Transition Cambridge Annual Report
(Oct 2009 to Oct 2010)

We are a small voluntary organisation, and this is our first ever annual report. It aims to summarise some of our activities during the last year.
Our Mission
To raise awareness about climate change and peak oil in Cambridge, and to encourage everyone to get involved in reducing our carbon emissions and becoming more resilient to peak oil, with a focus on practical ways that we can come together as a community to work on these issues.

Our Vision
We hold a vision of a future Cambridge that has successfully faced these issues and has come through them to create a prosperous vibrant city, no longer dependent on fossil fuels and a 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.

Staff
Transition Cambridge is run entirely by volunteers, so we have no paid staff. Each group is autonomous, sending representatives to the hub coordination group.

Chairperson and secretary (shared roles):
Anna McIvor, Bev Sedley, Martin Roach, Nicky Smith
Food group representatives:
Liz Serocold, Ivan Ivanovic
Renewable energy group representative:
Nicola Terry
Permaculture group representatives:
Ceri Galloway, Dave
Transition Tales and Visions representatives:
Bev Sedley, Anna McIvor
Story competition representatives:
Nicola Terry, Anna McIvor
Admin representatives:
Martin Roach, Bev Sedley, Anna McIvor
Cherry Hinton Transition group representative:
Jerry Carr-Brion
Fulbourn Forum representative:
Pippa Vine

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Transition Cambridge,
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Cambridge, CB1 7AJ

Our web-site: http://www.transitioncambridge.org
Who we are and what we do

Transition Cambridge is a local voluntary group that aims to raise awareness about the challenges of climate change and peak oil, and to promote practical actions that increase our resilience as a community and reduce our carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels. We started almost 3 years ago, and we currently have approximately 50 volunteers.

We organise lots of events, including talks, workshops, film nights, trips and training courses, and we regularly have stalls at local events and fairs. We send out a weekly e-newsletter to 1,500 people that is full of local news and events relating to sustainable living, and our web-site has similar information. 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 have a strong focus on food, with projects such as our garden share scheme (people without gardens get together with people with unused gardens and share the produce), our “grow your own vegetables” course, various workshops such as “Making the most of food” and “Chutney making”, and trips to local organic farms. We also have an on-line interactive “free fruit map”, showing fruit trees in local parks and public spaces.

The food group is one of several working groups:

• the renewable energy group, who recently organised a workshop introducing solar hot water, solar photovoltaic panels and ground source heat pumps;
• the “Tales and Visions” group, who use the storytelling medium to help people envision a more sustainable future;
• the events group (previously called the awareness raising group), who organise stalls and events throughout the year, particularly during the Cambridge Environment Festival;
• the permaculture group, who look at how to design our homes, gardens and workplaces more sustainably;
• the knitting circle, who encourage people to make their own clothes;
• the training group, who organise courses such as how to make your own wind turbine;
• the well-being group, who look at how we can support ourselves emotionally and spiritually though this time of change;
• and a budding healthcare group, looking at how make healthcare more local and sustainable.

We also have an administration group, and we have monthly hub meetings where all the working groups coordinate their activities.

We try to engage with all parts of the community. One recent project that particularly aimed to engage with young people was our story-writing competition, where entrants had to write a story set in 2050 in a prosperous low carbon Cambridge. We received 82 entries, 70 of which came from young adults aged 12 to 17. The stories contained some great ideas, and we hope to turn the short-listed stories into a book to inspire others to get involved in creating a prosperous and sustainable future for Cambridge.

We continue to grow as more people get involved. We aim to inspire people to live more future-friendly lifestyles and to have fun along the way!
Our Events, Stalls and Meetings
Our most important form of outreach into the community are our events, stalls and meetings, which are always open to everyone and are usually free. The various groups have regular meetings, which are the main way for people to get more involved in our activities. We also host a fortnightly café night, where we occasionally put on special events. Below we list the events and stalls that we have run over the past year (not including regular meetings).

