

# TRANSITION INSPIRATION GROUP WORKSHOP

Our facilitator Chris Hart gave the gathering a choice of 14 headings, entitled inspiration groups, for the purpose of directing the focus of our attention towards the seeing of potential solutions within certain areas of a community's activities.

Some from the gathering noted that the definition of these areas, split up some activities which were in many ways interlinked. For example Heart & Soul / Changing Ourselves had linkages to Transition Arts and Health - Well being; Food -Farming linked with Wildlife & Bio-Diversity.

The categorisation into 14 areas, was an arbitrary one, and yet as a starting point an arbitrary definition is as good a place to start as any, as long as the potential for redefinition is facilitated.

Members of the gathering were each given 3 coloured circles to place by their areas of interest, in a form of voting process, and the results after lunch were as follows.

The six most popular were then going to form the inspiration groups for the afternoon session.

Firstly the groups were asked to develop questions as a way of seeding inspirational thoughts, not all the groups did generate questions.

The groups also were asked to write down all the available existing resources that they saw as being present in Lancaster.

The brainstorming began with, a free flow of visioning, using the ubiquitous post-it notes.

Finally each group was asked to categorise their visioning ideas within time frames of NOW, SOON or LATER, and also order by how much outside help and resources would be needed.

What follows in these pages is a record of the results of this exercise, as well as a few observations made by myself.

Lauren the Scribe.

# INSPIRATION GROUPS

TRANSITION ARTS ----- 8 VOTES

BUILDING & HOUSING ----- 10 VOTES

YOUNG PEOPLE ----- 2 VOTES

ELDERS/ AGING ----- 5 VOTES

INFLUENCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ----- 3 VOTES

HEART & SOUL / CHANGING OURSELVES ----- 13 VOTES

EDUCATION ----- 1 VOTE

ENERGY ----- 8 VOTES

HEALTH - WELL BEING ----- 5 VOTES

ECONOMICS - LIVELIHOODS ----- 8 VOTES

WILDLIFE & BIO-DIVERSITY ----- 7 VOTES

TRANSPORT ----- 6 VOTES

FOOD - FARMING ----- 9 VOTES

GLOBAL & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ----- 3 VOTES

The six most popular (highlighted) were set as the inspiration groups.



The Art Group first made some notes, before the questions as follows:

ART: story telling,  
power of music,  
image  
symbol

re-telling stories

drama  
poetry  
movement

environmental art  
green man  
tree planting – mythic element

connecting with bigger picture

waissail trees

connecting with our inherent creativity

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integrating ART being INTEGRAL to everything we do\*

Question:

How to draw out & foster the aesthetic, mythic aspect of all our activities

Friendship Centre - Older People  
poss story telling of past times

Redrose Players Amateur Dramatics

Local Home made art

The Grand - Local  
People performing

Lancaster Sings

Lancaster Institute of Contemporary Arts- LICA

John O' Gaunt Morris Dancers (Ann& Robin)

Diverse Grass roots Music Scene

Ludas Dance

LITFEST

Uni -  
Nuffield  
Theatre

Brass BANDS - inc youth Band

STOREY  
INSTITUTE:  
creative arts  
industries

Aldcliffe Community Orchard-

Wassailing the tress for facility

## TRANSITION ARTS EXISTING RESOURCES

Haffner Orchestra

Turning Point  
Dance School  
Scotforth

Sultan Art Gallery

International  
Hurdy Gurdy Fest

Virtual Lancaster

Maritime Festival

Swap shop to  
publicise events

THE DUKES -  
actively interested  
in transition issues

Gregson Arts Centre:  
Supportive Veue

One Planet Festival

Hum Holler n Sing  
& 4 other Choirs  
Carbon Neutral enjoyment -  
Gladly Solemn, Sacred??

Mantime Festival

More Music in Morecambe

Local Art Galleries

Ethnic Chinese & Muslim  
Communities creative elements

*Scribe's Additions in Orange, scribe questions relevance of groups in grey boxes for 'heart & soul' resources*

# Vision

PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO SPARK EACH OTHER'S CREATIVE ART IDEAS

PEOPLE OWING AND EMBELLISHING AND CELEBRATING THEIR OWN CREATIVITY NOT PASSIVE ALCHOLIZED MEDIA

RE-TELLING HUMAN HISTORY AS PART OF THE EARTH STORY TO RECONNECT WITH THE EARTH

ARTS IN RECONNECTING HEALING OUR CONNECTION WITH THE EARTH

HAVING THE COURAGE TO THINK 'OUTSIDE THE BOX'

