

New Charity

In the process of presenting STC to various funders, it has become clear that STC is seen as specific to Salisbury City and not to the wider audience that was envisaged at set up. It has also been almost impossible to gain funding because of its non charitable status. To correct this, I would like to make the suggestion that we make STC into a charity for Salisbury activities and set up a new charity to cover South West Wiltshire. We do not need to have the word 'Transition' in our Charity's name to do this, or to be part of the "Transition Network". It has been mooted that 'Transition' has been used in so many situations that it no longer infers what we stand for.

The following is a first draft description of what the charity might look like and the charitable status of **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.)** has been suggested to remove financial obligations from its trustees. There can be up to a maximum of 12 trustees, however, we only need 3 to set things up, initially.

It is imperative that we get these charities in place to enable us to apply for funds to cover our planned events for 2018. Please would you tell me, quickly, if you agree and please feel free to suggest suitable charity names for South Wiltshire.

Thank you,

Mike.

What it is

We are *(New Charity Name)* Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.), an organisation of people, of all ages, who are concerned about the state of the World and the legacy we are leaving for future generations. If we carry on as we are, our planet and the communities it supports, are unsustainable because, for decades, we have been acting as if the planet's resources are never going to run out and we have given free rein to greed and self-indulgence. It is sad to be able to say that the earth's wildlife are more caring for their environment/resources than we, homo sapiens (*wise persons*), are!

(New Charity Name) covers South Wiltshire and is designed as a hub for the many specialist organisations, who focus on specifics like bio-diversity, environment, local economy, renewable energy, etc. The intention is to provide a forum for these groups to share information and resources to contribute effectively to the overall objective, which is to create sustainable communities and promote awareness of the dire need that drives us.

We can set ourselves up as part of the "Transition Network", which connects Hubs/local enterprises, like ourselves, to create a joined-up but grass-roots movement and work toward global sustainability.

Object[s]

The object[s] of the CIO [is][are]

To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public of South Wiltshire and its environs by:

(1) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;

- (2) *the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic and social resilience;*
- (3) *to advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment. To promote study and research in such subjects and disseminate the results of such study to the public at large.*
- (4) *the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged local communities;*

Sustainable development of south Wiltshire and environs means development that meets the needs of the present citizens of south Wiltshire and environs without compromising the ability of future generations of south Wiltshire and environs to meet their own needs.

What is Transition?

Transition is a movement that has been growing since 2005. It is about communities stepping up to address the big challenges they face, by starting local. By coming together, they are able to crowd-source solutions. They seek to nurture a caring culture, one focused on supporting each other, both as groups or as wider communities.

In practice, they are reclaiming the economy, sparking entrepreneurship, re-imagining work, reskilling themselves and weaving webs of connection and support. It's an approach that has spread now to over 50 countries, in thousands of groups: in towns, villages, cities, Universities, schools.

This is no pipe-dream and things are getting done, in spite of the powerful opposition that exists.

Local goals

- To make the area more self-sufficient by developing an Energy Resilience Plan to cover sustainable transport, energy efficiency, renewable energy and affordable warmth.
- To stimulate local business growth and mutual co-operation, particularly the crafts, skills and enterprises that emphasise sustainability and best transition practice.
- To encouraging positive influences on the environment to bring about a healthy, pleasant and enjoyable living experience for residents of and visitors to, the area. Projects will embrace measures that will encourage negligible pollution and high air quality, coupled with minimal ambient noise levels. To seek to stimulate and flourish, life enhancing, sustainable development.
- To establish a locally sourced, seasonally adjusted and sustainable food supply, free of chemical trace elements and allied to a pure, controlled water supply.
- To encourage residents to become communities of people who are inclusive, resilient and supportive of each other.
- To support both the domestic and commercial community to implement effective waste management and to promote recycling which in turn will minimize pollution and environmental damage.