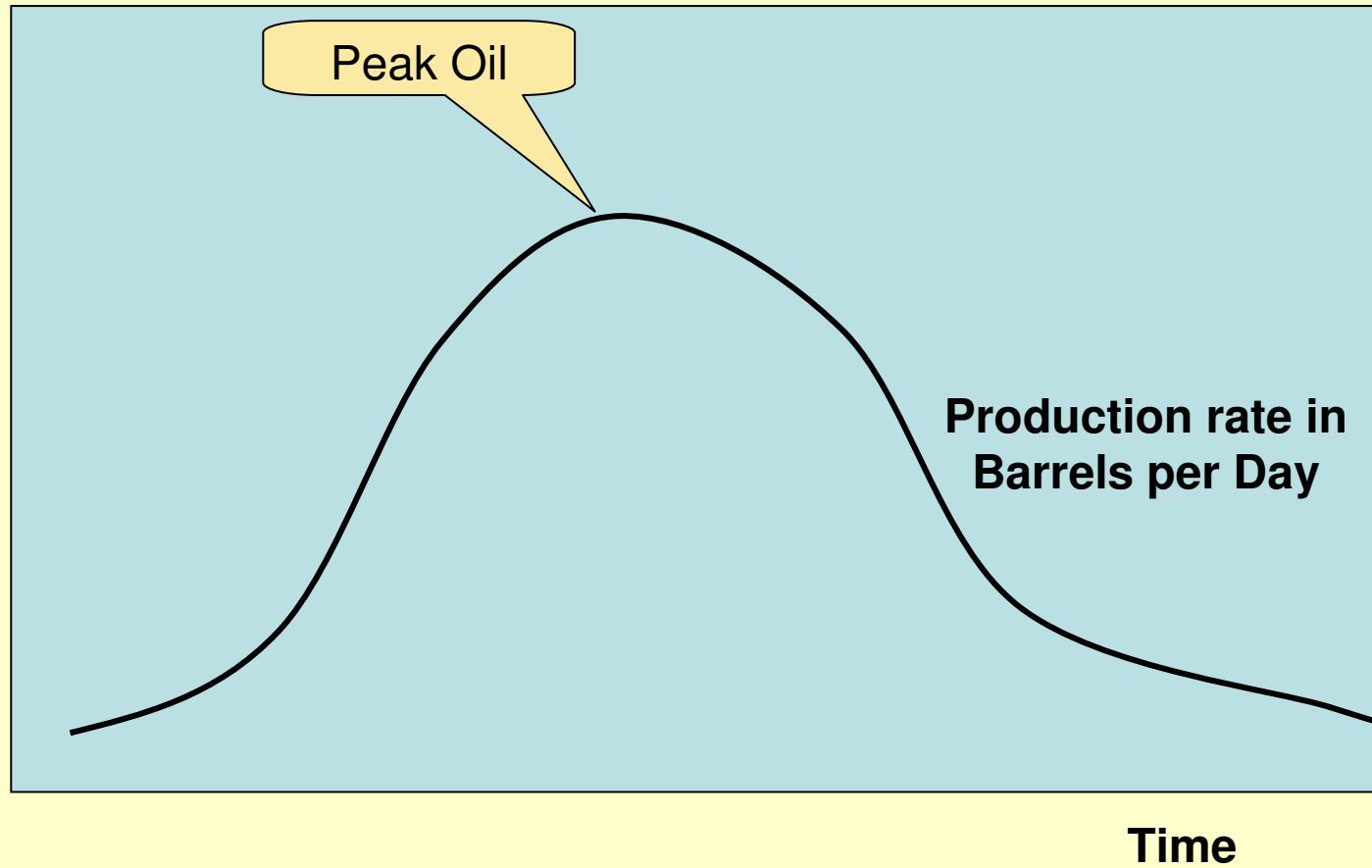




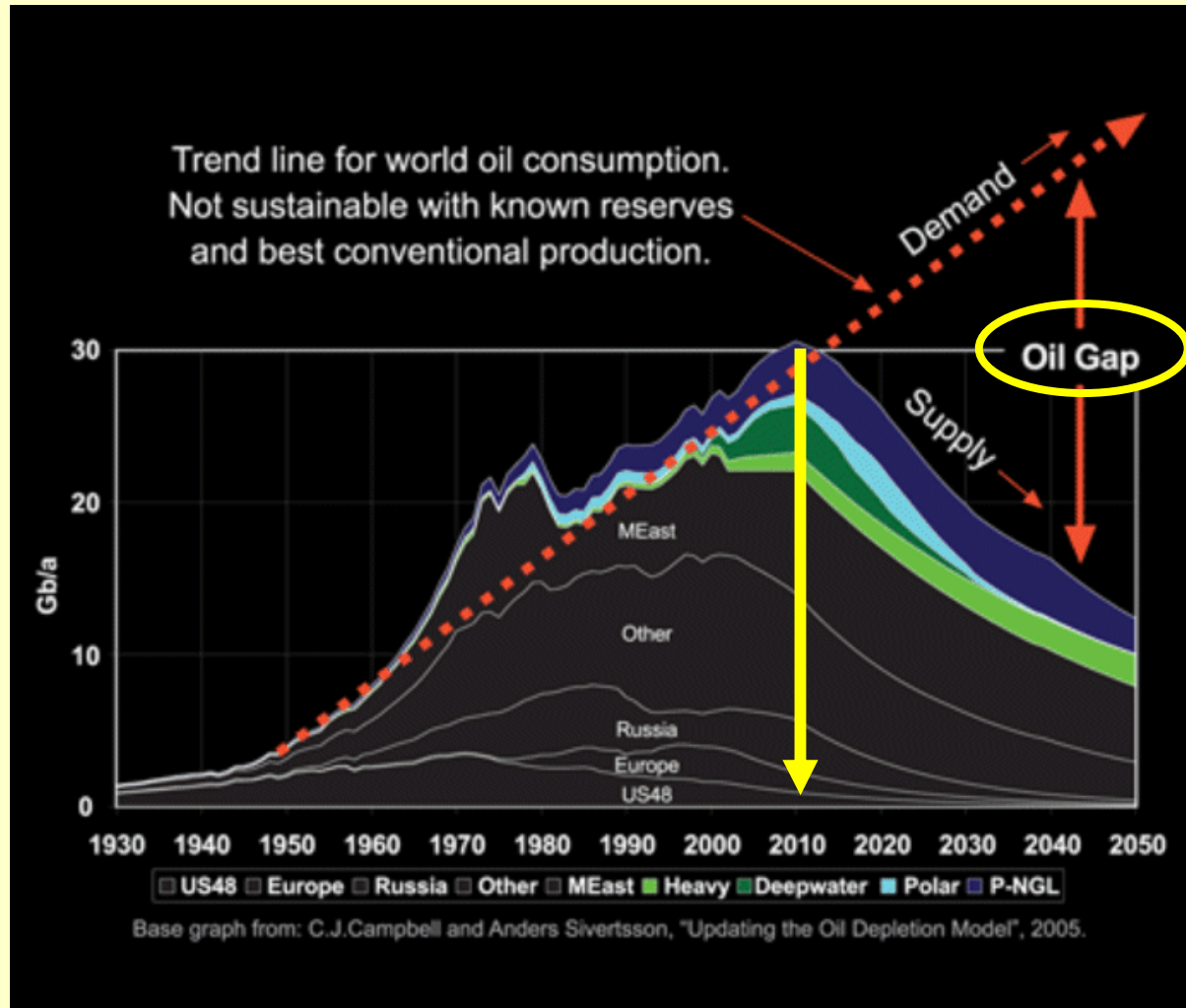
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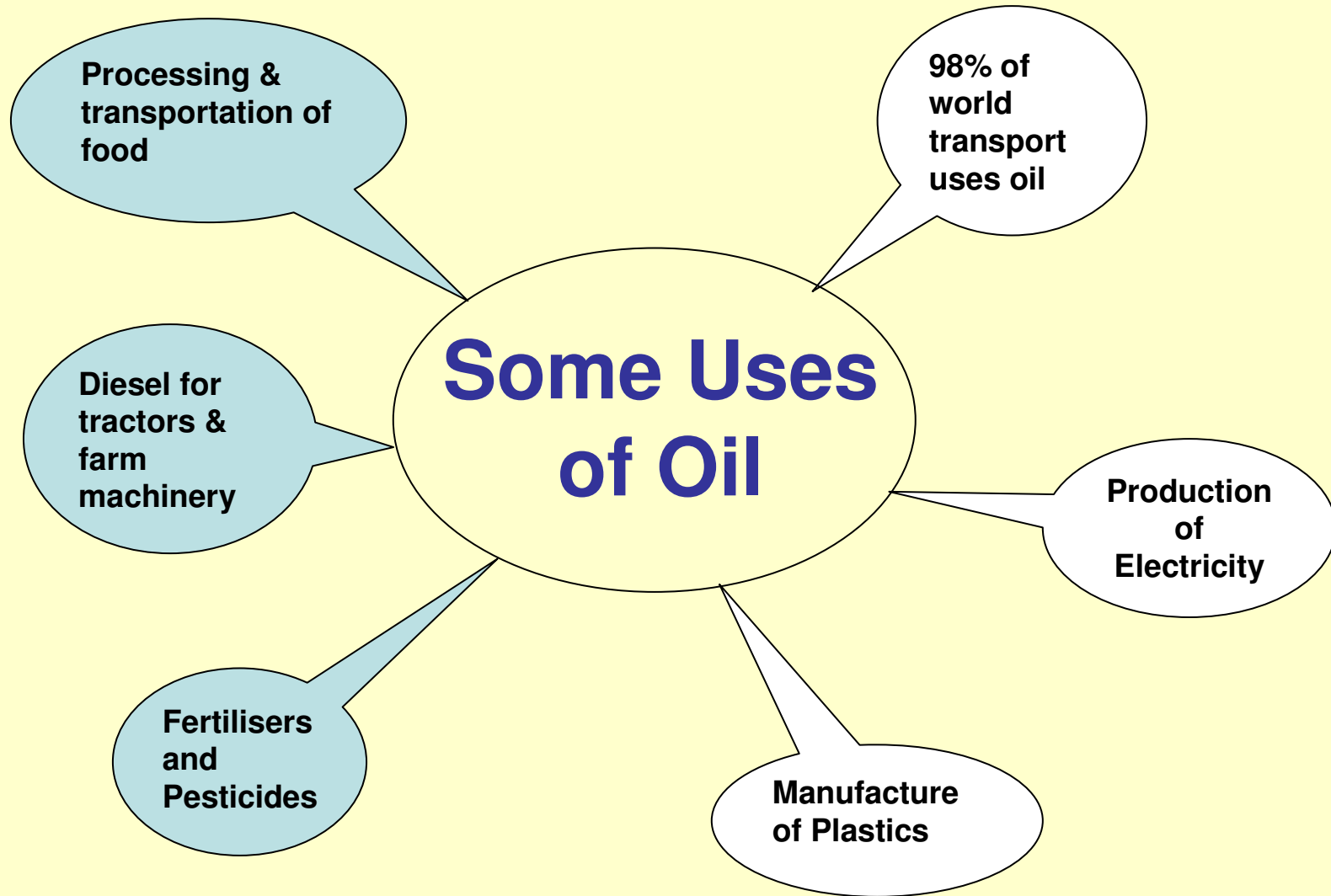
Peak Oil



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