a new Communications and Media group is forming, which aims to encourage and support local writers interested in writing about Transition topics.

The Energy Group have made a start on setting up a community energy company, and CamBake are setting themselves up as a community interest company. We hope these enterprises will prosper, and that other enterprises will follow, eventually resulting in some local Transition livelihoods.

So it has been a good year for Transition Cambridge, and this is thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of the many people who volunteer their time and energy to making the many projects and activities happen. A huge thank you to everyone involved!

Anna McIvor
Chairperson

Transition Cambridge's current groups and projects



Transition Cambridge Activities

Café

Transition Café is an open space for exploration of Transition themes, and a chance for newcomers to find out more about what we do. It takes place on alternate Thursday evenings, 7.30 to 9.00 at CB1 café in Mill Road. Everyone is welcome to come along. The format is usually a talk, film or activity, followed by time for discussion and debate.

This year we've continued to delve into and explore sustainability and Transition issues widely. We've had a range of lovely guest speakers – mostly experts from the local area, speaking about their area of expertise. This year, speakers have included:

- Vyvyan and Gay Veal, who made a film “Building with Nature” about their permaculture smallholding in Brazil.
- Vince Lea did a talk on local woodlands, where he works – this was so inspiring that nine people decided to volunteer their time in the woods.
- Julie-Ann Roszkowski spoke about Forest Schools - the possibilities for children learning in a forest setting.
- Jade Cawthray spoke about ‘Communicating Sustainability’, a theme which provoked a lot of debate. Should we ban the word ‘green’?
- We also hosted an evening with Emma Cross about recycling and the recycling champions scheme.



Sometimes the café provides a showcase for Transition projects, such as Cropshare (working at Willow Farm in exchange for vegetables) and Growing Spaces (planting up small patches of land in Cambridge with fruit and herbs). We like to get hands-on with craft evenings too – this year we did one on ‘Plabric’, which is making things from multilayered plastic bags which you iron together (quite carefully). And sometimes we revisit classic popular topics such as saving energy at home, and getting started with growing salads.

One theme during the year was the continuing search for alternative economic models, given the economic difficulties which persist. We showed the film ‘97% owned’ (about local currencies), as well as inviting CamLETs to hold a café evening on the Local Exchange and Trading System. We also held an evening on savings and investment in uncertain times, which was so popular that the group held a follow-up evening.

We round off each year in December in traditional fashion with a winter party where people can have some social time with friends, music and, of course, cakes and mince-pies!

We're always open to new ideas – so if you have an idea for a café evening, get in touch. You can find details of café evenings on the Transition Cambridge website.

CamBake

2012/2013 has been a year of progress and consolidation for CamBake. Currently we are, in effect, operating as a network of bakers - advocating the case for “Real Bread”. A number of our members have domestic scale bakeries approved by Trading Standards: Peter trading as Loaf for Life Bakery; Meg baking for a few neighbours; Alison trading as Bread on a Bike.

We have regularly supported the Fulbourn Community Market and are building a strong reputation there. Some volunteers have baked on a “not for sale” basis – offering samples of true artisan bread.

After several iterations we now have a robust business plan. After much consideration and professional advice CamBake will be structured as a Community Interest Company.



With the high cost of city rents finding suitable premises is a major challenge. We are hopeful that a site within 3 miles of the city centre will prove suitable. Plans to modify an existing building have been developed and the new Transition Cambridge small grants scheme provided the funding to help pay for professional fees.

We have a blog at www.cambake.co.uk/blog - thanks to Lindsey for setting that up.

The CamBake Holding Group continues to meet and is planning to take the project forward as resources permit.

Communication and media

This year we have been distributing the new Transition Network newspaper, the Transition Free Press. A donation allowed us to put in a group subscription for the newspapers, so that we are able to give them away for free at stalls and events. We have also made them available through Arjuna, Urban Larder, Daily Bread, and the Sunday organic vegetable stall. We share our subscription with Walden in Transition, who distribute them in Saffron Walden.

A new Communications and Media group is in formation, with the aim of supporting local writers to write about Transition activities and topics, and to help them get these published in local or national media or as an on-line blog.



