



Have you heard of Transition Towns?
I am interested in initiating a **Transition Annex**.

Transition Towns are a growing phenomenon.
www.transitiontowns.org

The idea was developed in **Kinsale, Ireland**, then spread to **Totnes, England** by environmentalist **Rob Hopkins** in 2005-06. There are now TTs all over the world. For those in **Ontario**:
www.transitiontownpeterborough.net/links



Totnes, Devon: a Transition Town

A **Transition Initiative** is a community working together to address the question: "for all those aspects of life this community needs in order to sustain itself and thrive, how do we significantly **increase resilience** (to mitigate the effects of Peak Oil) and drastically **reduce carbon emissions** (to mitigate the effects of Climate Change)?"



Transition Town Toronto

An initial meeting was held in Sept to get Transition Towns going in Toronto. A followup meeting was held in Oct. The latter meeting led to the decision to develop Toronto wide Transition community and to encourage the development of smaller, neighbourhood scale Transition communities throughout the city. Transition Beaches-East-York is currently under development...

...and I'm wondering if anyone would be interested in forming a Transition Annex. If you are, call John Riddell at (416) 961-5990

Here's how, in general, it works:

A Transition Town is based on the premise that **climate change IS** happening; and that **Peak Oil HAS** been reached.

Our task is to form an **Energy Descent Action Plan**.

We used immense amounts of creativity, ingenuity and adaptability on the way up the energy upslope, and there's no reason for us not to do the same on the downslope.

The EDAP could take many forms, in many groups (food, energy, transportation, health, heart & soul, economics, etc., etc...)

For example:

YIMBY! Yes In My BackYard! Having the goal of growing vegetables in our back yards for those interested in doing so, in learning how to do so, and/or teaching others how to.

Another suggestion would be that of a '**350 Group**' (See 350.org), a climate change / greenhouse gas Group advocating for a safe upper limit of a 350 ppm (parts per million) CO₂ in the atmosphere...



The beauty of Transition Towns is that any suggestion / goal may be developed! There are plenty of resources on the Transition Towns website

www.transitiontowns.org explaining how this may be done. **(416) 961-5990**