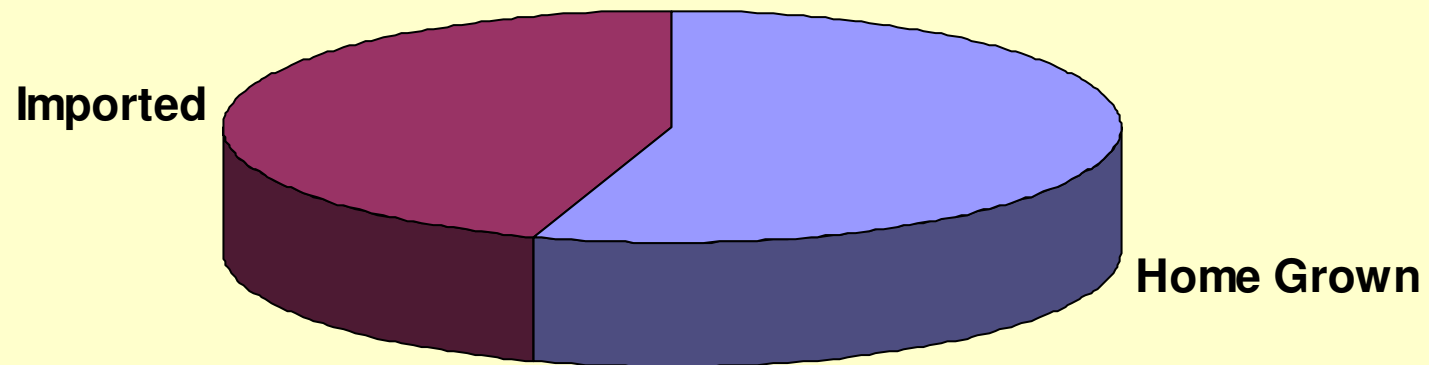


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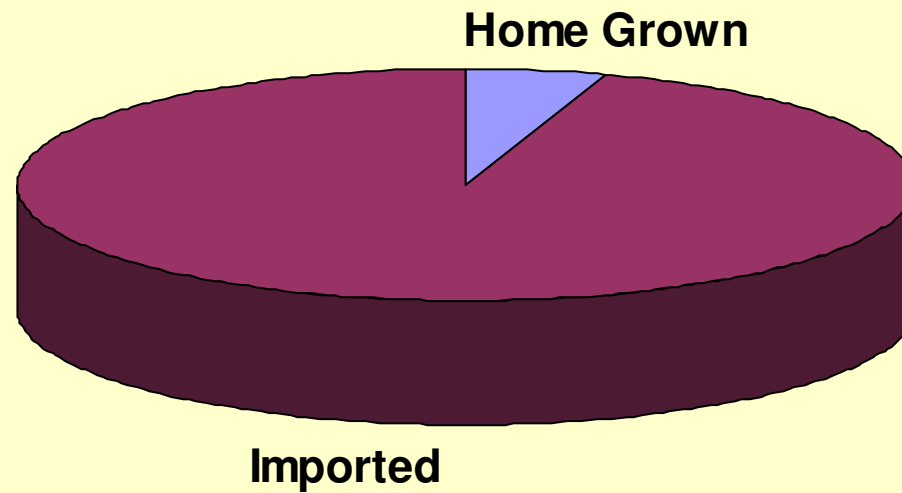
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40% of all Food is Imported

