



# TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

*Acting today for tomorrow*

## September 2016 Newsletter



Transition Chepstow were at the **Chepstow Show** again this year, together with [Bee Friendly Monmouthshire](#), [Monmouthshire Meadows](#), [Chepstow Walkers are Welcome](#), [Our Monmouthshire](#) and [Gwent Energy](#) in "The Green Tent" kindly sponsored by Gwent Energy CIC. The weather was good and we had plenty of visitors to our marquee. All the groups said it was great to join together and share space with like-minded people, and we felt that we make much more of an impact collectively. It was also good to meet volunteers from other local groups and find out a bit more about what they all do in our community. We were pleased with the high numbers of local people who came to see us.

Transition Chepstow sponsored a new class in the Horticultural competition this year, which was a planter with pollinator-friendly planting. The winning entry (shown above) by Mrs A Hill was simply stunning, and it also won the Best in Show award!

### Visit to Stroud Farmers Market

*Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

Stroud has an active and successful [Transition Town project](#). We are planning a visit to Stroud Farmers Market and to learn more about local food projects in Stroud. If you'd like to join us, please contact Marcus via [food@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:food@transitionchepstow.org.uk) or 07944 468052.

Beaufort Hotel  
Florence Court  
Chepstow  
NP16 5EP

**MONDAY**  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
7-9pm  
Doors open 6.45pm

**FREE ENTRY**  
Contact:  
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What could we do in Chepstow to address the challenges that the future may bring?

An evening to share questions and ideas.  
Existing projects will be showcased and new ones may be born!

### Got an appetite for local food?

Join the next local food discussion on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** (7.30pm, Regency Room, upstairs at the Beaufort Hotel) to share thoughts and ideas. We'll also be working on plans for the next Chepstow Apple Day, a visit to Stroud Market, enhancing our community orchards and 'growing your own'. Contact Marcus via [food@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:food@transitionchepstow.org.uk) or 07944 468052 to find out more.



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### Charging points for electric cars in Chepstow

The Energy Group has been in contact with Monmouthshire County Council about provision of car charging points in town car parks. Gwent Energy has made a proposal to install 2 points near to the library in Chepstow car park. This scheme can be extended to any building with a power connection, parking space, and a means of collecting the charging fee. The proposal includes sourcing renewable power from one of their solar farms. Gwent Energy CIC is now an accredited car charge point installer.

To find out more about this and other projects, come along to an **Energy Group meeting** on the first **Wednesday** of every month (September 7<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30 pm at **The Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow**. Contact: [energy@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:energy@transitionchepstow.org.uk)



### Whose Food is it Anyway?

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 6.30pm to start at 7pm**

**St Mary's Church Abergavenny, NP7 5ND**  
With Rosie Boycott, Mayor of London's food advisor, writer and gardener

Discussions on food justice; human right to food land entitlement; impact on low income; food waste; international dimensions. Songs from Zimbabwe, fair trade stalls and more. Donations welcome.

A free entry Abergavenny Food Festival Fringe Event organised by Just Food from Abergavenny Transition Town.  
<http://abergavennytransition.org/food/>

**Renew Wales Annual Conference**  
Communities delivering for Future Generations  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The conference will focus on the power and strengths of our communities and the drive to create a better place for our future generations. We will have a range of experts in the field giving presentations and holding workshops, and it will be a fantastic opportunity to network with other groups, practitioners and support organisations. Bookings can be made online: [Renew Wales Conference](#)

If you would like to find out more about our projects or to get involved, please get in touch!

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### Using solar battery storage and renting electric cars

You can read about Alison and Peter's experience with a domestic solar battery storage system up at Pencelli on their blog [Eco Funky Travelling in Wales & Beyond](#). Alison and Peter are part of Talybont-on-Usk community energy and are co-founders of the Eco Travel Network which operates a fleet of low energy Renault Twizy electric cars for use by residents and local businesses and hire by tourists. Find out more about this scheme at <http://ecotravelnetwork.co.uk/>.



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