USING ART TO CONNECT WITH ECOLOGY - REMEDIAL RE-CONNECTION COMMUNICATION

THINK TRANSITION

DEVELOPING THE SKILL OF THINKING CREATIVELY

THINK ART

CURING OURSELVES OF LINEAR MECHANISTIC THOUGHT

PEOPLE WILL HEAR WITH WONDER OF LIFE IN 2008 WHEN WE ALL SLUMPED IN FRONT OF THE TELLY

THE MYTHIC, BIG PICTURE OF ALL LOCAL ACTIVITIES & BUSINESSES BEING DRAWN OUT

WORKPLACES INCLUDING MYTH & MUSIC ALONGSIDE MAKING WIDGETS

LOTS OF STORYTELLING TO CONNECT OLD & YOUNG

CREATIVE THINKING LEADIN TO ALL WE DO - WORK, HOME, FAMILY

CREATIVE RE-VISIONING OF POSSIBLE LOCAL FUTURES

CREATIVITY IS PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE NOT A SEPARATE ACTIVITY

MUSIC & BEAUTY ABOUNDING - NOT PAID FOR WITH A TICKET

Do you want to add anything?

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# *Notes from the Scribe*

Transition Arts is closely related to Heart & Soul, and Well Being, certainly the Well Being of the Mind.

From this small group, only two people initially (then later four), a lot of the inspiration was pointing us towards story telling; of creating new mythologies which would replace the current mythology of the consumer growth society. Indeed, it is certain that a successful transition is dependent on our collective myth shifting from the myth of consumer desire towards a new horizon. What this new myth could be will not be dictated but discovered, and a central vehicle for this discovery will be a new engagement with Art in it's most spiritual sense.

There is also a sense that this re-visioning will also be about the recreation of our 'herstory', our myth of past. So much of 'history' is a myth which validates our current paradigm. The necessary undermining of a corrupted paradigm requires initially an exposing of its central deceit. This deceit is obviously articulated as 'valid' and 'true' within the current myth of our history.

From a greater perspective, the pathway to our current 'crunch' period seems to start at the beginning of human civilisation. So an effective transition will need the language of its art to explore very deeply in order begin to spin the story of our possible futures.



How can we improve housing, to make it more eco-friendly?

How can we improve how people live to make that more eco-friendly?

How can we make low impact buildings?

**Co-Housing (Lancaster Co-Housing) -  
living in ways that use energy  
efficiently**

**Local Authority Insulation schemes  
(GRANTS)**

**Energy Saving Trust**

**L.E.S.S. - Auditing, advice on energy  
consumption**

## **BUILDING & HOUSE EXISTING RESOURCES**

Existing housing  
stock - It's there and  
comes with a  
community (cultural  
resource)

Local Building  
materials (re-cycled)  
-Local Bricks

Local Skills-  
Building & Crafts

Local 'Public'  
Buildings/ Churches  
(places to go)

All the knowledge  
that 's out there!

# Vision

USE OF BUILDING DESIGN TO CREATE WARMER - COOLER ENVIRONMENTS

Re-USING existing BUILDINGS

NOT SO MUCH SPACE - HIGHER DENSITY LIVING

Re-CYCLE BUILDING MATERIALS

RETHINKING STANDARDS OF LIVING & WAYS OF THINKING

IT'S ABOUT LOCAL COMMUNITY!

ENERGY AUDITS & IMPROVEMENTS

RECYCLING MATERIALS

INCORPORATING DIFFERENT COMPARTMENTS - LIVING & WORKING SPACE MORE THAN ONE FAMILY IN ONE HOUSE

SPACE TO SHARE EG. COMMUNITY CENTRE (saves energy)

INNOVATION WITHIN COMMUNITIES EG COMMUNITY HEATING

MORE INSULATION

GRANTS FOR MORE EFFICIENT HEATING

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# *Notes from the Scribe*

There is a large crossover between the Building and Housing Group and the Energy Group. Insulation and efficient heating ideas and needs which have been identified parallel that of the Energy Group.

In addition what has been highlighted is also the creative re-cycling of building materials, and the importance of design and architecture to create solution.

An important strand was also the word community. Getting people to live in closer communities both psychologically and physically. It sounds like transition could leave us a lot less lonely.