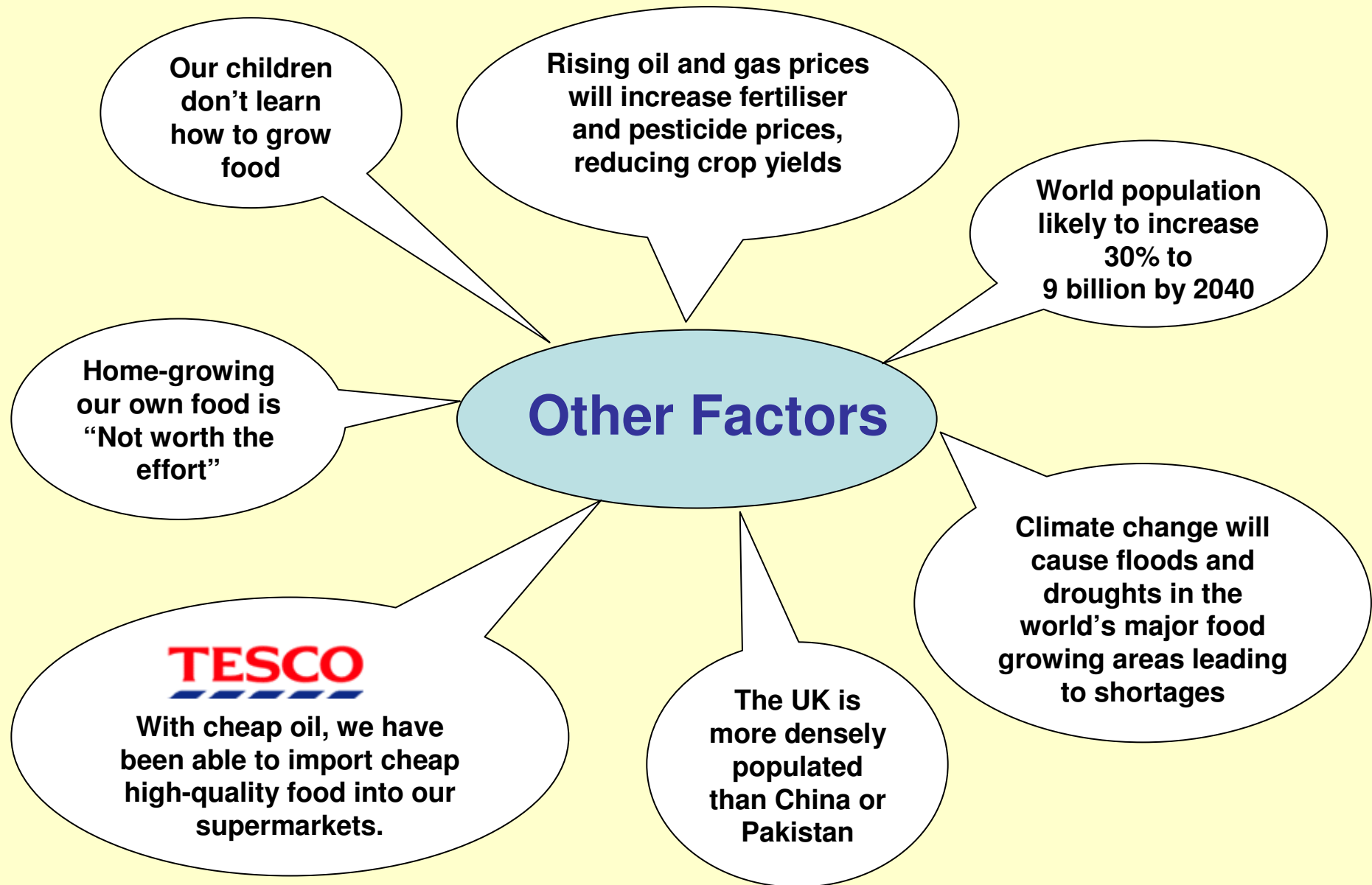


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95% of Fruit is Imported



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With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989, Cuba abruptly lost its main source of petroleum.

The country found itself without fuel for agricultural tractors or trucks to transport food to the cities.

They responded by turning land within the cities to food growing, and using more manual labour.

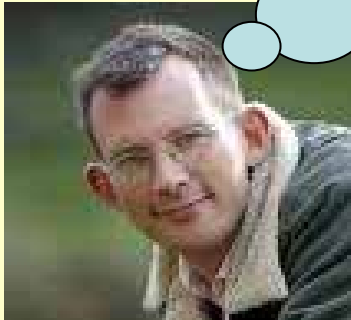
The food is harvested and sold a few yards from where it was grown.



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**Hmm.....
Shall we wait and see
what happens?**

**Or would it be a good
idea to plan for this
coming change of
life-style?**



Rob Hopkins,
Founder of the Transition Town Movement

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The Transition Town Movement

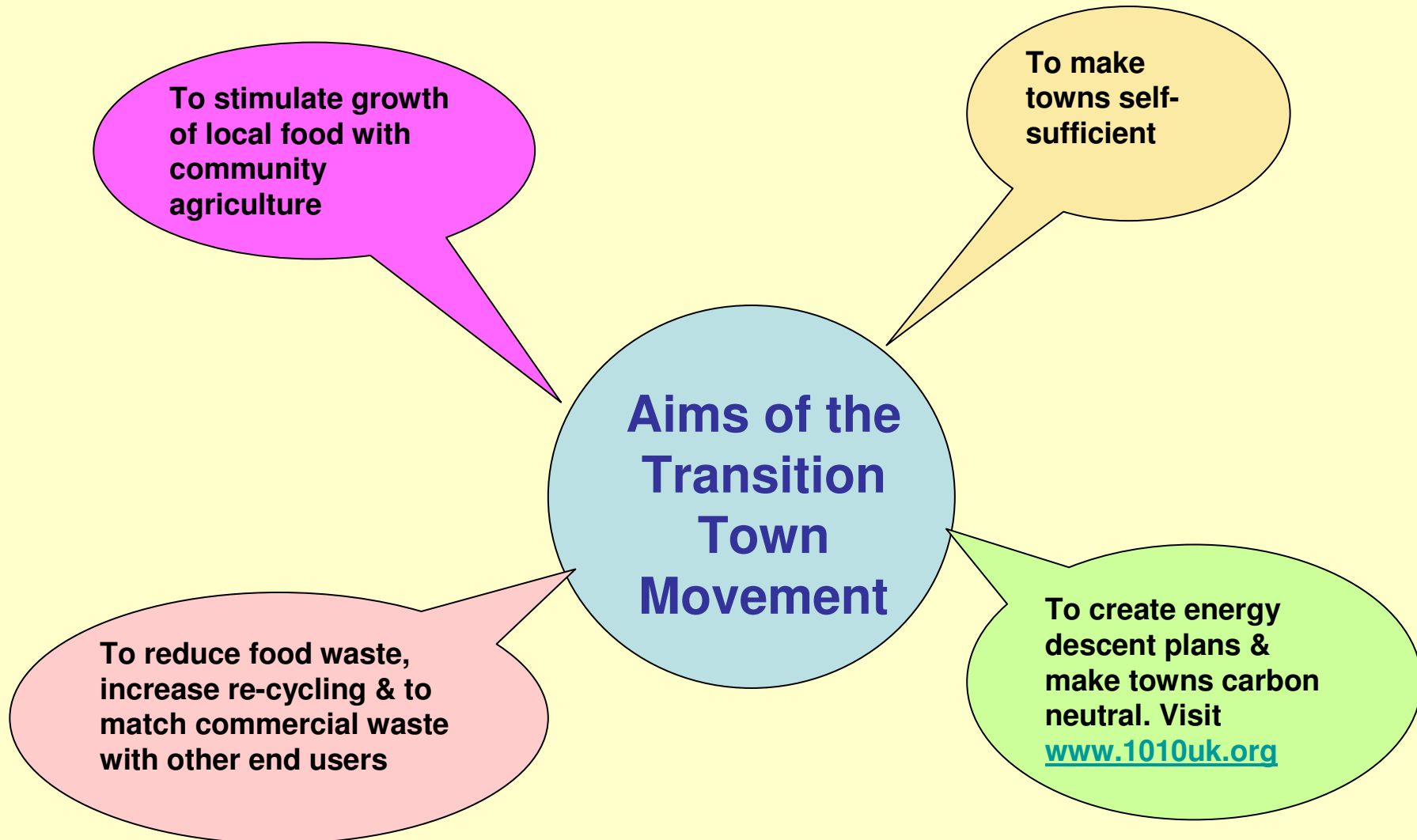


In 2005 Robert Hopkins gave his Permaculture students in Kinsale in Ireland, the task of writing an energy descent plan for their town.

