



Transition Bath
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Statement of Intent

2011 to 2014

“ To develop a positive sustainable local community which is resilient in a world of declining natural resources.

Transition Bath is facilitating the local community to create a positive future for our city in a world without cheap energy and global food production. Working with other groups and local government, we aim to develop a more localised economy, collect and develop traditional and modern skills and re-establish local resource resilience and biodiversity for the benefit of everyone.

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This document provides an outline of Transition Bath's future direction. It is intended as a framework to aid and guide us all by setting priorities and ensuring we take action around the issues we feel are most important. It does this by defining key objectives and giving examples of projects we see being developed.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of priorities and actions, nor narrow our vision to the projects explicitly stated within it. Rather, it is simply an understanding of our intended future direction at the time of publication. This document will be reviewed frequently.

It's our future. Together let's take positive action to realise and build it.

Aims

We aim to:

1. Engage with the community, create awareness and empower people to take action concerning sustainability, carbon emissions and the effect of diminishing natural resources.
2. Support, develop and incubate groups, social enterprise, businesses and other Transition related projects.
3. Support the empowerment of children and young people to take action with their communities on climate change issues.
4. Develop projects that encourage the growth, production and distribution and consumption of local food.
5. Work with the business community in moving towards sustainable business practiced by creating a low carbon economy.
6. Establish a more sustainable use and supply of energy in homes, community buildings and businesses.
7. Support our initiative Bath and West Community Energy in their development of clean and renewable energy generation.
8. Support initiatives that reduce the reliance on oil as the basis of Bath's transport system.
9. Create a base for Transition Bath activities that will serve as a centre for information, education and the development of sustainable communities.
10. Encourage the financial support of the local community
11. Maintain the governance of Transition Bath.

Objectives

1. Awareness and Action

- Create a network of groups in relation to food, transport, energy, health, water and inner transition and support them to take action
- Hold talks, events and information sessions on specific issues concerning climate change and living in a low carbon economy.
- Representation of the views of Transition Bath at various forums and campaign for a low carbon bath
- To maintain a strong online presence to keep people informed.

2. Supporting Groups

- Offer information and advice on relevant structures, funding opportunities, marketing, human resources and signposting to other relevant organisations
- Use the Transition network to promote and support any new Transition related projects.

3. Young People and Education

- Develop a partnership with the Green Vision group
- Establish a sustainability network and support young people, schools and parents in working with other agencies and Transition Bath to engage in practical positive action around issues of sustainability
- To support an annual Youth Climate Change Conference.

4. Developing Local Food Production

- To raise awareness of the role that local food plays in mitigating the effects of climate change
- To continue to support Dry Arch Growers community supported agriculture initiative as it becomes a viable independent project
- To develop other CSA projects in other areas around Bath city

- Encourage the production distribution, retailing and appreciation of local food
- To identify suitable land in and around the city of Bath that can be used for food production
- To encourage the community to produce and preserve their own food.

5. Working with Business

- Organise a conference for local business on energy security and the local supply chain
- Identify funding to support the development of a Transition model for Bath businesses
- Build a network of businesses that are working towards the Transition business model.

6. Energy Use and Conservation

- Provide information, expertise and support to enable people to retrofit their homes
- Organise an annual event to showcase homes with low-carbon energy features to the public
- Work with schools and parents to improve the performance of their buildings in reducing carbon and boosting school funds
- Working in partnership with Bath and West Community Energy to identify opportunities for renewable energy generation
- Provide an information pack to help people with their energy conservation.

7. Energy Generation

- Support Bath community energy in working towards a target of 25% renewable energy set by Bath and North East Somerset council within the next five years.

8. Transport

- Seek to reduce carbon emissions from all forms of transport
- Create a resilient transport system based on the shortest journey having the highest priority
- Support and encourage walking, cycling and public transport
- Respond to initiatives and consultations undertaken by the local authority
- Engage with other groups active in transport issues

9. Premises

- Seek suitable premises within Bath
- Create a viable business case to make the building a self-funding project
- Create an exemplar low carbon building

10. Community Support

- Develop a 'Friends of Transition' scheme to encourage volunteering and financial support from the local community and businesses
- Seek funding to employ staff to aid the support of volunteers, delivery of projects and day-to-day operational work of Transition Bath

11. Governance

- Ensure the recruitment of Trustees to the Board
- Put in place and refine policies and procedures
- Maintain the continued support of Transition Bath by local people



Further Information

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