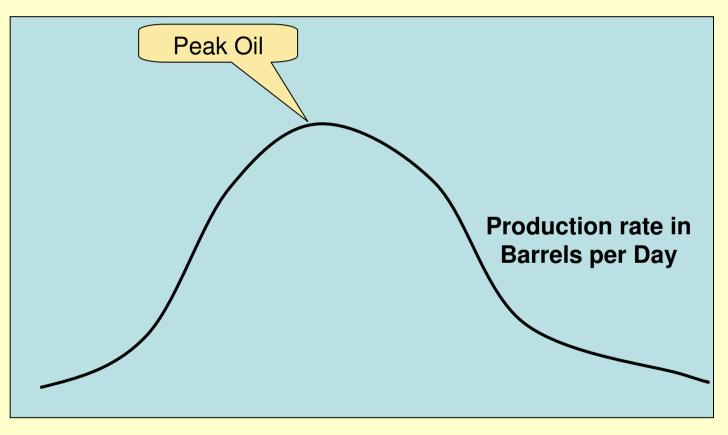
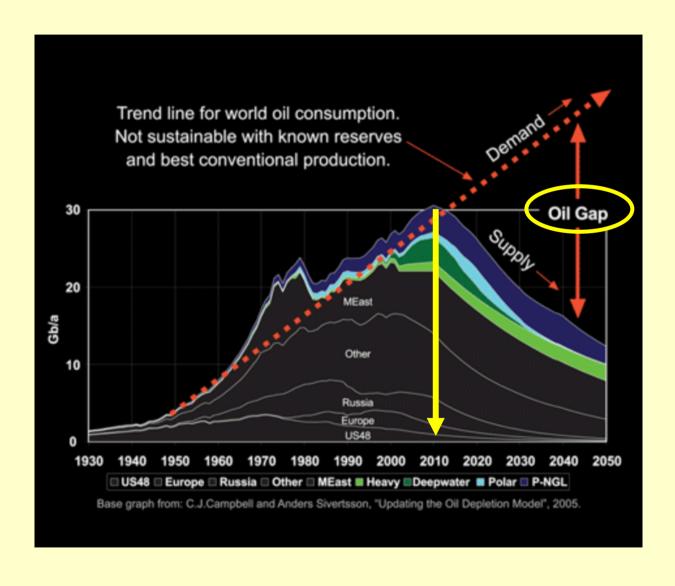


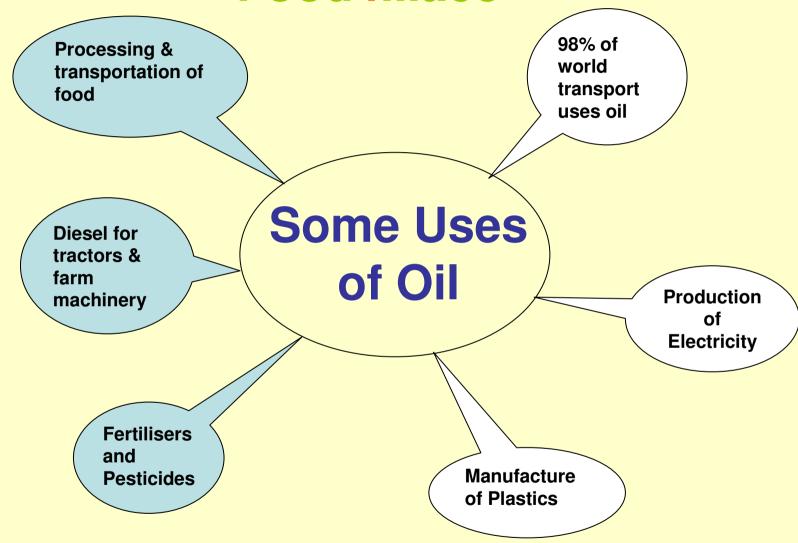
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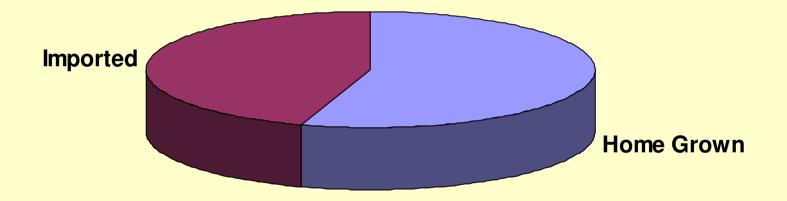