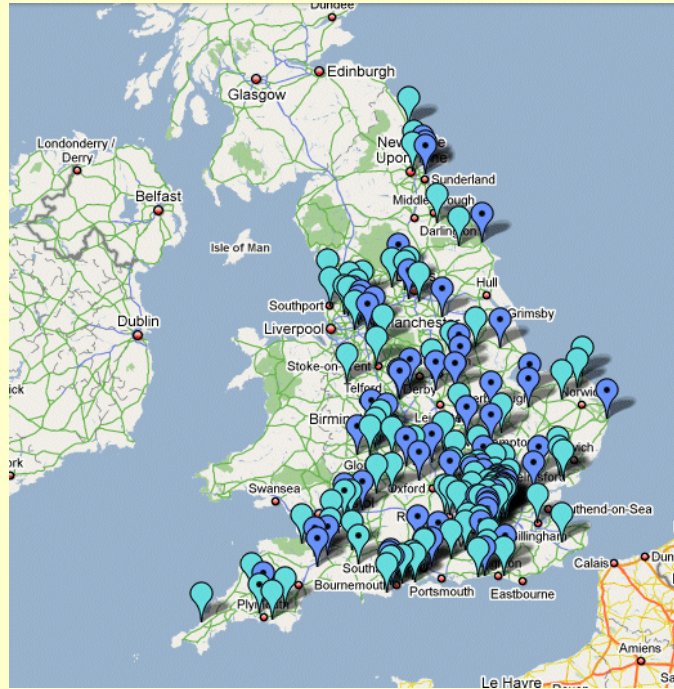
They managed to convince the Kinsale council unanimously to adopt the plan.

After moving to Totnes, Robert repeated this and co-created the Transition Town Movement.

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.....and today there are about 180 Transition Towns in the UK

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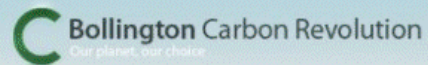
Local Groups

Local Sustainability Groups

We are happy to publicise other local groups working on responses to Peak Oil and Climate Change. If we can support each other and avoid duplication of effort, all well and good!



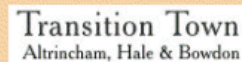
The nearest thing to a Transition Macclesfield umbrella.



[Community Garden](#)

[Horticultural Soc](#)

[Rec ground](#)



Macclesfield Local Group



Congleton Sustainability Group has only a holding [website](#) as yet but they are otherwise very active.

Contact: Peter Aston peter.aston@c2f.org

ECOG - East Cheshire Organic Gardeners offer a programme of lectures and garden visits for novices and experts alike. Visit their [web site](#).



Better than Recycling: Arrange sameday collection and re-using of your surplus goods .

Sustainable Cheshire Forum

Cheshire's Local Agenda 21, the plan for sustainable living in the 21st century.

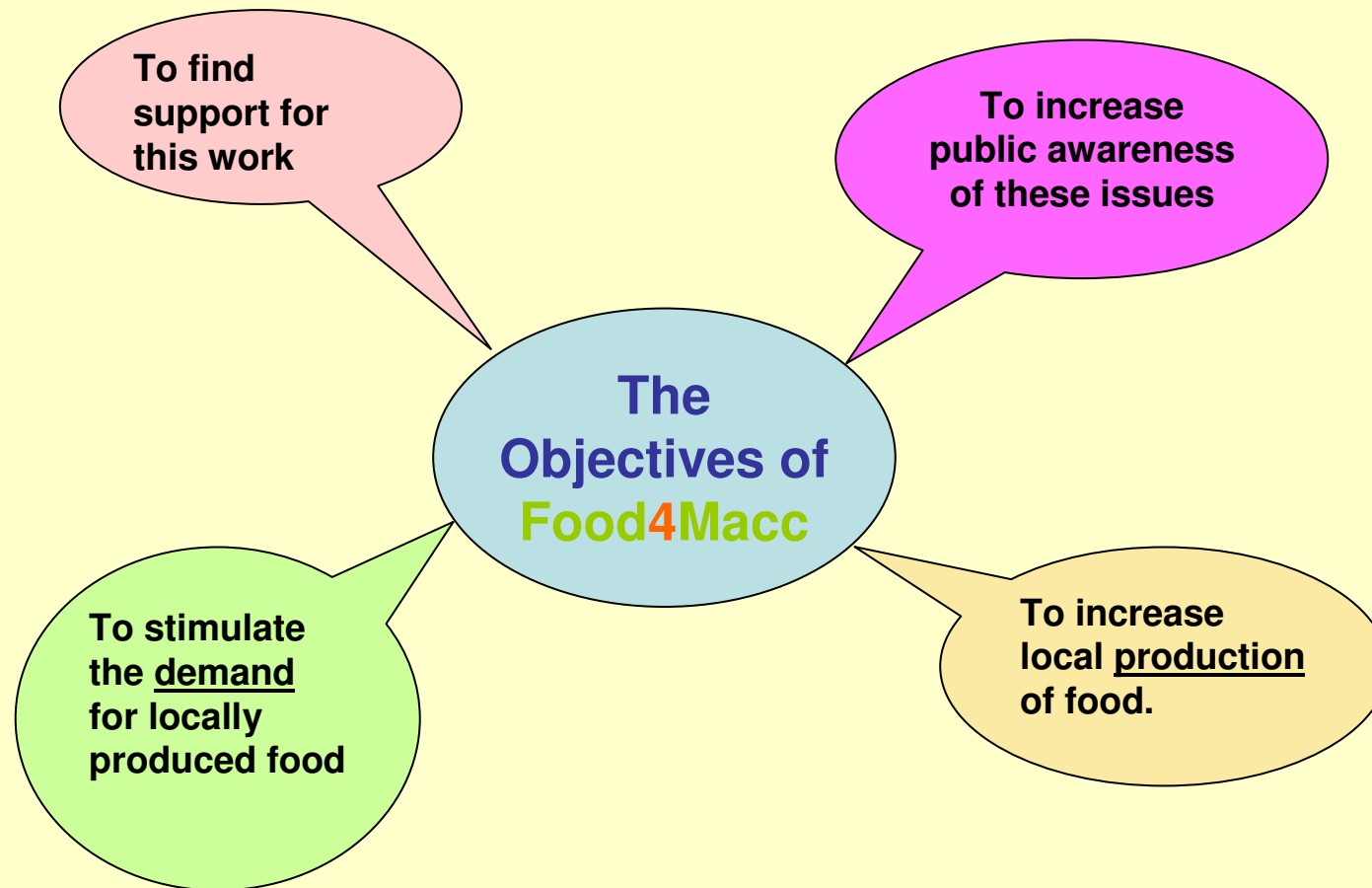
Abundance Manchester is a project which picks surplus or unwanted fruit from gardens and public trees around South Manchester and distributes it to local groups and communities.

