



Transition  
BUXTON

Awareness Raising Group

# Who?

## Awareness Raising Group – currently:



Ben Evens



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# Why?

“To increase the resilience of the community to the effects of climate change and increasing fuel prices, and assist in the transition to a low carbon economy.”

COMPANY NAME

**TRANSITION BUXTON C.I.C.**

## SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

<b>Activities</b> (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	<b>How will the activity benefit the community?</b> <i>(The community will benefit by...)</i>
<b>Raise awareness about the potential impact of climate change and oil dependency</b>	The company will organise events and other means by which information about climate change, oil dependency, resource depletion and related topics can be disseminated, and where ideas about how best to manage the transition to a low carbon economy can be discussed.

# What and How?

# Defined by the agreed Remit:

# We're NOT going through it line by line!



## REMIT FOR THE AWARENESS RAISING GROUP

### OVERALL AIM:

The purpose of the group is to raise awareness of the Transition movement and of the issues that it addresses, to encourage a sustainable outlook and sustainable behaviour by individuals, groups and organisations and to recruit new members to Transition Buxton.

Any member of Transition Buxton may join the Awareness Raising Group.

### SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

We will raise awareness of threats, opportunities and other issues, including:

- the vision and positive philosophy of the transition movement
- sustainability opportunities eg energy efficiency, renewable energy, local food, re-use/reduce/recycle
- the benefits of a strong resilient local economy
- the benefits from greater community cohesion
- global warming as a scientific reality and the resultant climate disruption so far
- the likely effects on the climate from past and future greenhouse gas emissions, change in land use etc
- the extent of our dependency on oil and gas and the dangers of resource depletion more widely
- environmental degradation, pollution and other dire consequences of unsustainable living
- limits to growth (planetary boundaries) and the consequences of over-consumption
- social justice and the need to mitigate the effects of globalisation
- debunking false solutions and green-wash

### Our target audience includes:

- as wide a range of individuals in the community as possible
- individual members of Transition Buxton (continuing learning)
- High Peak voluntary organisations eg churches, community groups, youth groups
- local schools, colleges and the university
- the local farming and allotments communities
- the local business community, retail and industry
- local authorities - HPBC, DCC, PDNP

### Our awareness raising methods include:

- producing general information leaflets and fliers
- producing a printed newsletter once or twice per year for supporters and the general public
- sending out an email newsletter approximately quarterly aimed at non-member supporters
- organising film screenings and speaker events
- arranging visits to interesting places that exemplify possible solutions
- running workshops with schools, colleges and for young children
- organising general information stalls e.g. at fairs, festivals and 'stand alone'
- promoting our Filmshare and Bookshare schemes, and recommending web-sites, books, DVDs etc
- sending out articles and reports to local newspapers, magazines and radio stations
- promoting our activities and events via social media
- providing related content for the Transition Buxton web-site as appropriate
- advocacy work with local authorities - HPBC, DCC, PDNP

### We will maintain links and share information with:

- local organisations with similar or related aims and other transition and sustainability groups

### REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The group will report on a regular basis to the company directors.

Adopted: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

# In brief:

- Transition movement & ethos
- The issues (climate change etc)
- Encourage sustainable choices
- Recruit new supporters and members

# Leaflets & Fliers

## CLIMATE CHANGE the greatest challenge the world has ever faced

When we burn fossil fuels (mainly coal, oil and gas) or clear forests and wetlands, we release carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) which accumulates in the atmosphere and the oceans.

The resulting acidification of the oceans is hugely damaging. Even worse is the Greenhouse Effect - CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases allow light from the sun to pass through but reflect heat back down to earth. CO<sub>2</sub> also has a 'multiplier effect', increasing the water vapour in the atmosphere, hence producing more rain and floods.



As a result, our weather is already changing and becoming more extreme. This is likely to get worse. And unless most fossil fuels are left in the ground, the likely rise in temperature will mean vast areas of the world become uninhabitable.



Many authoritative climate scientists agree that the maximum safe concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is 350 parts per million. We have already passed 400ppm and are at the highest level for at least 100 million years - and it is still rising by some 3ppm every year. Above 450ppm, we can expect very dangerous consequences.

**There is not a moment to lose!**

## THE TRANSITION MODEL

The Transition Movement is about communities cutting carbon emissions, reducing dependence on oil and as a result becoming more resilient and able to cope with fuel shortages and price hikes. A knock-on benefit is a close knit community that supports local businesses.