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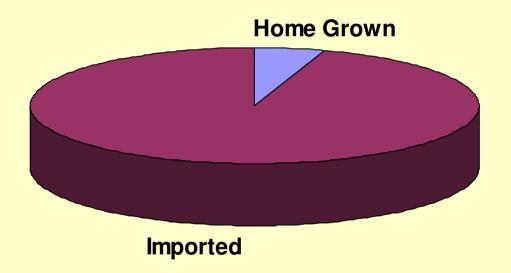




40% of all Food is Imported



95% of Fruit is Imported



Our children don't learn how to grow food Rising oil and gas prices will increase fertiliser and pesticide prices, reducing crop yields

World population likely to increase 30% to 9 billion by 2040

Home-growing our own food is "Not worth the effort"

Other Factors

TESCO

With cheap oil, we have been able to import cheap high-quality food into our supermarkets.

The UK is more densely populated than China or Pakistan Climate change will cause floods and droughts in the world's major food growing areas leading to shortages



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.



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

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 <u>Transition Town Movement</u>.

To stimulate growth of local food with community agriculture

To make towns self-sufficient

Aims of the Transition Town Movement

To reduce food waste, increase re-cycling & to match commercial waste with other end users

To create energy descent plans & make towns carbon neutral. Visit

www.1010uk.org



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

Local Groups

Local Sustainabilty 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



















Congleton Sustainability Group has only a holding <u>website</u> as yet but they are otherwise very active. Contact: Peter Aston <u>peter.aston@c2f.org</u>

ECOG - East Cheshire Organic Gardeners offer a programme of lectures and garden visits for novices and experts alike. Visit their <u>web site</u> .



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

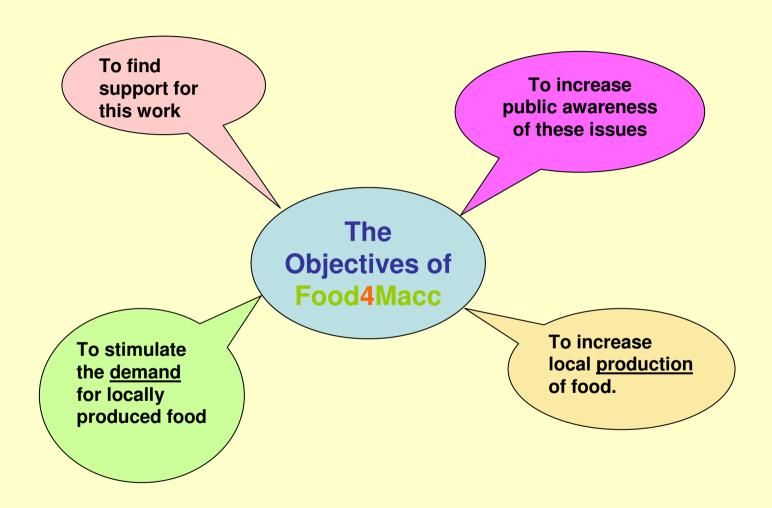
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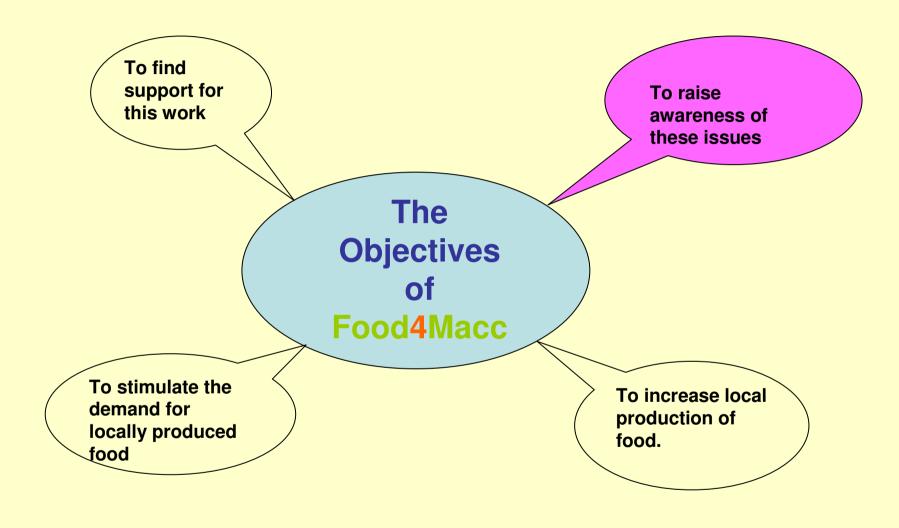
Cheshire's Local Agenda 21, the plan for sustainable living in the 21st century.