Cropshare

Cambridge CropShare is a small-scale community-supported agriculture (CSA) scheme in Cambridge, run as a partnership between Transition Cambridge and Paul and Doreen Robinson at Waterland Organics. It experiments with ‘crop-sharing,’ which we define as an exchange of use of land for access to labour, creating opportunities for farm- community collaboration. Throughout the growing season, local Cambridge farm Waterland Organics invites volunteers from the Cambridge area to help plant, weed and harvest the crops. In exchange, we get the chance to learn about farming, to spend a day in the countryside, and to take home some seasonal veggies that we have helped to grow. The days are fun, with a chance to chat, meet new people, and enjoy a delicious bring-and-share lunch.



In 2013 there have been approximately 15 farm days so far, and activities have ranged from sowing squashes and cabbages into seed trays, planting them out on the tractor-pulled planter (as well as broad beans, spring onions and leeks), re-homing strawberries, scything, feeding baby lambs, and lots of weeding and hoeing, both by hand and on the lay-down weeder.

2013 also marked the start of the farm's HenShare scheme (where participants help finance buying chickens in return for regular egg deliveries). CropShare volunteers helped move the chicken shed, fix up the fencing around them, and set up the wind turbine which powers the electric fences (the turbine was originally built during a Transition Cambridge course).

A highlight of the year was the CropShare Harvest Party on 10th August including a farm tour, a feast including lots of home-made treats as well as locally sourced cakes and beer, plus games and workshops. We also had a Ceilidh thanks to the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band, and then we finished with music around the fire.

Also this year a band of young film-makers made a lovely film about CropShare as part of their course with the Cambridge Film Consortium. You can watch it on our brand new CropShare blog, where you can follow all our CropShare antics, see pictures and even get the recipes for some of the tasty lunch-time treats! Blog: <http://cambridge.cropshare.org.uk>.



Energy Group

This year the energy group held two public forums – the first on Wood Burning Stoves and the second on Insulating Solid Walls. This was the second time we discussed wood stoves, back by popular demand, and there was just as much interest as before. Many people in the Cambridge area are choosing wood as a renewable fuel for supplementary heating, reducing the need for gas and reducing carbon emissions. The solid wall insulation event was also popular and touched on the new government subsidies available through the Green Deal and Energy Companies Obligation. We are keen to raise awareness of the Green Deal options for financing energy efficient retrofit and we have on-going consultations with Cambridge City Council on how we can help deliver the regional 'Action on Energy' project.



Our advice pages on the Transition website are also popular. Six of these pages are in the top 20 most popular web pages over the year: Heating, Wood Stoves, Solar Electricity Panels, Heat pumps, Insulating Solid Walls and Insulating Floors. The last two are new this year as we added advice on insulation, managing draughts and ventilation, and the Green Deal.



We enjoy engaging residents at our stalls in Cambridge (two in collaboration with a Cambridge University Student group called Switch and one on our own at the Big Weekend on Parker's Piece) and in the surrounding villages.

We are also occasionally invited to give talks: this year Brian Cox gave a talk to Fulbourn Forum for Community Action and Nicola Terry gave workshops in Cambridge, Trumpington and Stapleford on reducing energy at home and in community buildings.

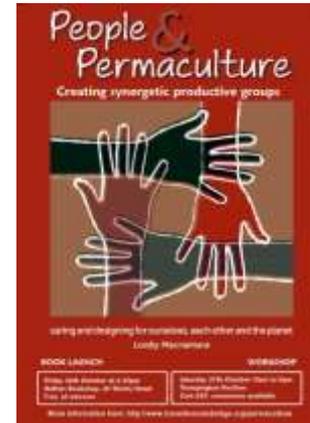
Finally and most excitingly, we have a team working on starting a community energy company. This will raise finance from the local community to install solar panels on buildings such as schools. This project is still in the early stages: it started in July after we hosted a workshop for community energy projects presented by Eithne George of Sharenergy. There were other groups at the workshop including several representatives from Transition Letchworth. We keep in touch and help each other with our related projects.