Some of the things we have done and are planning:

**Growing food locally:** planting a dispersed community orchard, reinvigorating the Serpentine Nursery, promoting allotments, swap schemes and community supported agriculture.



**Reskilling:** Running skill-share workshops to help people grow their own food, cook economically, make or repair instead of buying new.

**Energy Production:** So many opportunities! Micro hydro generation, solar panels, community owned wind farms and bio-mass plants.



**Domestic Energy:** As well as roof and cavity wall insulation, special measures are needed to insulate the masonry around here that have solid stone walls.

**Transport:** Improvements to public transport, car pool schemes, cycle ways and bike racks.



## DEPLETING RESOURCES the days of cheap and plentiful oil are over

A few years ago many economists worried that oil production would peak and then fall. They expected that prices would spiral upwards until the damage to the economy reduced demand to match supply. What actually happened was that higher prices made it economical to reach 'oil and gas in the deep oceans, in tar sands, shale beds (fracking) and even under the Arctic ice. This comes at huge environmental cost.



Developed societies like ours rely on oil and gas for everything, from heating, manufacturing, construction and transport to farming. Billions of poor people around the world want to develop, or need energy to do so.



It is the poor who suffer most from both change and expensive energy.

**If we are to make the transition to a low carbon economy we have to get started now.**

Cutting our own carbon dependence amplifies the message. It also demonstrates our intentions in international greenhouse gas negotiations.

## TRANSITION TOWNS

We have to decide. Do we wait for **Climate Change, Expensive Energy and Dysfunctional Economic Systems** to force painful change, or do we start making changes - the transition - today?

Humanity has always faced challenges, but never so many all at once. To make matters worse, many lands are overpopulated, much of the world including the oceans is dangerously polluted and many of the easily accessible resources have been used up.

believe we can and must start making small changes - and then the bigger ones - right here and now. While this is daunting for an individual, together we can do it.

resilient society is about much more than just reducing energy use. It's about **Reduce, Re-use, Recycle** - working together to make things that take on these values leads to happier, socially connected and communities.



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Join our Facebook Group

follow us @transitionbux

or call us on 01298 71041

Transition Buxton is part of the  
Transition Network  
[www.transitiontowns.org](http://www.transitiontowns.org)

Meet us for  
**GREEN DRINKS**

at the Sun Inn, High Street  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month  
from 8pm

# Transition BUXTON

Working together to create a  
sustainable community.



## NEEDS YOU!

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# Newsletters

Paper Version: 1 or 2 per year

Email Update: every 2-3 months



## Greetings once again from Transition Buxton.

Our last mailing was just before Christmas so it's definitely time to let you know about what's been going on and events coming up.

Tempting though it may have been, we haven't been hibernating. Things that have happened since we last wrote ...

**13th December Christmas Social** - a lot of fun was had and much yummy home made refreshment partaken of.

**Green Drinks, 17th of every Month** - our monthly social, we've enjoyed deep conversations, much laughter and even a particularly evil board game.

**Buxton in Bloomin' Winter** - we joined Town Team efforts to decorate Buxton and festooned the railings behind the springs with greenery and bottle flowers - all decorations entirely natural or recycled.

**14th February Market Stall** - to promote our activities, in particular energy saving measures and the home energy survey scheme.

**25th February Tree Planting** - a brand new extension to the community orchard, with five fruit trees planted at the bottom of Hogshaw Drive

Looking ahead, spring is on the way and we have lots planned that we'd love you to join in with.

**Saturday 11th March, 9:30am-5pm**

**Energy Surveyor Training - A FREE COURSE** for up to 10 people to train as surveyors.

We'll then be offering **FREE SURVEYS of domestic properties** in Buxton. We still have a couple of places left, there's more information on the website -

<http://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/what-we-do/energy/home-energy-volunteer-survey-scheme/> If you're interested in either the training or in having your home surveyed, call

**Pete on 07876 150207**

# Film Screenings

Transition Buxton & BUXTON CHURCHES ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP present:



**SILENT SNOW**  
THE INVISIBLE POISONING OF THE WORLD  
A FILM BY JAN VAN DEN BERG & PIPALIK KNAUSCH-OSTERMANN

7:30pm, Wednesday 5th December  
Buxton Methodist Church Lower Hall  
Suggested Donation £3

Transition Buxton  
In conjunction with Buxton Film Club present



**GROWING CHANGE**  
A JOURNEY INSIDE VERDEGALA'S FOOD REVOLUTION  
A DOCUMENTARY BY JESSICA

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH THE PAUPER'S PIT HALL HOTEL  
19:30 for prompt 19:40 start  
Donations appreciated - suggest approx. £4

transitionbuxton.co.uk or look at our Facebook page



**A CRUDE AWAKENING**  
THE OIL CRASH  
WINNER TORONTO FILM FESTIVAL

WE'RE RUNNING OUT, AND WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN

Transition Buxton

Fuel Prices? Climate Change? The Future of our Community?

