

SEA Newsletter

New Year 2010

Welcome to the first SEA Newsletter of 2010. We hope to publish this roundup once a month and will distribute it as a PDF file to those on the SEA-members email list and in paper form to those without eMail addresses (see below). It will also be on the website for download.

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Review of 2009

The year has been a very busy one for SEA – last winter we were running our second winter film

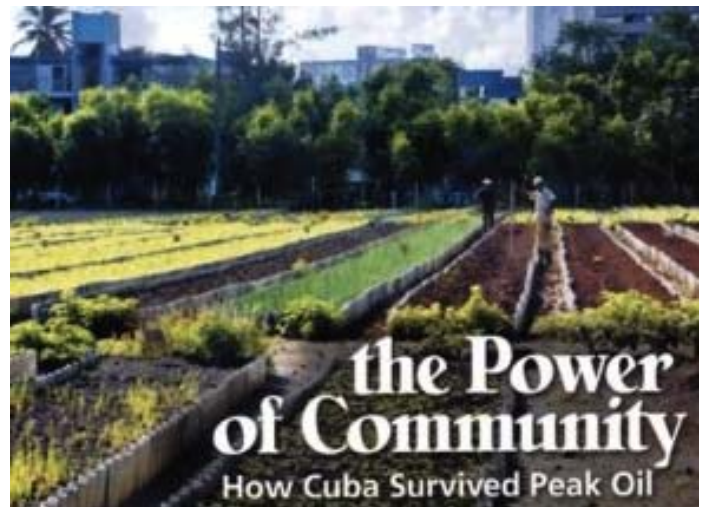
Having shown Al Gore's, Leonardo di Caprio's and David Attenborough's climate changewarning films before Christmas we continued with 'Garbage Warrior', 'Black Gold' and "Who Killed the Electric Car' all of which looked at different aspects of solutions to our problems.

March saw the Great Green Gardeners Question Time at Brunel School.



Ruth had put together a wonderful panel and the evening was a great success – a cheque was later presented to the school from the proceeds of the evening.

programme.



**Film Show Tuesday 12th January
Bishop Cornish school 7:15 for 7:30pm**

The May Fair stall attracted much interest with an eye-catching demonstration of solar cooking – and yes the potatoes were edible by 2:30pm !



We also had a stall at the Churchtown Farm day – although the weather was not so kind.

Our Bring'n'Share picnic at Forder in June was blessed with one of the sunniest days of the year – that's two years running we've hit the sun with that event – can we make it a hat trick in 2010?



In July the series of 'Music in the Street' events started on Saturday mornings – intended to bring a bit of life and colour to Fore Street to encourage people to come and use the local shops.



This has run right through until Christmas with the final event – Four Flutes on Sat 20th culminating in a genuine Christmas Snow Scene in Fore Street !

Another aspect of the theme of getting people to use our local resources was the introduction of the Saltash Card thanks to Cllr Richard Bickford and the Gateway CIC for getting this going.



In September National Plastic Bag free day coincided with our 2nd Birthday – 2 years since we launched the first Saltash Bag. A cake was duly cut in the Guildhall.

Our Autumn programme has seen a weekly series of events starting with Saltash's contribution to the world premiere of the film 'Age of Stupid' and covering everything from home insulation to food for free – a wonderfully diverse set of evenings and all great fun.



Who could forget Tracey's little helpers !

On a more serious campaigning note SEA promoted a 350 Day 'Hands Across the Water' event.



We also supported the 'Footsteps to Copenhagen' march as it came through, took a formal position on the proposed Elwell Woods plans (basically opposed to the over development of the site and loss of unique habitat), and 8 of us attended the pre-Copenhagen 'Wave' demo in London.



Of course in one sense Copenhagen has been a big disappointment – but it makes the work that we are all doing with SEA even more important as the political failure provides the opportunity for Civil Society and groups like SEA to take action for ourselves and show the politicians what can and should be done.

That's got to be where we are going in 2010...

Committee

Marion Beale, having been the prime mover of the group for two years, decided that the time had come to hand on the reins to some new people. She remains on the committee – which is very much open to anyone who wants to get involved – contact the Chairman or Secretary.

We have four formal 'officers'

Chairman – Adam Killeya

Secretary – Louise Austin

Treasurer – Natalie Newton

vice-Chair – Roger CO
(all contact details at the end)

These four are assisted by a committee of about 8 people, but we are very much open to suggestions and guidance from you, the members as to what we should be doing and specific projects we should engage in.

Saltash In Transition



One project that is certainly going ahead in 2010 is SEA joining the formal Transition Towns movement.

There will be much more detail on this over the coming months – please do come to the meetings and events to find out all about it – this is something which affects all of our futures.

If you have internet access you can find out more by going to www.transitiontowns.org. You can also borrow a copy of the Transition Handbook from SEA – we have copies available for loan; contact Godfrey

STOP PRESS - Saltash is now officially a Transition Town

Coming Events

For the January to March period we are meeting on the second week of the month on Tuesday or Thursday:

Tuesday 12th January – Film Show 'The Power of Community'. This tells a story about how it is possible to adapt to rapid changes in circumstances and increase quality of life at the same time. A very good introduction to some of the ideas in Transition.

Venue – Bishop Cornish School, 7:30pm start (arrive 7:15)

Thursday 11th February – Low Carbon Futures. A look at how we can get from here to there in Saltash. Venue and time as above

March (date tbc) – Grow Your Own Evening (part 1 – to be followed with part 2 in September when you produce the results!)

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Godfrey runs the film and book library – all the films we have shown are available for loan to members, also a number of books including copies of The Transition handbook.
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We run a mailing list for members with notices of events and this newsletter – if you are not getting it drop a line to info@sea.PL12.org.uk