



*People like you and me, **working towards a future where we are much less reliant on fossil fuels** – the main causes of climate change.*

Regardless of the current situation, at some point the world's reserves of oil, coal and gas will dwindle, causing widespread economic and political problems. The almost unanimous consensus among climate scientists is that, to avoid unpredictable and dangerous climate change, we need an immediate cut in our carbon emissions, from all sources. We believe a community that is no longer dependent on fossil fuels can be a cleaner, safer, and more resilient, and is one in which everybody can contribute and be valued.

How do we get to a sustainable future?

Renewable energy generation • More energy efficient homes and buildings • Better public transport
• Safer and more convenient routes for cyclists and pedestrians • More re-use and repair of material goods • More home and community-grown food • Local industries serving local markets • Less reliance on plastics, fertilisers, meat, and other oil-intensive goods • Re-learning skills that have been lost during years of dependence on cheap oil • Working together.

What are we doing already?

- **Potato Day:** early in the year, the opportunity to buy a wide variety of seed potatoes at low prices, encouraging people to grow their own food as well as celebrating an easy-to-grow, versatile staple food that is well-adapted to our climate.
- **Abundance:** from September to November, volunteers harvest fruit from back gardens and public land that would otherwise be wasted, and share it with the community.
- **Skill share workshops:** small, informal sessions on useful skills for a sustainable world, such as wild food foraging, chicken keeping, bicycle maintenance, food preservation, wine making and more.
- **Community involvement:** we participate in consultations about local issues such as pedestrian access or public transport, and work with local government to make sure oil dependence issues are taken into consideration.
- **Green Teas:** an informal get together, where information flies, ideas are exchanged and friends are made – all welcome! We invite you to join us for informal afternoons on the second Saturday every month in The Monkey Park Café, Chester Street S40 1DW from 2 pm to 4 pm.
- **Repair Café:** people bring broken household goods and a team of volunteers with fixing skills see if they can be repaired rather than discarded to end up in a landfill site ([See dates at Monkey Park](#)).
- **Community Garden:** we are in the process of developing a new garden on wasteland near to Chesterfield town centre. It will be developed organically to demonstrate different ways of growing food and will be a site where solar, water saving, composting will be in use.

Our work is guided by a **concern for future generations** as well as our own. We believe that **strong communities**, based on **co-operation**, will be more resilient and sustainable. We strive to be **honest and open** in our communication, and to base our decisions on the best **scientific understanding**, while remaining flexible and **open to change**.

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