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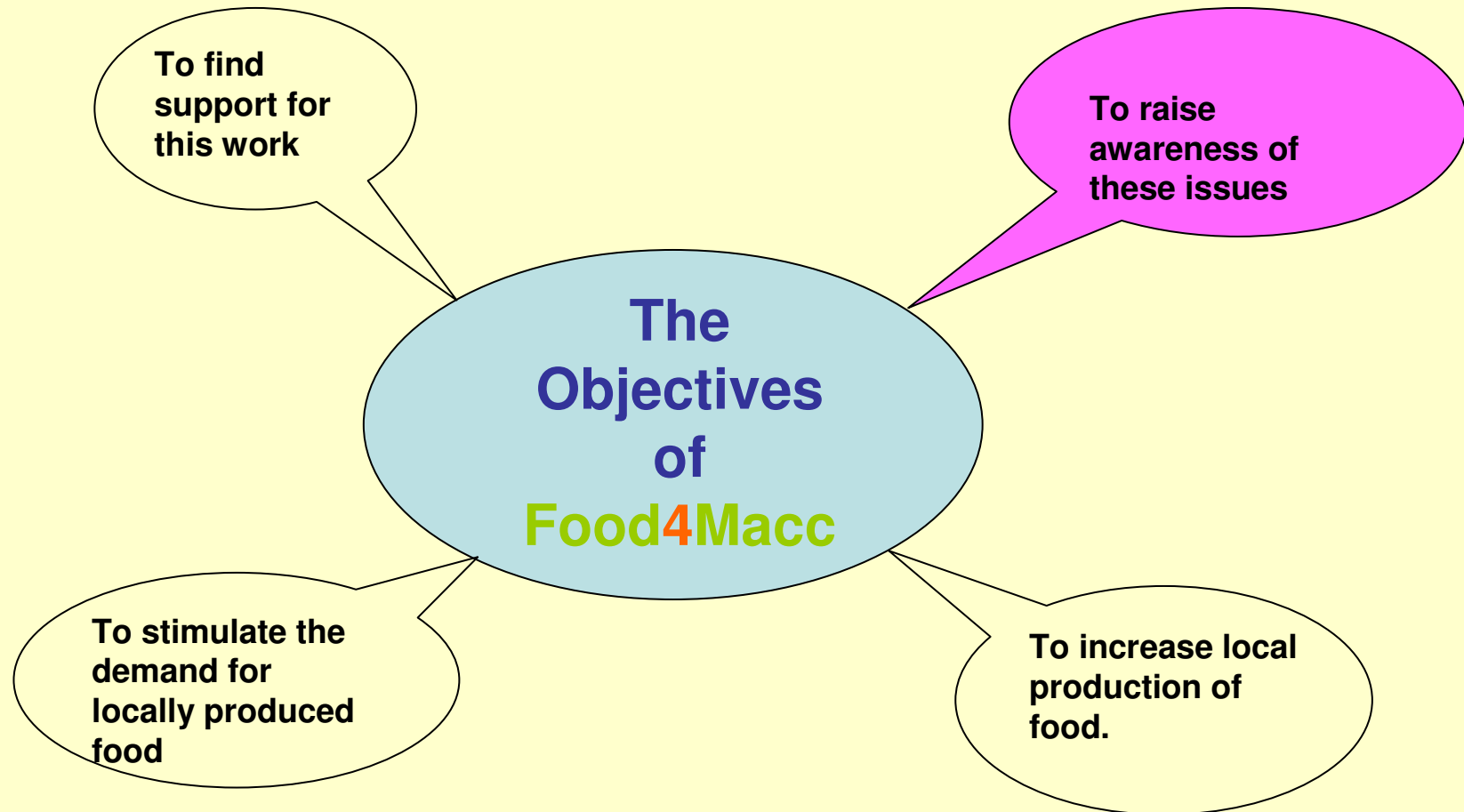
Transition in Macclesfield

- We first learned about the Transition Movement from [an article](#) in the Sunday Times.
- We visited the local Transition Towns of [Leek](#) and [Todmorden](#)
- In particular we were attracted to Todmorden's plans to make their town self sufficient in food.
- We decided to concentrate on the Food aspect of transition in Macclesfield.
- **Food4Macc** was formed.

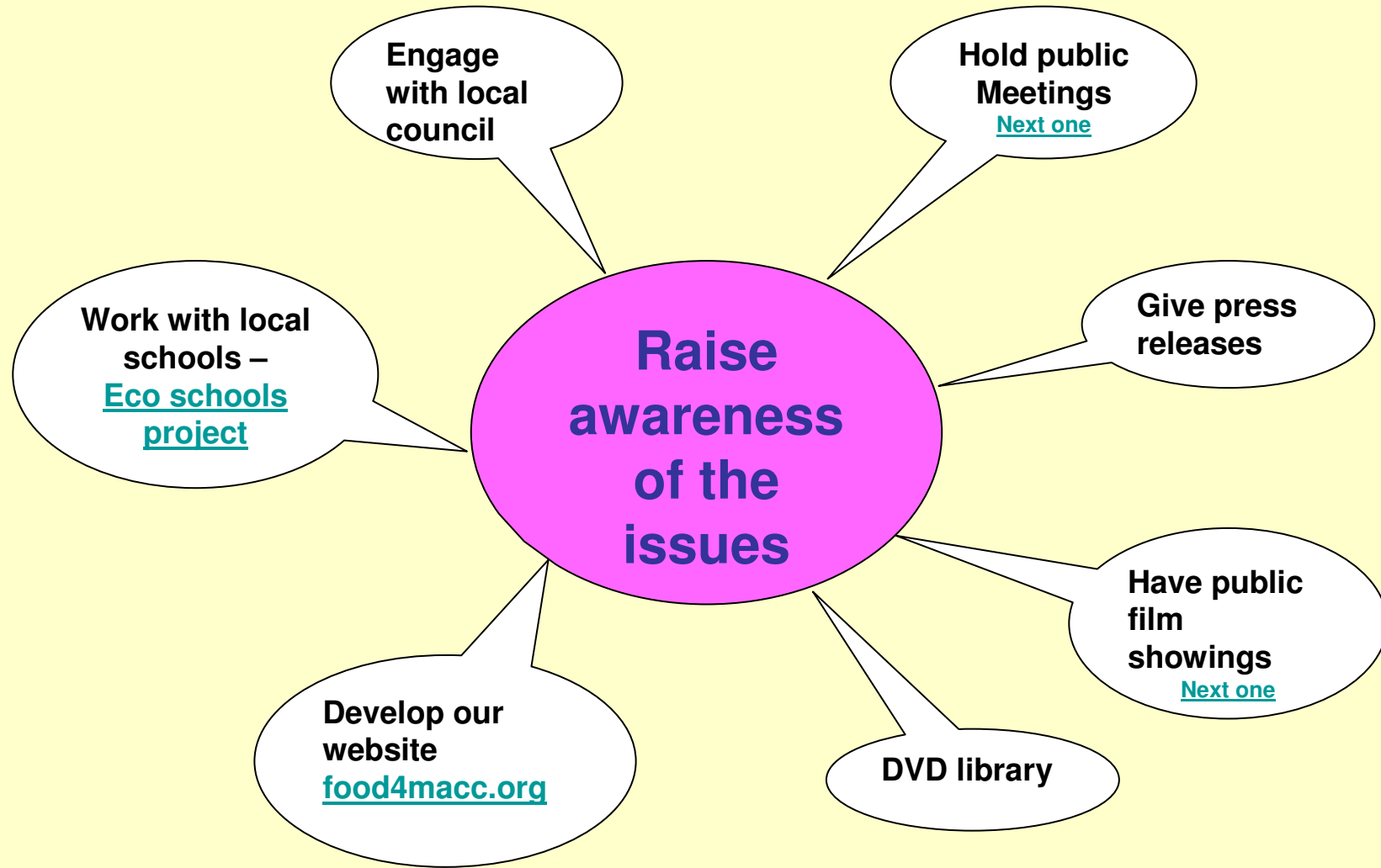
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Raising Awareness