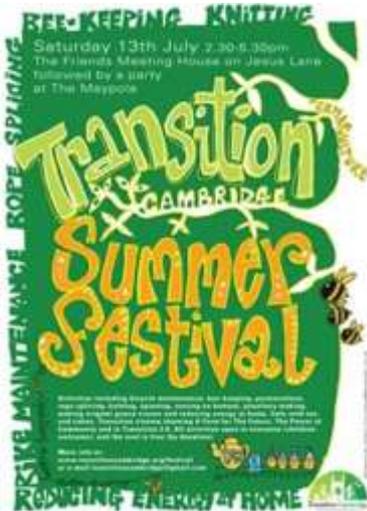
Events

We have organised several events and stalls this year as part of different events.

In October, we organised a book launch for Looby Macnamara's new book "People and Permaculture", followed by a day workshop with Looby, focusing on how groups can work productively together. Twenty people attended the course, which was very helpful, and we have since acquired the Groupworks cards using during the course for use at future Transition workshops.



In May we organised a showing of the "Do the Math" film from 350.org, which was co-ordinated with showings of this film around the world. This film "does that maths" of climate change, showing how we urgently need to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions.



In July we celebrated Transition Cambridge's fifth birthday with our first Summer Festival, including a skillsfest, children's activities, and a pop-up café and cinema. It was a very hot summer's day, and lots of people came along to learn about bee-keeping, knitting, spinning, jewellery making, permaculture, saving energy, growing vegetables, bike maintenance and rope splicing. This was followed by a party in the evening at a local pub with our very own DJ, Liam Stewart.

We have been out and about with our stalls at the regular big public Cambridge events: Mill Road Winter Fair, the Big Weekend and the Food, Garden and Produce Festival. Our stalls usually offer displays about our projects and events, plus ways to get involved.

From time to time, we are invited to give workshops on the Transition movement or other sustainability topics. Nicola Terry gave a talk to Sudbury U3A in October last year, and she also chaired a session with various speakers at a showing of "Solar Taxi" at the Arts Picturehouse in June this year as part of the Green Film Festival. Anna McIvor gave talks at the Climate and Sustainability Forum (a student-organised conference in the Department of Engineering) in March and at the Cambridge Conservation Symposium in June.



Skill-shares at the Summer Festival

Food Group

This year has brought new faces, new venues and new ventures for the Food Group. As well as our regular stalls at Mill Road Winter Fair and the Food, Garden and Produce Festival, we also tried some new, smaller venues focussing north of the river: the Nuffield Road Allotments Plant Swap, the Chesterton Festival and the ‘Parklife’ event at Milton Country Park brought us into contact with smaller communities. Our new and eye-catching banner has been flying at the different stalls. These shows are an important focus of our activities and help to demonstrate the vibrant local food scene in Cambridge.



It’s not all about shows and publicity though! A lot of our activities are just about doing stuff. The ever popular Grow Your Own sessions have been running since 2009; these are regular hands-on ‘how to grow’ sessions with local expert Dave Fox on his allotment, and cake is often featured!

This year the Growzones project had 11 growers and aspiring growers participating; they visit each garden in turn and work together as a group to do a project that would be difficult to do alone. Other

projects which have grown out of the food group include CropShare, CamBake, and the Growing Spaces project (featured separately in this report).

We have a new project too: the Fruit Harvest Project is getting off the ground in a year which has had remarkably abundant fruit harvests. Our first outing as a group happened recently, and we had two small groups tracking and verifying fruit trees on the Fruit Map, and handing out leaflets to curious passers-by.

Some of our projects are currently taking time to rest and regenerate: the Garden Share scheme (matching up people who want to grow food with garden owners who have spare space) was no longer receiving requests from people to join, and so has been suspended for now. Growing Spaces is also on hold and is waiting for some new energy and leadership as Stephanie Ferguson has headed back home to Canada.



We’ve also been involved in several events and activities in collaboration with other local groups with similar aims:

- ‘Seedy Sunday’, the annual seed swap in January, is co-organised with Trumpington Allotments Society, and this year’s event was popular as ever.
- We did an evening on Community Food Enterprises at the Green Enterprise Community in April, featuring Cropshare, Sustainable Souk and Cambake.