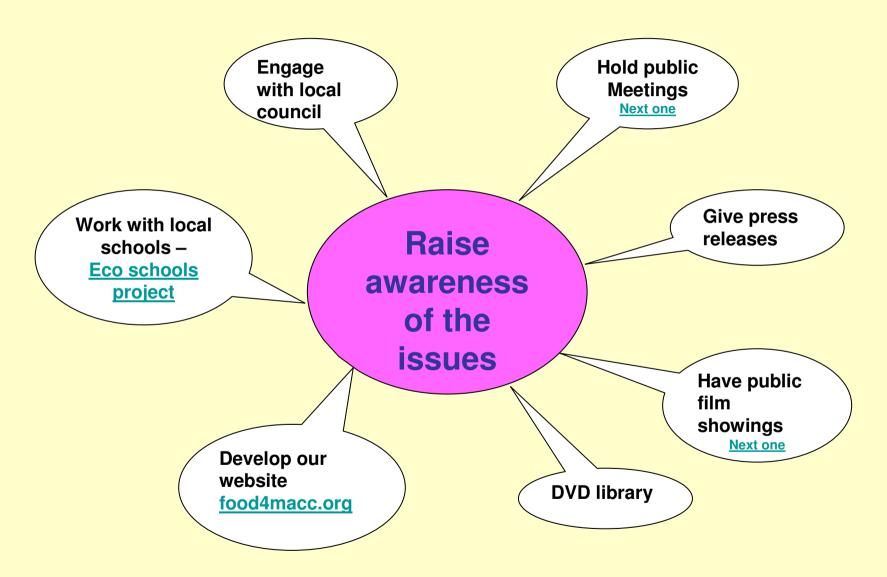
<u>Abundance Manchester</u> is a project which picks surplus or unwanted fruit from gardens and public trees around South Manchester and distributes it to local groups and communities.

Transition in Macclesfield

- •We first learned about the Transition Movement from <u>an article</u> in the Sunday Times.
- We visited the local Transition Towns of <u>Leek</u> 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.







Raising Awareness

Warriors turn town green

A GROUP of Macclesfield eco-warriors are on a mission to turn the

mission to turn the town into a giant vegetable patch. Debbie Townend set up FoodsMacc after she read an arti-cle on how growing your own can cut down on oil usage. Debbie, 47, enlisted a group of her friends to share the chores of

to share the chores of growing fruit and veg-etables to help make Macclesfield a more environmentally

environmentally friendly place.

The mum-of-two said: "Oil is used to process food, package it and distribute it, so as the price of oil rises, food will too.

"Growing your coun food is more envi-

own food is more environmentally friendly and much more economical. We're learning everything as we go along, it's a really positive thing to be involved in."