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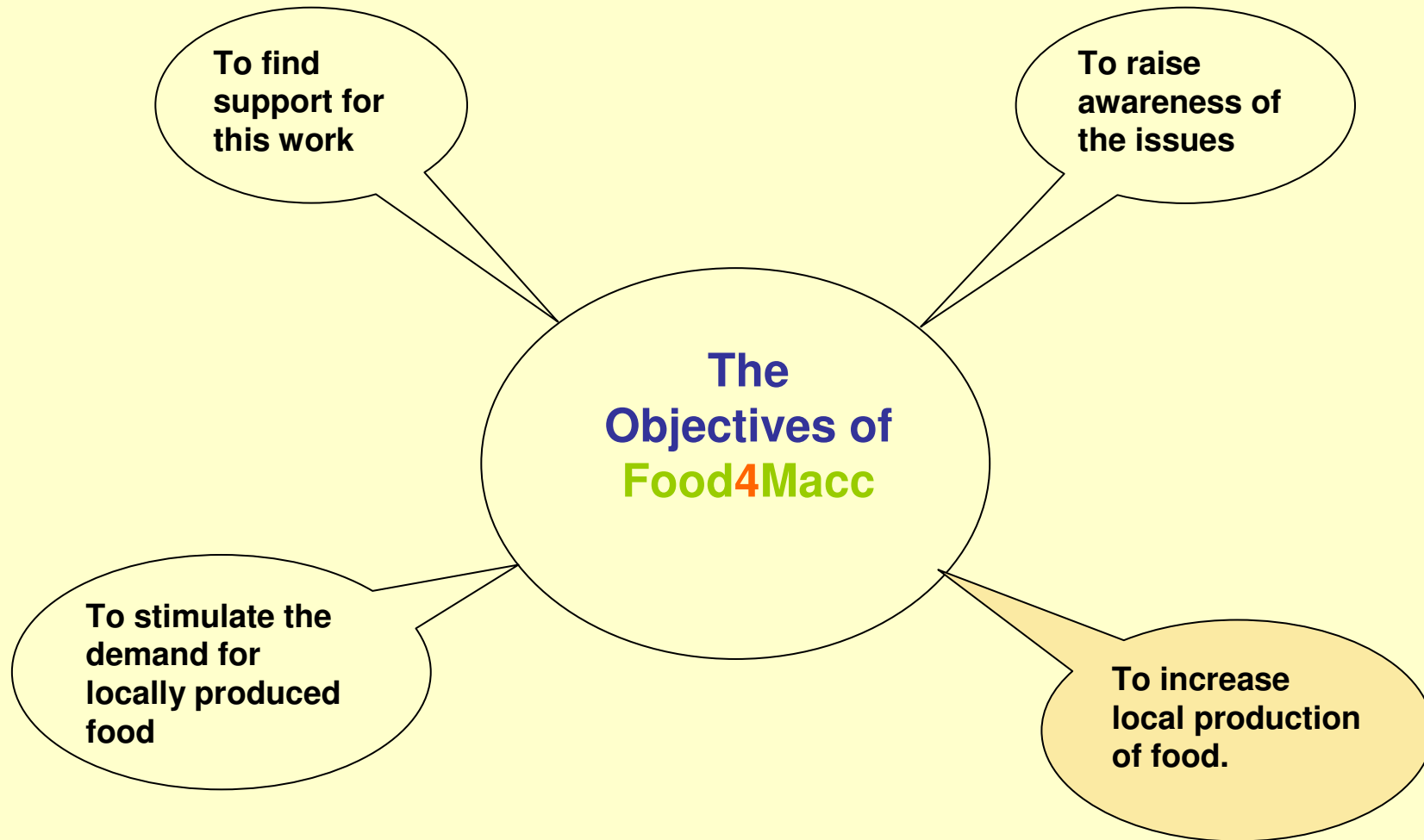


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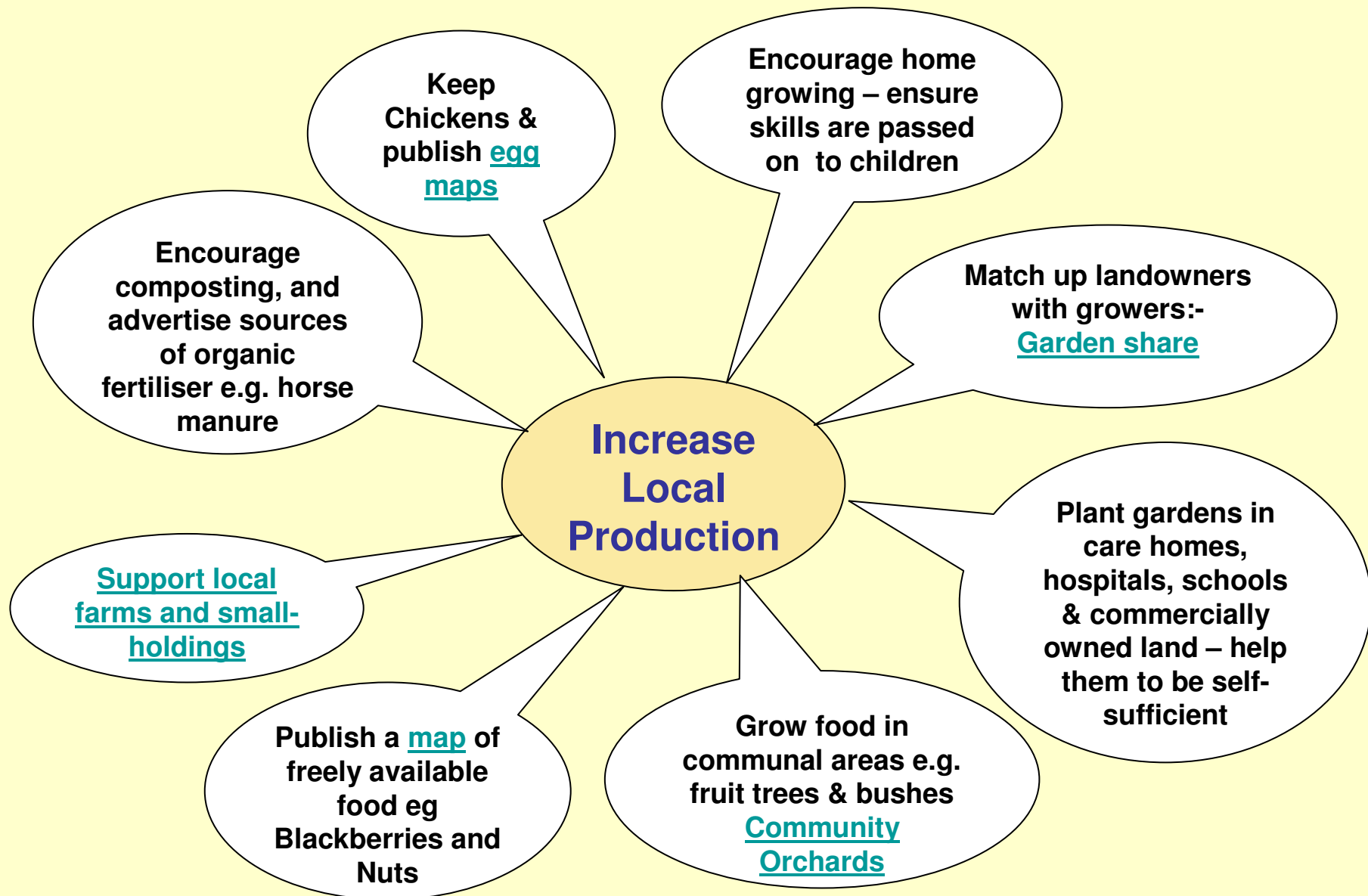