Fair Trade & Ethically  
Sourced Commodities

People with Counselling /  
Therapeutic Skills

Deep Ecology Group

University Chaplaincy Centre

Faith Groups Groups  
Concerned about Issues such  
as Climate Change, Social  
Justice, etc (both in Global and  
Local Spheres)

## HEART & SOUL EXISTING RESOURCES

Sustainability Steering  
Committee & Partners

Lancaster Dialogue Group

“LETS”

North Western  
Development Agency  
Climate Change Action  
Plan (NWDACCAP) &  
Partners

Political Groups

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# Vision

COLLABORATION  
WORKING IN  
PARTNERSHIP

GREEN SPACES

FRESH AIR

ACTING WITH  
INTEGRITY

SUPPORT

COMPASSIONATE  
CITY

ACTING WITH  
LOVE NOT  
FEAR

PERSONAL &  
COLLECTIVE  
RESPONSIBILITY

CONVIVIAL COMMUNITIES

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

REAL NEIGHBOURS

A SENSE OF SECURITY  
- SAFETY

CONNECTED COMMUNITY

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LOOKING OUT FOR  
VULNERABLE  
MARGINS OF THE  
COMMUNITY

DISSEMINATION OF  
GOOD NEWS

*Good news page in  
Lancaster Guardian*

TALK TO OTHERS &  
INVITE PEOPLE ON N  
BOARD

CHANGE OURSELVES  
BIT BY BIT

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# *Notes from the Scribe*

In general, the Heart & Soul group found it difficult to integrate the visioning with practical action. This is understandable since the very nature of the group was in essence at odds with practicality.

I feel that there is more to get from this illusive area, and indeed I feel that this could be pivotal to transitioning.

Perhaps one could combine Transition Art, Health and Well Being, and Heart and Soul together. But what label?

Perhaps Art, Harmony & Balance, or Spirit, Well-being and Creativity.

The problem arises because, in these areas, and due to misunderstandings which have got us into our unsustainable situation in the first place, we lack adequate gnosis of the functions of spirit, creativity and well being.

Perhaps a starting point could be the establishment of an on going dialogue to explore just what the beneficial functions of these activities are within a transition context?



# Questions

## *ENERGY*

What would be or have the biggest impact on energy input reduction ?

**Smaller project - 'Low Head Hydro'  
based in Lakes**

**River Lune - for Weirs (archimedes  
screw) like Settle and New Mills**

**River - Ground Source Heat Pump for  
new buildings --- underfloor heating or  
radiators**

**INSULATION (sheep's wool)**

**Eco wool - pet Bottles ??**

**Warmcell??**

# **ENERGY EXISTING RESOURCES**

**Tide - Using height  
of water -  
Archimedes Screw**

**Solar -  
Passive,  
water, PV's  
& Solar  
cooling**

**Tide - or like in Skye  
- air driven turbine  
(Carlisle Bridge)**

**Wind - Caton Wind  
Farm**

**PV's Photo  
Voltaices -  
Duncan Slate**

**Wind - Lake District  
Architect (<1 m high)**

**& Rod in penrith**

**'Aerotecture' - wind  
turbines on buildings**

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AGRICULTURAL  
WASTES INTO  
METHANE INTO  
DISTRICT HEATING &  
ELECTRIC

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& SEWAGE  
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A NEW LANCASTER  
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# *Notes from the Scribe*

It feels like there are many things we can do on the energy front. Nothing was put off until later. There is lots to be done now and if not now, soon.

Our river, the river Lune, and its tidal nature was seen as an important resource. Also the potential use of low profile wind turbines, as has recently been developed by the University of Chicago.

There was a close linkage made with agriculture, from the identification of sheep's wool insulation to the use of agricultural waste as a form of heat.

The image of a new Lancaster Forest was a potent and beautiful one.

One other thing notable was the identification of certain things to say No to, we can and should try to stop certain developments which would be deleterious.



How can we transform our work life to one that is sustainable?

What to do when jobs are no longer required. eg. When not sustainable/ ethical to continue doing things in such a way?

How to take care of people redundant / longer having a livelihood?

How do we reduce the levels of inequality in our society? What sort of wage differentials should be tolerated as acceptable? Should there be a maximum and a minimum wage?

How do we encourage local green or ethical businesses?

How do we get more meaning and creativity in the work process for people?

Local Banks – an enabling agency?

**Buidings**

Question:

How to take care of people who are redundant and no longer having a livelihood and how to encourage local green or ethical businesses?

