

Constitution

Name

The organisation shall be known as “Transition Town Llandeilo Initiative” or “TL2 Initiative”.

Aims

Our core purpose is to help and support community action in order to respond effectively and positively to climate change and peak oil.

1. Activities

- 1.1 raising awareness in the Llandeilo area to the issues of climate change and peak oil
- 1.2 providing a framework for an effective response to climate change and peak oil, including the creation of an Energy Descent Plan
- 1.3 connecting with people and groups already engaged with these issues
- 1.4 empowering people in the Llandeilo area to respond positively to climate change and peak oil
- 1.5 supporting the theme groups to achieve the above activities
- 1.6 raising funding to fulfil these aims

2. Ethos / Principles of How Transition Town Llandeilo Operates

- 2.1 We work together because we know that together we are greater than the sum of our parts
- 2.2 There is no hierarchy and individuals in TL2 take responsibility for their own actions and results
- 2.3 We trust that those who step forward have good intentions and will make good decisions. We give autonomy and support to those who wish to be part of TL2
- 2.4 We are accountable to ourselves and to each other in keeping with the TL2 purpose and are transparent in everything we do.
- 2.5 We don't have a blueprint. We believe in multiple paths, ideas and possibilities. We think questions are as important as answers. It's fine to make mistakes and learn from them.
- 2.6 We are open to working with everyone. We welcome diversity and see it as a strength not a problem. We avoid categories of "them and us".
- 2.7 We recognise that we are all teachers and learners. We value both the professional and the practical.
- 2.8 We acknowledge other initiatives and seek to find ways to collaborate and further the aims of TL2.
- 2.9 We give what we can and ask for what we need.
- 2.10 Individually and as a group we work on the things we enjoy so that we do them well
- 2.11 We work with a natural momentum, driven by our passion and positive approach.
- 2.12 All new members will be given copies of TL2's policies and will be expected to follow the principles contained in them

3. Structure

- 3.1 The steering group shall consist of secretary and treasurer, who will be elected by a majority vote of the nominated group members, and at least two other nominated members from theme groups.
- 3.2 The group facilitation is to be rotated through the group members on a monthly basis

- 3.3 The steering group shall help form and support theme groups with remits in areas such as: food, waste, energy, education, economics, transport, water, local government and heart and soul, and the steering group will co-ordinate with the theme groups the production of the Energy Descent Plan.
- 3.4 Members can earn money for their TL2 participation if there is funding available. Transparency and openness is very important and in order to demonstrate this all fees of over £1000 will be tendered.

4. Meetings

- 4.1. The steering group shall meet at least once a month and are open to all interested people, whether or not they are nominated members of the steering group or theme groups. However, only nominated members can vote.
- 4.2. Every year an AGM will be held, with 14 days notice given to all steering group members and theme group members

5. Decision Making

- 5.1. All decisions at steering group meetings shall be made by consensus following the fullest discussion, in which all shall be entitled and allowed to speak freely. By consensus, it is meant a situation where those not in agreement agree not to maintain an objection. If consensus is not possible, the matter shall be referred to a second meeting, to be held not more than 31 days after the date of the first meeting, when if consensus is still not possible, the matter shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- 5.2. Every nominated member has one vote. Quorum is an attendance of $\frac{3}{4}$ of nominated members of the themed groups and officers at the meeting.
- 5.3. The steering group can raise funds in its own right in order to facilitate the aims listed above: to communicate more effectively to the community; to create an Energy Descent Plan; to work with other existing groups more effectively and to help empower people and to facilitate the work of the Themed groups
- 5.4. Members can be paid for work to further the aims of TL2, if unanimously agreed
- 5.5. Funds will be held in a bank account operated by the nominated members in the name of the group, and administered by the treasurer. All cheques must be signed by two out of three unrelated nominated members. Funds shall only be used to support the aims of the group.
- 5.6. Changes can be made to these agreements where necessary by consensus at the AGM or at an Extraordinary General meeting convened for that purpose with 14 days notice to all members.

6. Dissolution

- 6.1 Dissolution can only occur from a unanimous vote of the steering group. Upon dissolution and after any debts and liabilities have been satisfied, any funds in the group's account should be divided equally between active projects and theme groups associated with TL2. If there are none, they should be donated to the nearest Transition Town initiative to Llandeilo. Failing this, to a local charity or group who are working towards similar aims to those of TL2.