[Radio Interview](#)

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The screenshot shows the LandShare website interface. At the top left is the 'landshare' logo. To the right are links for 'Sign up or Log in' and 'Post a listing'. Below these are navigation links: 'How it works', 'Browse listings', 'Community questions', and 'Blog'. The main content area is titled 'Listings' and has a toggle for 'Map view / List view'. Below this are filter buttons for 'All', 'Landowners', 'Growers', and 'Helpers'. A search bar with a 'Find location' button is also present. The central part of the page is a map of Macclesfield and surrounding areas, including Tytherington, Higher Hursfield, and Walker, Barn. The map is overlaid with colored lines and markers: green lines and 'L' markers for Landowners, red lines and 'G' markers for Growers, and blue lines and 'H' markers for Helpers. The map includes standard navigation controls like a compass, zoom in/out buttons, and a map type selector (Map, Satellite, Hybrid). At the bottom left, it says 'Powered by Google'. At the bottom right, it says 'Map data ©2009 Tele Atlas - Terms of Use'. Below the map, a summary reads: 'Listings shown on this map: Landowners 1 | Growers 7 | Helpers 0 |'.

LandShare

Aims to bring together people with unused land and gardeners who want land

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Why Bother?



- Freshly Harvested
- Better Flavour
- No Pesticides

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Why Bother?



The Green Gym

Put your energy into growing food as well as muscles,

And avoid paying a £40 monthly subscription!

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Why Bother?



- Kids love planting seeds and seeing them grow.
- You probably saw your parents growing food – today's children don't.
- You can pass on to them a skill for life.

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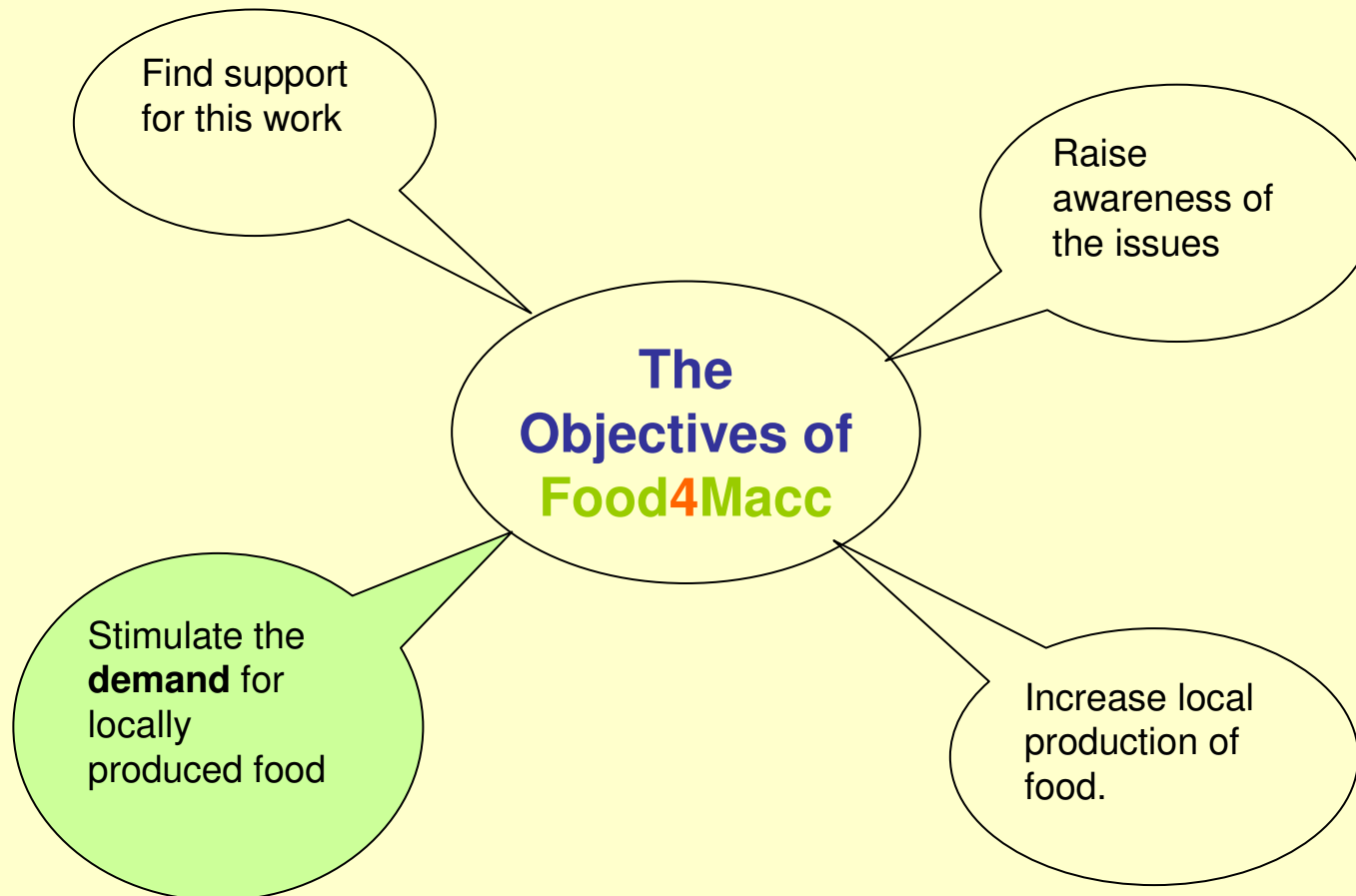
**Gardening groups re-build Communities,
Bringing together young and old,
Having a laugh.**

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Local food suppliers, Farm Shops, Poultry Keepers