November 09
Thursday 12th: Transition café and newcomers evening
Thursday 19th: Well-Being "Bring and Share"
Saturday 21st: Transition Tales and Visions at the Steiner School
Tuesday 24th: Meal and film showing "The Power of Community"

December 09
Friday 4th: Meal with the well-being group, followed by Biodanza
Saturday 5th: Stall at Mill Road Winter Fair
Sunday 6th: Copenhagen Climate Vigil
Tuesday 8th: Film: No Impact Man
Monday 21st: Transition Cambridge Christmas Party

January 10
Monday 11th: Film: In Transition
Thursday 21st: A local currency for Cambridge? (talk and discussion in the café)
Sunday 17th: Seedy Sunday, with Trumpington Allotments Society
Tuesday 19th: Community meal and film showing "The Age of Stupid"
Thursday 21st: A local currency for Cambridge? (talk and discussion)
Sunday 24th: Film showing: The Corporation
Friday 29th: Transition Cherry Hinton event: Cuban night with "The Power of Community"

February 10
13-14th: Introduction to Permaculture weekend course
Friday 5th: Cherry Hinton Event: Film "In Transition"

March 10
Wednesday 3rd: Grow Zones launch event
Thursday 11th: ‘Nature in Transition’ talk by Iain Webb
Tuesday 16th: Film: ‘The Powerdown Show’ and shared meal
Saturday 20th and Sunday 28th: Story competition workshops: What Might Cambridge Be Like in 2050?

April 10
Friday 9th: Transition Cambridge's 2nd birthday party ceilidh
Wednesday 28th: Transition Cambridge Hustings: What Kind of Britain? Visions of a Sustainable Economy with the parliamentary candidates of all the political parties

May 10
Tuesday 4th: First open meeting of the Transition Permaculture group
Tuesday 18th: Meal and showing of new Transition film "The Turning Point"
Wednesday 19th: Transition Tales Quest with Steph Bradley of Transition Network
Wednesday 26th: Food Group Newcomers' Meeting
Saturday 29th: Fen End Farm Visit – working on a local organic farm for a day
Saturday 30th: Energy Group visit to Swaffham Ecotech Centre
Bank Holiday Monday 31st May: Walk to Wendy Wood with the well-being group

June 10
Saturday 5th: Permaculture visit to Trumpington
Tuesday 8th: Peak Oil, the Financial Crisis and Preparing for the Future
Tuesday 8th: Transition Resource Centre opens for the first time
Saturday 12th: Transition stall on Parker's Piece
Saturday 12th: Relaunch of the Knitting Circle
Sunday 13th: Foraged lunch with Jacky Sutton-Adam
Monday 14th: Talk: ‘Nature & Transition’ with Ian Webb
Wednesday 16th: ‘The World Needs Your Passion’ with Corrina Gordon-Barnes
Wednesday 16th: Film - ‘Power of Community – How Cuba survived Peak Oil’
Thursday 17th: Story-Telling - '2020 Visions of the Cambridge of the Future'
Sunday 20th: Story-telling trail: 'Transition Story Trail' in Milton Country Park
Tuesday 22nd: Film: 'In Transition'
Wednesday 23rd: Story Competition Award Ceremony at Michaelhouse
Thursday 24th: Guided Walk: 'Wild Food Forage Walk' with Jacky

July 10
Tuesday 6th: Renewable Energy Forum
Thursday 8th: Transition Café with Regina Jorgenson from the Vegan Society
Sunday 18th: The Big Lunch in Cherry Hinton
Saturday 24th: Visit to Waterland Organics Farm in nearby Lode - Want to be an organic farmer for a day?
Friday 30th: Transition Cambridge Special General meeting where we adopt our constitution
Saturday 31st: Summer Picnic with the Food Group

August 10
Transition Cambridge holiday (time off!)
Saturday 14th: Visit to Lauriston Farm

September 10
3rd-5th: Local wind turbine making course
18-19th: Food group stall at Food, Garden and Produce Show
Saturday 18th: Transition stall at URC BBQ
Wednesday 22nd: Food Group Strategy Meeting
Tuesday 28th: Cosy homes now! Meal and workshop with Cambridge Carbon Footprint and the Transition Cambridge Renewable Energy Group

October 10
Saturday 2nd: Visit to Pipewell Woods with the Permaculture Group
Thursday 14th: Transition Cafe + discussion of healthcare post peak oil
Wednesday 20th: Autumn Re-Skilling at the Transition Knitting Circle
Wednesday 20th: Newcomers Food Group meeting
Thursday 28th: Transition Cafe: film-making / healthcare discussions
Transition Cambridge Accounts
from 1st October 2009 to 1st October 2010

Incoming money

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Balance on 1 October 2009: £3,908.20

Balance on 1 October 2010: £2,321.37

Assets: £500.00

We do not have a reserves policy.

Grants received: During this time period we received one grant from Cambridge Sustainable City for £600 for the Story Writing Competition. In the previous year we received £2,400.00 worth of grants from Lush and Education Services.