- Growing Spaces and Romsey Community Garden were featured at an event on “Starting a Community Garden” organised by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, and we have also given some support to a new community garden that is starting up at Empty Common, next to the allotments.
- Two food group members, Ann Mitchell and Sue Woodsford, took up Cambridge Carbon Footprint’s Eat Local Food challenge and blogged about their experience. They inspired us to think about ways of eating less meat and eating from within a 30 mile radius of the city.
- We publicise local gleaning events which are taking place through the Gleaning Network.
- Food group members were out in force to support The Liberated Feast, a gourmet three course meal created from surplus food donated by Cambridge food stores, food that would otherwise have been wasted.
- Several food group members participated in the local food networking evening in February facilitated by Anne Miller from Green Enterprises; this led to plans for a food conference to take place in February 2014, which is being co-organised by Cambridge Carbon Footprint and Transition Cambridge food group members.
- We wrote an article on CropShare for the Cambridge version of the Community Lover’s Guide to the Universe.



In the last year, we’ve had a number of café evenings with a food theme, including ones on food sovereignty, the CropShare project, Growing Spaces, and an evening on how to get started with growing your own salads and veg. And at Transition Cambridge’s 5th birthday celebrations (aka our Summer Festival), Dave Fox did a talk about growing vegetables, and we made cakes, cordials and biscuits for the Festival’s pop up café.

We held a meeting for newcomers in September 2012, and three social evenings: a “bring and share” food evening; a visit to a local pub which serves Milton Brewery beer; and a cycle ride on a beautiful summer evening to the Plough and Fleece in Horningsea, which is a community-owned pub.

The Food Group has raised its profile this year, with press coverage of CropShare, Growzones, and the need for more allotment land in the context of the new Local Plan.

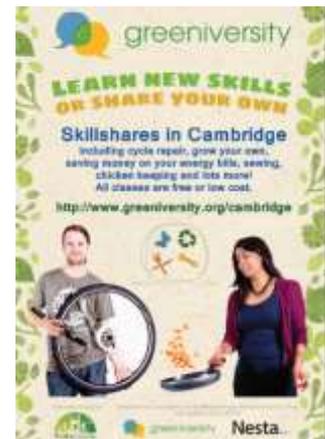
We’ve also revamped our part of the Transition website, with new pictures of projects to make it a lot more appealing and easier to navigate.



It has been an amazing year of connectivity, forging links with organisations and social enterprises. We’d like to thank everyone who’s helped this year, with small or large contributions of time, thought and energy to keep our projects alive and thriving!

Greeniversity – Cambridge Skillshare

Greeniversity is a national project aiming to encourage people to share their skills with other local people who are interested. The skill-sharers do not need to be experts or professional, and skill-shares are free or low cost. Transition Cambridge agreed to be a pilot group for the Greeniversity project and web-site. Over the past year, the Cambridge Greeniversity group have organised twenty skill-shares. In addition, we've used the Greeniversity web-site to publicise some of the other Transition activities which involve sharing skills. Over 100 people have signed up to the Greeniversity web-site (essentially this is a booking system for skill-shares), and these people also receive our monthly newsletter reminding people of upcoming skill-shares.



We have organised three different types of skill-share: small skill-shares, which are basically just small groups of people coming together to share skills in people's homes or in community centres (e.g. screen-printing, aromatherapy back massage); some of these have become a series of workshops, such as cycle maintenance, the beginner's sewing project, and reading music. Then we have had some more formal workshops, which often serve as trial runs for people devising new workshops; in this category there was the "Finding new directions in life" workshop, and the "Rolling out energy efficiency for homes and community centres". And finally, we organised a series of skill-shares as part of Transition Cambridge's Summer Festival, which was featured in the Cambridge News (more details in the Events section).

We've also had stalls at local events, such as at the SkillsFest organised by Cambridge Carbon Footprint last Autumn, and Milton Bike Fest, where we organised a stall showing people how to fix their bikes.



In the future, we hope to be able to organise skill-shares on a wider range of skills, to organise more SkillsFests (there is one coming up on 9 November), to create a resource bank drawn from skill-share classes, and possibly a Pinterest board showcasing skillshares' creative output.



Growing Spaces

The Growing Spaces project has been led by Stephanie Ferguson. The project started in Spring 2011, and won two large grants from the Future Friendly Awards (the project was a finalist for East Anglia in 2011) and Sustainable City Grants 2012-2013.

