

Transition City Lancaster

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Working groups - laying the foundations

This is a general route map for each working group

FIRST . . . EACH WORKING GROUP WILL NEED A CONTACT PERSON - OR PERSONS . . .

- To keep in contact with the group itself
- To keep in touch with the core group about dates, events etc for newsletters and for the wider membership
- To meet with the core group and folk from the other groups about once a month
- To be posted on the webpage so new people can find your group

Then . . .

Ensure that everyone in the group is well versed in peak oil and climate change issues - show dvds if necessary - general awareness raising in the group . . . probably with tea and cakes . . . or local beers . . .

Ensure everyone is connected to the Transition approach - community resilience - check out www.transitiontowns.org and www.transitionculture.org reading the handbook - maybe going on some national events

Focussing on your theme -

gather all the initial visions, dreams and actual project ideas that folks come up with - the wilder and wackier the better - as long as some are do-able in the short term

Find out who's doing what already in Lancaster - there are loads of excellent projects already up and running - map it out - and make friendly links with them - what's being done already? - where are the gaps? don't reinvent the wheel if its turning nicely already! It's NOT a good idea to jump on the toes of folk who have been working on particular issues for years

Find out what other transition groups are doing with these particular issues around the country - have a wander round the national websites . . .

Work out what are the long term and your short term projects for your particular group. Be clear about how they reduce fossil fuel dependency, reduce climate chaos and also build local resilience.

Work out what sort of public event the group might want to hold - to raise awareness more widely and to gather more people and ideas and energy. Films, outings, speakers, tours of Lancaster?????

Remember that how you work as a group is as important as what you work on - there is always help and support from the core group if things get a bit stuck. Please have a good look at the 'facilitation' info we've sent along - it will help the group be a happy healthy place to be!

And . . . start moving on whatever projects you decide to do first . . .

and . . .

enjoy it all !!!!