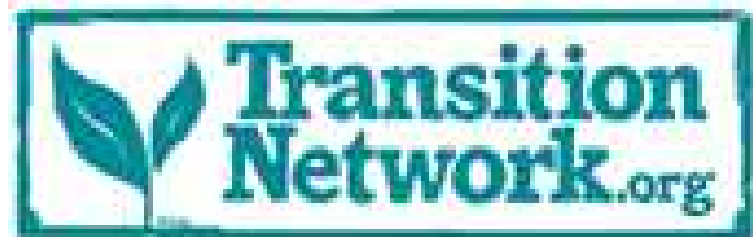


What is a Transition Town?

- Traditionally
 - A local response to Climate Change and Rising Energy Prices
- And Increasingly
 - About creating jobs, reducing energy costs and fuel poverty
 - => Building a resilient community
- Part of a UK-based global network (>1000 towns)



Who are Transition Rye?

- Initially formed from Rye Town Council and Rother Environmental Group
- 20 active members, mailing list >100
- Guiding Principle
“It is easier to act your way into a new way of thinking, than to think your way into a new way of acting”
- So:
Projects not Concepts Progress not Protest

What is Transition Rye Doing?

- Up and Running:
 - Communications and Monthly Social
 - Recycling Swap Shop
- Now In Development
 - Food
 - Energy
 - Rye Neighbourhood Plan



Rye's Energy Profile and Opportunity

- 5,000 People
- Consumption >76,800 MWh
 - 2/3 is Space Heating
 - Gas in town / oil in hinterland
- Challenging Housing Stock
 - Poorly-insulated
 - Listed / conservation area / AONB
- Excellent potential
 - Obvious – solar, wood
 - Vital – energy efficient buildings
 - Thinking ahead
 - Add a turbine to windfarm?



10% Energy Saving = £1 Million!

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Over 2-3 years:

- Large-scale solar installations on industrial land/buildings
- Energy efficiency and coppicing activities established
- Add a locally-owned turbine to the existing wind farm

Rye Energy Day

Questions?

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Do You Think Rye Should Have a Community Energy Scheme?

YES

NO

DON'T KNOW

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