**Machinery**

# **eCONOMICS & LiVELiHOODS eXISTING RESOURCES**

**Financial Resources**

**Businesses**

**SKILLS**

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# Vision

PUSH LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE A GREEN PROCURMENT POLICY

REBALANCE ECONOMY ie REINDUSTRIALISE

LOCAL BANK & POSSIBLY A LOCAL CURRENCY

MORE WORKER CO-OPERATIVES, WHICH BRINGS MORE MEANING AND CREATIVITY INTO THE WORK PROCESS (VIA DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION)

FIND OUT WHAT LOCAL "GREEN" BUSINESSES THERE ARE

MORE COLLABORATIVE WORKING

BRING LANCASTER UNIVERSITY INTO PLAY IN THIS ISSUE (SOMEHOW OR OTHER)

CONCEPT OF MAXIMUM SIZE - SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

RETRAINING

PRESSURISE, PUSH/ PERSUADE LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE LARGE PROJECTS TO PROVIDE JOBS

MORE SHOPPING AT SINGLE STEP, LESS AT SAINSBURY'S

ESTABLISH LANCASTER AS A "FAIRTRADE CITY"

EXPANSION OF EXISTING BUSINESSES

-GREEN & ETHICAL

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PROVIDE JOBS

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ReBALANCE  
eCONOMY ie  
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# *Notes from the Scribe*

It seems that the Economics & Livelihoods group, fell out of the form of the process at some point. This is OK of course, yet we are left with only the vaguest notions of what existing resources may be available in Lancaster.

In some ways there is something strange about this category, even more so than the 'heat and soul' category. There seems to be something not graspable within the framework of transition within the notions of economics and livelihoods. Perhaps it is that our current conceptions of economics, that of the industrial growth society, and livelihoods, our conceptions of 'working for a living' have 'added up' to our current unsustainable predicament. Perhaps there is a question: can these notions of economics & livelihoods, be transitioned while at the same time keeping the shape of the conceptions recognisable?



How are we going to gain skills and knowledge to grow food?

What are the food needs/ qualities required. Considering the population how much land is needed?

How will we access the necessary land?

How can we get wider community to engage positively with the problem?

How can we engage a food action plan for Lancaster?

OCLAN/ Myerscough

Food Distribution - Single Step,  
Local Box Schemes, other shops

Sustainability Partnership

Allotments

Compost Schemes

Churches/ Muslim/  
other religions

Womens Institute

Private Gardens

Canal

Woodlands

Local Transport

Public Parks

Industrial Estates

Water

Directory of local food  
producers

Community Centers eg Skerton

Cemetarys

Gardening Clubs

Butchery /Abattoirs /Auction mart

**L.E.S.S.**

School Grounds

School Farm

# FOOD & FARMING EXISTING RESOURCES

Higher education/  
Further education

**US**

Small Holders

PCT - Healthy  
living initiatives

Soil Association, RHS,  
(BDAA), BD Assoc,  
CPRE, RSPB, Plants for  
a future (PFAF),  
Permaculture Assoc  
(PAB)

Streets

Beekeepers  
association

Sea -

Salt marsh

Community  
Associations

Cookery skills

Middlewood

Farmers Market

Growing Schools programme

Farmers

Piccadilly  
Gardens

Growing Matters

Pensioners

Wild Food

Council

Local Nurseries

*Scribe's Additions in Orange, scribe questions relevance of groups in grey boxes for 'heart & soul' resources*

# Vision

LOCAL  
COMPOSTING &  
REUSE FOR  
GROWING BEDS

BUILDINGS COVERED IN  
GREEN WALLS  
(EDIBLES) AND LIVING  
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## FLAT ROOFS

-RAINWATER HARVESTING  
-EDIBLES  
-PARKS ON LARGER ROOFS

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IN COMMUNITY  
CENTRES, CHURCHES,  
MOSQUES, SCHOOLS ETC  
TO HELP PEOPLE WHO  
ARE INFIRM, OLD OR  
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## VERTICAL GARDENS IN TERRACED STREETS

PROPAGATION  
NURSERY FOR  
PERMANENT FOOD  
PLANTS (EDIBLES -  
FOREST GARDENS  
ETC)

COMMUNAL OVENS &  
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ALLEYS, FRONT  
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CREATING  
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-FOOD PRODUCTION,  
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SHARING, SECURITY

EVERY GARDEN BACK  
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WITH FOOD, FRUIT,  
EDIBLE PLANTS & TREES

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MENTORING FOR  
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EDIBLE PUBLIC LANDSCAPES

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HEATED BY COMPOST  
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SLURRY PITS

A THRIVING  
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EVERY NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WITH LOCAL PRODUCE  
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EVERY GARDEN

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KNOWING HOW TO  
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PRESERVE

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It feels like there was a lot of energy from the food and farming group. Clearly there is a lot we can do, and the message clearly comes that things are really achievable. The question is always one of will. To have a street lined with nut and fruit trees is a amazing vision. Is it a vision strong enough to encourage a council to start the planting?

The message is clearly that we can feed ourselves, and it sounds like fun, and an adventure. Perhaps if we hold this vision in our minds, and then look out of the window, or perhaps go the car park at Sainsbury's, we may see some pathways of actions which can connect here to there.