

Somerset Community Energy Forum

Are you in SANE?

Village? Town? Community?

Medieval Hangover



Dragged into the 21st Century



The Roxy
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Act locally Spring '08



- Community allotment already finding plots . . .
- Initial meetings optimistic and broadly representative . . .
- Aware of other groups - Wedmore, Wrington, Transition Glastonbury . . .
- Full Transition agenda too big, so what can we do here?

First year growth



- Organic gardening
- Permaculture
- Home energy
- Lift-share
- Cycleway
- Waste management & Freecycle events

Actual change in carbon footprint?

Home energy? Not so simple



- Eco-friendly materials?
- Pricing
- Grant system
- Funding erratic
- Certificated installers/DIY
- Poor uptake of grants

Think local, act super-local

Cheddar & Draycott



Wedmore



Shipham



Axbridge



Advantages of Warm Streets/CSE link . . .

- No need to reinvent the wheel
- Clear existing structure and experience
- Professional levels of back-up for volunteer efforts
- Ongoing opportunities for advice and expertise

Top 5 tips . . .



- Reflect on community make-up
- Spread the load
- Give people something to DO apart from meetings
- Patience & persistence with local publicity
- Celebrate successes

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