During the time that the project ran, the team created 18 growing space around the city, where they planted food plants and other plants to make the space look nice for local residents. Some spaces were very small, large enough only for a few herb plants; others were sufficiently large to need planning and landscaping. Both these kinds of spaces were intended to be of use to people locally, and were designed to be low maintenance. There were also a number of community spaces, which were typically accessible only to members of a particular community, such as a retirement home and a college community; these spaces were designed and maintained by community members (and continue to be now).



Stephanie has now returned to Canada; a big thank you to her for all her hard work setting this up, and the many volunteers who contribute their time and effort to create these spaces. Most of the growing spaces have been taken over by new people; however there is no-one yet coordinating this, so do get in touch if you'd like to help this project continue.

You can read more about this project and see pictures of all the spaces on the project web-site here: <http://cambridgegrowingspaces.tumblr.com/> .

The Hub (coordination group for Transition Cambridge)

Transition Cambridge is organised according to a 'hub and spokes' model: the 'hub' is the coordinating group, consisting of one representative from each sub-group (Food, Energy, Permaculture, Café etc). The hub meets monthly to coordinate the activities of the various groups and projects, and to make plans together for future big events.

Having a healthy financial surplus, we decided to offer grants of £250 for groups and projects with similar aims to our own within the city (this decision was made at last year's AGM). The hub group oversaw this, and one grant was awarded to CamBake to help them pay for an architect to work with them on plans for a bakery.

Hub members got together to compile Transition responses to Cambridge City Council's Local Plan.

The hub also agreed to buy a new Transition Cambridge banner for stalls; thanks to Michele Mattioni and Martin Roach for purchasing it and Anna Williams for designing the artwork.



Permaculture

Over the past year, the permaculture group has evolved considerably. In November, Jane Brown and Simon Lacey facilitated a workshop to help permaculture group members think about what they wanted from the group for 2012/13. The outcome of this is that we have moved to a model where the focus is on learning from each other and developing our permaculture practice.

Over the year, we made seven visits to members' projects. Visits ranged from forest gardens to a design for a kitchen. Food was a recurring theme during our visits with many shared meals. External visits included the Missing Sock and a day with Walden in Transition.



We have started a learning guild, which is a group of people who meet every 4 to 5 weeks, and use the following four questions as a tool to help us focus: What is going well? What is challenging? What is the long term goal? What are the next achievable steps?

We have shown two films at the Transition Café: Gay and Vyvyan's film "Building with Nature" about their permaculture farm in Brazil; and another on Food Sovereignty, which The Permaculture Association has signed up to through the Nyleni Declaration.

We were involved in an evening event and a day workshop with Looby Macnamara, author of "People and Permaculture". The weekend workshop focused on creating productive and synergistic groups, and was well attended.

Group members have also been involved in regional or national permaculture projects: Claire Carter has helped to update the Permaculture Association's Knowledge Base, and Dave Jackson helped organise the first Eastern Regional Convergence, which had a full programme of workshops covering many different aspects of permaculture, including field research and the latest developments in farming; it also acted as a local networking event. Dave also had an article published in Permaculture Magazine featuring his living willow screen around his bee hives on Trumpington Allotments.



The theme that has attracted the most interest this year has been Forest Gardening and some of us are looking at supporting each other by growing a range of forest garden species to share and take to plant swap events.

This year we have had a large admin team: having four people sharing the work has enabled us to have what is probably our busiest and most varied year yet: a big thank you to Claire Carter and Charlie Ash for all their hard work and enthusiasm this year. As they are both moving on to different activities, we would like new members to join the admin group. This is an opportunity to grow and learn more. Please get in touch with Ceri Calloway or Dave Jackson if you would be able to help with this!

Romsey Community Garden

Romsey Community Garden has continued to meet every two or three weeks throughout the summer, and a bit less often in the winter. This year we have grown lots of different vegetables (broad beans and runner beans, courgettes and squashes, onions, garlic, leeks, kale, tomatoes, potatoes and chard), as well as herbs, fruit trees, flowers (including wild flowers in our nature area), and some scented plants in our “perfume garden”.



