

Transition Swansea: First Public Meeting

January 14th 2008

Message from organisers sent on 15th January 2008:

Wow, what an amazing turnout! It was so inspirational and full of promise. Everyone had so many amazing ideas and here are some of them:

- Better public transport
- More emphasis on recycling
- More cycle tracks
- A tidal lagoon in Swansea Bay
- Low Impact Development - urban and rural
- Encourage students to use the market
- Organic gardening mentor scheme
- 'Freeganism' - collecting waste food from shops/cafes/restaurants to re-use
- Local wholesale co-operative, i.e. Suma
- Getting children and adults of all ages to integrate more
- Undercurrents short-film workshops
- Fairtrade links for items that can't be grown locally
- Giving up as a positive action, i.e. not flying
- Living simply
- Composting locally, human waste management
- Transition Tunes - encouraging local music
- Skillsharing through community projects
- Wild food map
- Positive Impact Development
- Recycled biodiesel
- Healing, the psychology of change

This is an amazing list full of brilliant and varied ideas. Neither of us have seen a lot of these suggestions on other transition town websites which demonstrates what an inventive pool of ideas we have to draw from.

The people who have so far volunteered to be on the steering group are: Miriam Stenning, Tom Morris, Helen Marshall, Roy Jones, Sera Rabbett, Hannah Buddle, Dai Morris, Martin Willson and Redfern Barrett. If you would like to volunteer in the future either reply to this email or mention it at the next meeting.

We will keep you updated about the next meeting as well as any further developments. It was so wonderful to meet you all - we look forward to further meetings!

Hannah and Sera