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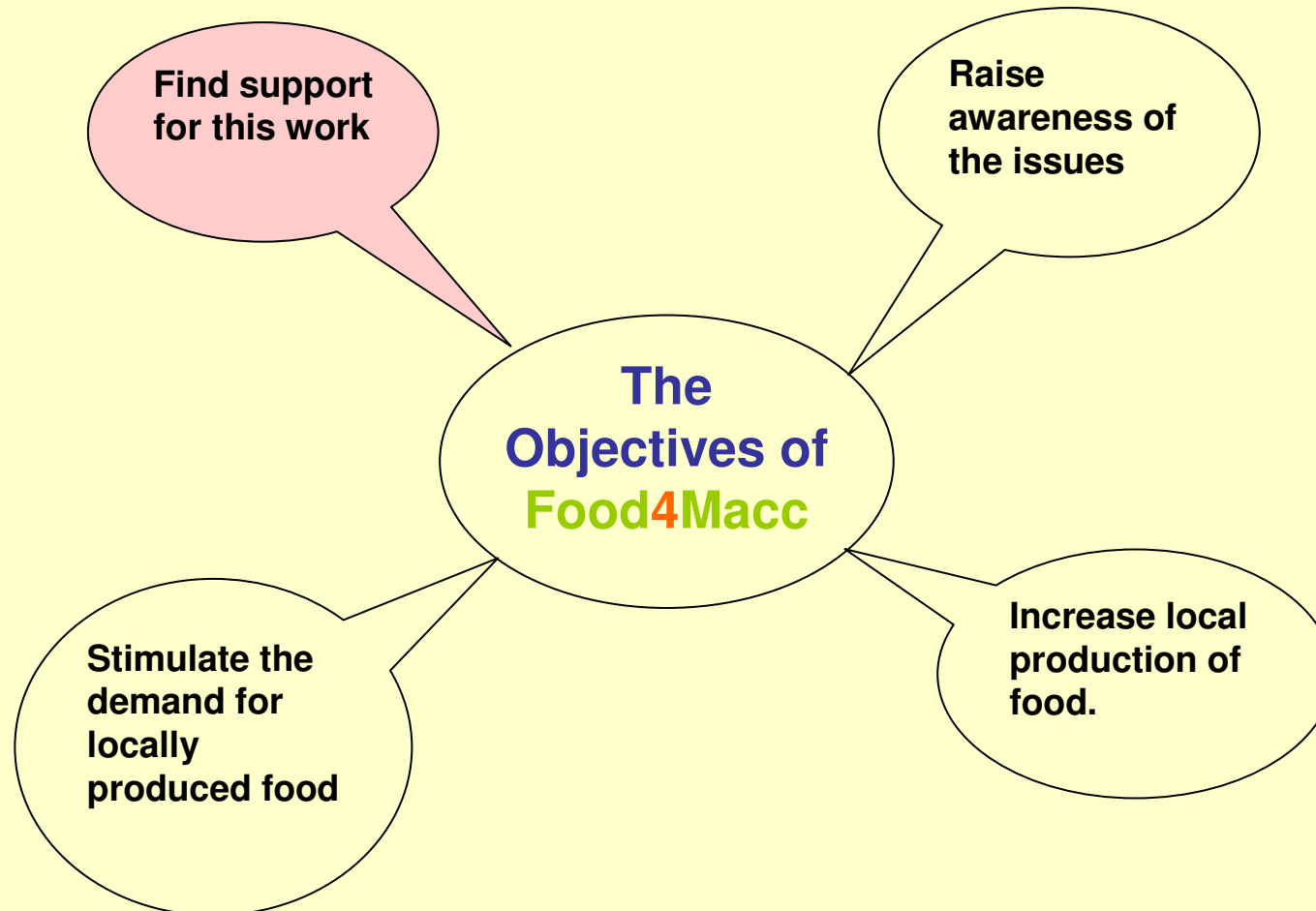
**Stimulate
Demand for
Local Production**

**Encourage
supermarkets to
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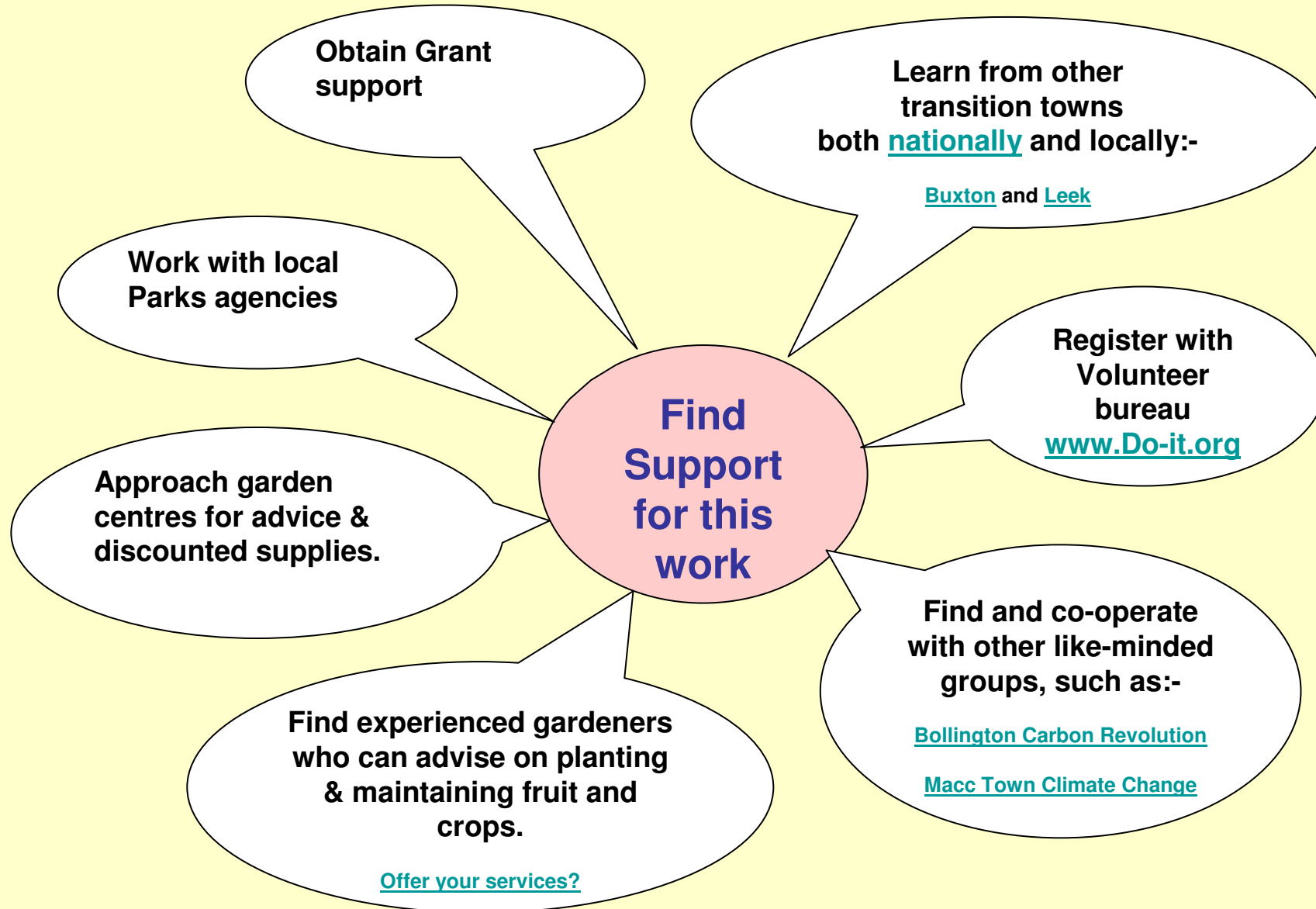
**Support farmers'
markets
& farm shops**

**Encourage local
shops to source
food locally.
Eg GoShopLocal**

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Food4Macc aims to have more food grown locally in the Macclesfield area as part of our transition to a low-carbon sustainable community.

Some of us just take pleasure in seeing things grow, like having control over what goes into our food, or enjoy taking exercise outside. Our group shares experience and practical support. It's fun!

But there is a longer term aim too. Over the next few years, carbon footprint reduction and Peak Oil will increase the cost of food brought long distances to our supermarkets, so local produce will become very attractive.

2010 is a good time to make a start. [Find out more about growing fruit and vegetables](#)

Food4Macc aims to engage members of the community in working to develop local food supplies using these strategies from the [transition town](#) movement:-

- [Encourage the growing of food at home, in allotments, on borrowed land, public spaces, and local farms.](#)
- [Support local food producers and those who sell or distribute local produce](#)
- [Raise awareness of the consequences of Peak Oil on our food prices.](#)
- [Increase co-operation between groups working on different facets of the Climate Change and Peak Oil problems.](#)

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