We still have lots of children regularly taking part, and recently we’ve noticed that they don’t ask us what to do any more – they know all about weeding, harvesting, digging and composting, and they love it!



New developments this year have included a new gate (to keep the toddlers in, rather than people out), and a blackboard to act as the garden noticeboard (thanks to Teresa), with blackboard pens provided in our shed so that everyone can update the board. We also have a new fruit tree (a medlar), and we had our first cherries and pears.

Local residents organised some Christmas carol-singing and a Big Lunch event which both made use of the garden, so it feels like it has become a much-loved focal point for the local community.

Mags Parker, whose idea the garden was originally, has moved away - we miss her, and are very grateful for all her hard work setting up the garden! We are now working on forming a garden committee to ensure the garden continues and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to the garden’s design and to garden activities.



An article in Garden Answers magazine



Wild flower area

Vision for 2030

What do we want Cambridge to look like in 2030 and what role will Transition Cambridge play in bringing that vision to life? Over the past year we have been undergoing a process to develop this vision. We held two events to gather ideas and get people thinking about the kind of future we want. We invited participants to let their imagination run wild: "What would be your ideal, localised, resilient Cambridge in 2030?" If we can imagine it, we can create it! Thanks to everyone who came for agreeing to share their ideas, and to Liz, Jane and Stephanie for facilitating the evenings.

From these ideas we developed a document which serves as Transition Cambridge's Vision for 2030. This document is now available to download from our web-site. This project is now finished, but we anticipate that this document will evolve over time as our ideas and visions grow.

Thanks to Stephanie Ferguson for facilitating this process, and to both Stephanie and Teale Phelps Bondaroff for writing this document.

Web-site and weekly newsletter

Our weekly newsletter and web-site remain popular; 2,050 people now receive the Transition Bulletin, and our web-site transitioncambridge.org gets over 5000 hits per month, with over 14,000 in January 2013. The Energy Group's Frequently Asked Questions pages have proved particularly popular. A small group of people have kindly taken on the task of re-designing the look of the web-site.

Our Facebook page is well-used, with 290 members and a regular stream of up-dates, and we now have 687 followers on Twitter (@TransitionCambs).



Wildlife Wanderings

This year, Nature in Transition re-launched with 'Wildlife Wanderings,' a series of nature walks in Cambridge's wild spaces. In July six of us met at Coldham's Common and closely observed the trees and insects, before having a picnic lunch. Then in August, 11 of us wandered around Paradise Fen Nature Reserve, noting trees, molluscs, birds, butterflies and plants with historic origins.



We will endeavour to arrange a wandering every month of the coming year, to increase our opportunities to enjoy and watch nature closely. If you would like to join the core team, please let us know: <http://www.transitioncambridge.org/wildlifewanderings/contact>.

Treasurers Report

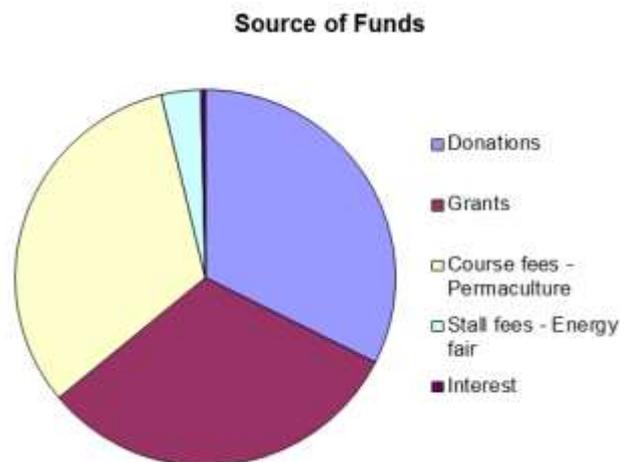
The Accounting Period extended from July 1st, 2012 (the closing date of the previous audit) through to June 30th, 2013.

The closing balance at June 30th, 2013 was £5,963.42 of which almost all £5,903.42 was held in the Co-op bank account and £60.00 as cash on hand.

