

# Transition Wirral: The Answer

## What is a Transition Town?

A group of individuals getting together and planning to improve and strengthen their local community to cope with climate change and the end of cheap oil.

These communities have become known as **Transition Towns** - indicating a transition away from fossil fuel energy.  
<http://transitiontowns.org>

Transition Towns such as Totnes in Devon have started projects to look at home energy efficiency, local transport, the sharing of skills and ideas, grow-your-own and other local sources of food.



## A better quality of life

- life using less energy will happen and it is better to plan for it in advance
- there are many possible benefits: less congestion and pollution, healthier food and stronger communities
- by sharing ideas and skills, neighbours can build a better way of living that is more connected, more enriching and that cares for each other and the planet

## What is happening locally?

- West Kirby is now a Transition Town



- several public meetings since June 2007, including talks, films and a workshop
- a steering group has been set up
- a petition has been submitted to Wirral Council to ask for more allotments.

## Get involved

- look out for posters
- come to meetings
- share ideas & skills
- tell your friends
- visit the web sites
- join the email list
- change your lifestyle



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[www.wirralgroups.org.uk/transitionwirral.htm](http://www.wirralgroups.org.uk/transitionwirral.htm)

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**We can and must move  
to low energy living.  
We need to start planning it now.**

# Transition Wirral

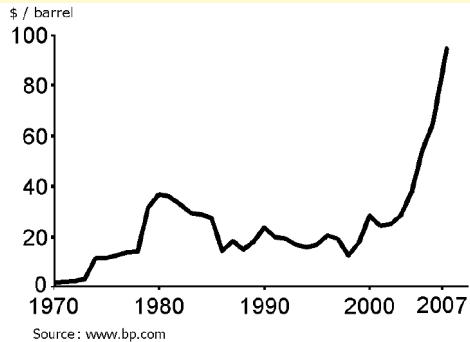


**Building  
a better life  
for us and  
our children**



# Why Transition Wirral is needed

## Oil prices are soaring



## Oil supplies are dwindling

### North Sea oil is running out

World oil production will peak within the next few years. It may have peaked already. Oil extraction is becoming more difficult and more expensive. Oil producing countries are using more and exporting less.

## Other sources of energy can't replace oil

- gas and coal supplies are also limited
- nuclear power has many risks, and is expensive
- biofuels are made from food crops
- wind, solar and tidal power will provide some energy, but not enough
- hydrogen is not an answer, it needs energy to make it

## Our current lifestyle depends on oil

For the last few decades, we have been plundering the earth's resources with hardly a thought of what we will do when they run out.

- petrol and other fuels, fertilizers, plastics, fabrics etc are all made from oil.



- food production and transport depend on oil. During the fuel blockade of 2000, supermarket shelves emptied in a few days.

- many jobs will disappear as oil becomes more expensive.



## Our climate is changing

The earth's temperature is rising

We are seeing more storms, floods and droughts.



This is affecting farming and the price of food.

## Governments are not acting

Cheap oil is running out but for many governments it seems to be 'business as usual'

**It is no longer about saving the planet, but about saving ourselves**