The solutions are in this inspirational film



**The Power of Community**  
how Cuba survived Peak Oil

Join us at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11th November  
The Railway Hotel, Buxton  
Free entry, donations to Transition Buxton welcome  
filmbookings@transitionbuxton.co.uk or 01298 214516

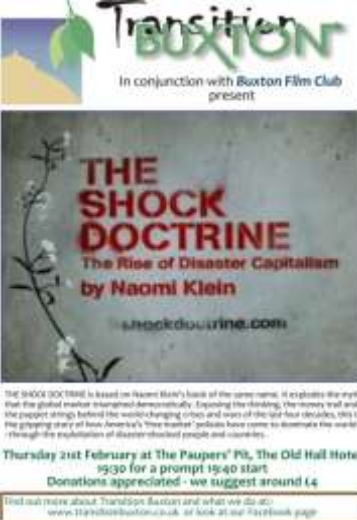
Transition Buxton present



**Waste Land**

7:30pm Thursday 22nd November  
Paupers' Pit in The Old Hall Hotel  
Suggested donation £4

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**THE SHOCK DOCTRINE**  
The Rise of Disaster Capitalism  
by Naomi Klein  
shockdoctrine.com

Thursday 21st February at The Paupers' Pit, The Old Hall Hotel  
19:30 for a prompt 19:40 start  
Donations appreciated - we suggest around £4

Find out more about Transition Buxton and what we do at:  
www.transitionbuxton.co.uk or look at our Facebook page

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MORE FREE FILM SHOW

7:30pm Wednesday 19th November at Burbage School  
7:30pm Thursday 20th November at The Railway Hotel



**THE END OF SUBURBIA**  
Oil Depletion and The Collapse of The American Dream

filmbookings@transitionbuxton.co.uk or 01298 25595

Transition Buxton brings you:



**an inconvenient truth**  
A GLOBAL WARNING


wednesday 20th november 7:30pm the railway hotel  
thursday 21st november 7:30pm the railway hotel

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# Talks

**Transition Buxton** presents  
**Climate Change**  
"Waking the Giant"  
A talk by celebrated Professor Terry Callaghan



Bill is an academic... He is currently Professor of Climate Hazard... is the author of... and articles... ards, environ... In his new... suggests that human-induced... the sleeping giant beneath... bequeathing our children... more geologically dangerous

7:30 pm on Thursday  
Do

For more information please  
check out

**MELTDOWN**  
climate change  
and its impacts in the Arctic  
An Illustrated Talk  
by Prof Terry Callaghan

7:30pm (for 7:45 start)  
Wednesday 14th October  
The Railway Hotel, Buxton

For more info 01298 214516  
or email [contact@TransitionBuxton.co.uk](mailto:contact@TransitionBuxton.co.uk)

**Transition Buxton** presents  
The **ARCTIC** to **BUXTON**

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
THE PAUPER'S PIT  
OLD HALL HOTEL BUXTON  
7:30 PM

Donations appreciated



1. "The Rapidly Changing Arctic: What it Means"  
A talk by Professor Terry Callaghan
2. "Testing Predictions of Climate Change"

**Transition Buxton**

A Free Illustrated Talk:  
"PERMACULTURE  
- in Palestine and Buxton"  
a better way to grow food for the future



TUESDAY 26th JANUARY  
7:30 for 7:45pm  
THE GROVE HOTEL, BUXTON  
(corner of Terrace Road & Spring Gardens)  
[contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk) or 01298 214516

# Visits and Trips Out



# Stalls



# Connie



# Working with Children



# Miscellaneous Other Things

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Environment &  
Sustainability

**GENERAL  
ELECTION  
HUSTINGS**



7th May

with the Conservative, Green, Labour,  
Liberal Democrat & UKIP candidates

**WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 7-9PM  
GREEN MAN GALLERY  
HARDWICK SQUARE SOUTH**

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# What Next?



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Spring Fair Stall



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Plant Swap & Street Collection



w/e 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June - Open Gardens Trail



w/e 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July - Buxton Arts Trail



Outings - CAT? Godley Reservoir? Eco-home?



Autumn - Film Screenings? Talks?



Upcycling Competition? Treasure Hunt?

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