ECO WARRIORS: Volunteers Phil Shaw and Bill Pettipiece, with committee members Debbie Townend and Sally Lambert

air working together and having your own fresh produce at the

Food4Macc hopes to encourage more members to join in the scheme, either by pro-viding land, helping

She added: "It's cultivate the produce or starting their own to be out in the fresh community groups.

Debbie added: "It's all about sharing. Someone may be very not have the land, and there may be someone elderly with the space but can't cope with an allotment."

If you would like to join the communal vegetable growing scheme, go along to the next meeting on Thursday at the Town House, King Street, from 7.30pm.

For more information about the organi-sation, visit the site food4Macc.org.

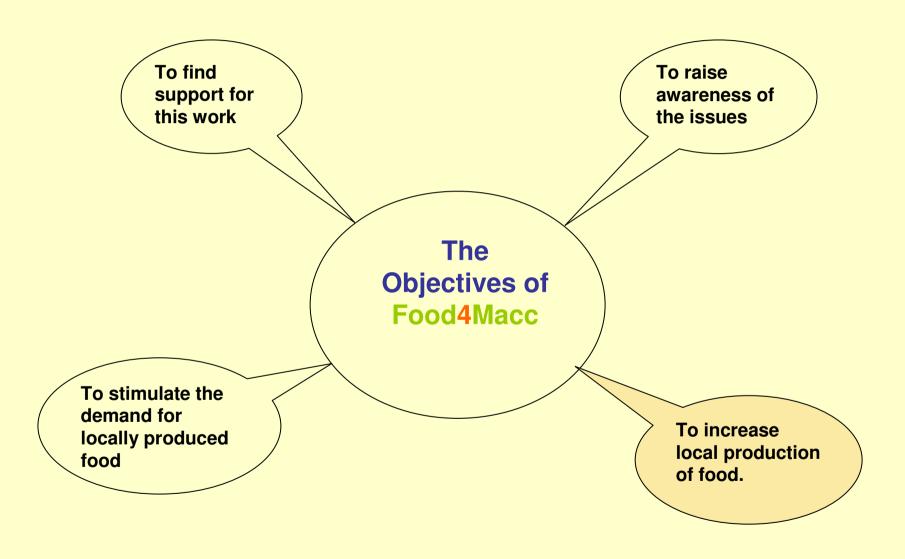


Macc Library Foyer Feb 2010

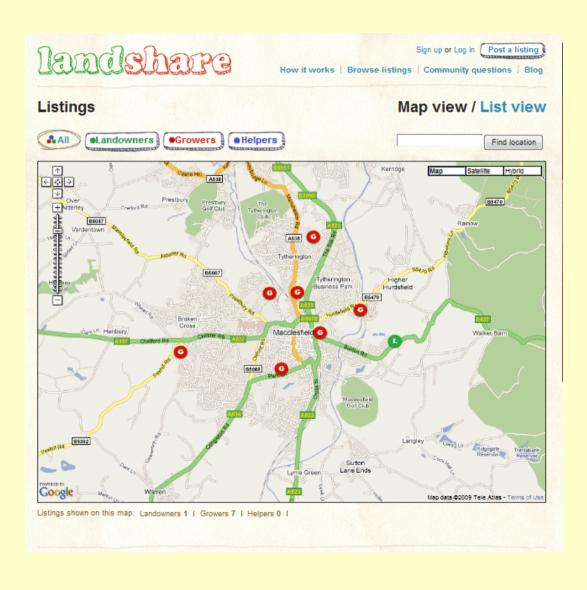
Macc Express 13 Jan 2010



Radio Interview



Encourage home Keep growing - ensure Chickens & skills are passed publish egg on to children maps **Encourage** Match up landowners composting, and with growers:advertise sources **Garden share** of organic fertiliser e.g. horse manure Increase Local Plant gardens in **Production** care homes, **Support local** hospitals, schools farms and small-& commercially holdings owned land - help them to be selfsufficient Grow food in Publish a map of communal areas e.g. freely available fruit trees & bushes food eg Community **Blackberries and Orchards** Nuts



LandShare

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

Why Bother?