	Opening Balance July 1st, 2012	Closing Balance June 30th, 2013
Bank	£9,390.33	£5,903.42
Cash	£53.48	£60.00
Total	£9,443.81	£5,963.42
Change	- £3,480.39	
Total Revenue	£2,372.62	
Total Expenses	<u>£5,853.01</u>	
Income	-£3,480.39	

Source of funds

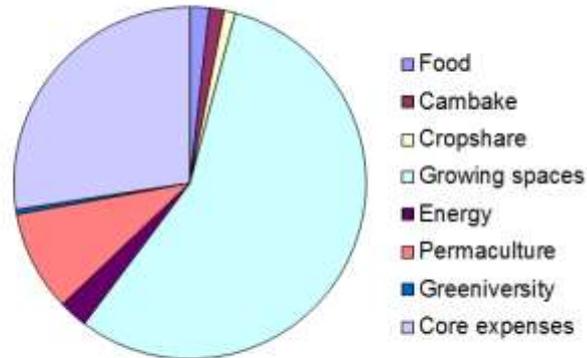
Source of funds	Amount
Donations	£768.84
Grants	£750.00
Course fees – Permaculture course	£765.00
Stall fees - Energy fair	£80.00
Interest	£8.78
Total	£2,372.62



Breakdown of expenses

Group (and main items)	Amount
Food (apple press, stall, items for stall)	£102.50
Cambake (printing leaflets)	£80.00
Cropshare	£59.86
Growing spaces (grants in previous year's accounts)	£3,282.93
Energy (forum expenses)	£153.64
Permaculture (association subscription, workshop expenses and fees)	£544.00
Greeniversity (venue hire)	£25.00
Core expenses (see breakdown)	£1,605.08
Total	£5,853.01

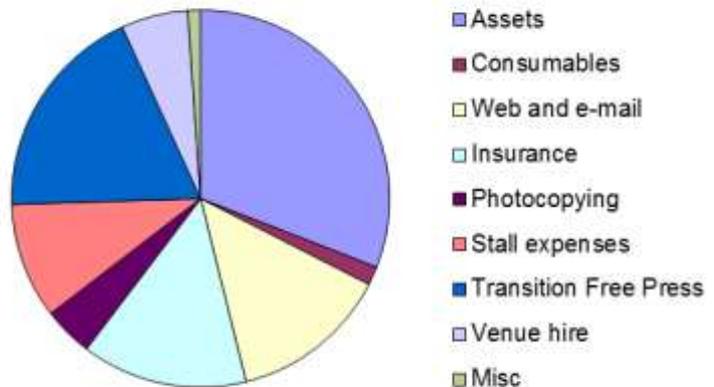
Use of Funds, by Group



Breakdown of core expenses

Item	Amount
Assets (books, DVDs, microphone and loudspeaker, banner)	£496.82
Consumables (stamps, flipchart paper)	£25.46
Web and e-mail	£218.37
Insurance	£227.30
Photocopying	£68.14
Stall expenses	£160.00
Transition Free Press	£300.00
Venue hire	£91.50
Misc	£17.49
Total	£1,605.08

Breakdown of core expenses



Audit

The accounts have been approved by the auditor Ms Jane Cook whom we thank for her efforts. A copy of her letter is available on request.

Summary of this year's accounts

- The amount held in the bank has gone down, mainly because a large grant (for the Growing Spaces project) has been used up.
- At last year's AGM we agreed to try to reduce the funds that we hold in the bank, in order to ensure that the money is put to good use supporting local projects that share Transition aims. In order to achieve this, we agreed to offer £250 grants to local projects in need of funds. We have so far awarded one such grant to CamBake.
- The Transition Cambridge finances remain healthy, with sufficient funds to see us through the coming year.

Martin Roach, Treasurer and Anna McIvor, Chairperson
October 2013

The year ahead

Here's a wordle made from what people wrote down at our AGM when asked "What is your vision for next year of Transition?"

(You can read everyone's comments in the minutes from our Annual General Meeting, which are available here: http://transitioncambridge.org/agm_2013_minutes.pdf.)



We invite everyone to get involved in shaping Transition Cambridge's activities this coming year, as we aim to help Cambridge and the surrounding area make a gentle transition to ways of life that are more sustainable, less energy intensive, and more community focused.