- Freshly Harvested
- Better Flavour
- No Pesticides

Why Bother?



The Green Gym

Put your energy into growing food as well as muscles,

And avoid paying a £40 monthly subscription!

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.

Why Bother?



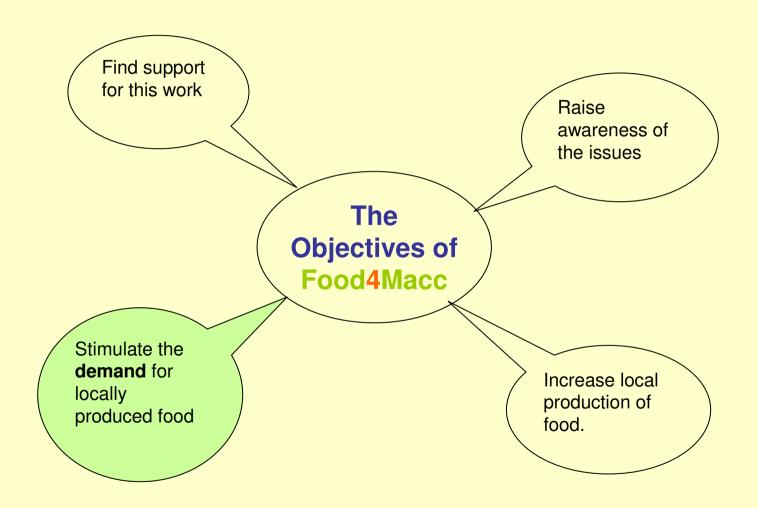
Gardening groups re-build Communities, Bringing together young and old, Having a laugh.

Allotment sites in Macclesfield



Local food suppliers, Farm Shops, Poultry Keepers





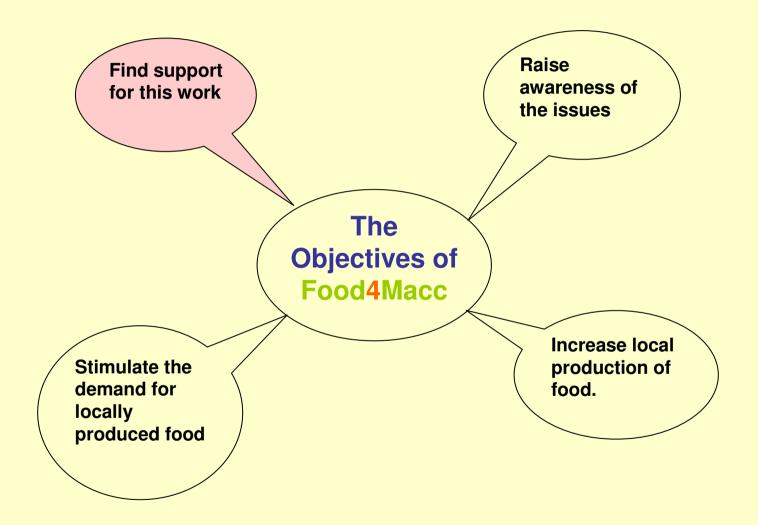
Support <u>farmers'</u> markets & farm shops

Stimulate **Demand for Local Production**

Encourage supermarkets to promote 'Local Produce' in the way they promote 'Organic Produce' today.

Encourage local shops to source food locally.

Eg GoShopLocal



Obtain Grant support

Learn from other transition towns both <u>nationally</u> and locally:-

Buxton and **Leek**

Work with local Parks agencies

Approach garden centres for advice & discounted supplies.

Find Support for this work Register with Volunteer bureau www.Do-it.org

Find and co-operate with other like-minded groups, such as:-

Bollington Carbon Revolution

Macc Town Climate Change

Find experienced gardeners who can advise on planting & maintaining fruit and crops.

Offer your services?

www.Food4Macc.org







Home	Grow Your Own	Find Local Produce	Background Information	Local Organisations	News Blog	Diary Dates	Contact	
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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 <u>Peak Oil</u> 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 awarenes 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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