



Transition Falmouth

Review of Activities 2021/2022

Transition Falmouth (TF) is part of the U.K. Network of Transition Groups which aims to address climate change by reducing reliance on fossil fuels, conserving Nature (biodiversity) and its resources, and by working toward a low carbon and circular economy.

Here is a review of our main activities from Autumn 2021 to date:-

Communications:

Regular dissemination of information on key topics relating to the climate and ecological emergencies to our members continues to be an important part of our work.

Our small team continues to deal with a wide range of enquiries; signposting, and liaising with other like-minded local community-based groups, and promoting their activities as appropriate (e.g. **Ambos Co-Housing** and **Falmouth LETS**). We work with **Transition Truro** on some joint projects.

Our website <https://www.transitionfalmouth.org.uk> is an important vehicle for keeping a wide audience up-to-date on a range of transition-related topics. New relevant content is always welcome. We are also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - see links on our website

Energy:

We actively support the community-based energy work of the **Fal Energy Partnership** (FEP) - which emerged from the TF Energy Group - by providing secretarial assistance; promoting a recent survey of priorities, and helping plan for the coming year with a focus on new projects, and on fuel poverty concerns.

FEP/TF both support the Power for People Campaign for a Local Electricity Bill.

FEP is also currently celebrating the third anniversary of the successful community energy solar array project at the Dracaena Centre in Falmouth.



Expressions of interest, offers of support, and new members are most welcome. Visit the FEP website <https://www.falenergy.co.uk> for more details of how to get involved

Waste Reduction, Repair, Reuse and Recycling:

This is another key area of activity, particularly through the promotion of the local circular economy through our "[Too Good to Waste](#)" Guide. See our website (click on the Big Green Button)

We continue to publicise the **Falmouth and Penryn Repair Cafe** which has recently restarted on a regular basis - see <https://fprc.org.uk/> for full details

We are lobbying Government, through our MP, to implement the waste and recycling reforms promised in the **Environment Act 2021**, including calling for the scope of the ban on microplastics to be widened, and for a Deposit Return System to be introduced to reduce the harmful impact of littered drinks containers on the marine and wider environment and improve recycling rates



In light of the recent OECD Global Plastics Outlook report our local Guide to **“Turning Off the Plastic Tap”** has been updated - to highlight the many ways in which we can all reduce our individual plastic footprint :
<https://www.transitionfalmouth.org.uk/wp/groups/waste-recycling/turning-off-the-plastic-tap/>

An article on the **Global Plastic Pollution crisis** has recently been added to our website, and some supporters took part in the recent **Greenpeace Big Plastic Count**. The results are a cause for considerable concern
<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/resources/big-plastic-count-final-report/>

Plastic pollution of the environment, and finding solutions, will remain a priority area, as we all seek to influence waste and resources policy and practice, locally and nationally

Local Food Production:

TF continues to promote local producers and suppliers by regularly updating our [Local Food and Drink Guide](#).

The criteria for entries is that products/produce need to be sourced from within Cornwall and supplied (retail or wholesale) in the Falmouth, Penryn and Truro catchment areas, in order to reduce carbon/food miles, and keep money circulating in the local economy.



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Suggestions for new entries - and help with keeping the Guide up-to-date - are always welcome using the contact form provided - click on "Local Food Guide" on our website (main page).

Food waste continues to be a major issue for Transition and other groups. We are pleased to support the work of the [Gleaning Cornwall Network](#) which has a team working across our area

Biodiversity:

Local Nature Recovery initiatives are supported whenever we can, through our website, and through occasional articles in local parish magazines.

We support **Cornwall Council's Making Space for Nature** programme and produced a draft Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan for Falmouth for discussion; the loss of biodiversity being a major factor in driving climate change

Sustainable Transport :

We continue to support the Co-Cars Car Club which is run as a not-for-profit social enterprise which aims to reduce emissions and congestion

<https://www.co-cars.uk>

We helped promote the e-bikes survey and trial for Falmouth this year, and will continue to assist with the promotion of the new e-bike network for

Falmouth/Penryn and the wider area, and also improved provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

Clean Water and Sanitation:

We are currently researching and promoting the use of compost toilets and waterless systems for environmental gain. Check out

<https://www.sfocused.uk> for more details.

Consultations and Events:

TF was an original contributor to the draft Cornwall Council Climate Emergency DPD, and now hoping for a positive outcome from the current consultation on the proposed modifications following the recent examination in public

Supporters also engaged with Government waste and recycling consultations, and proposals to ban certain single-use plastic items, and continue to lobby for the decisive action necessary to address the plastic pollution crisis.

TF was represented at the successful Green Day event held in the Princess Pavilions last September.



In March this year we attended the Blue Day, also held in the Pavilions, and also supported Transition Truro at the Big Green Fair in Truro Cathedral.

More recently, we were present at the Tregoniggle Woodland Fair in Falmouth, the Home Insulation Event in Stithians, and last month at the Mabe Climate Action, Energy, and Sustainability Day

We continue to hold regular Zoom meetings for supporters, details are posted on our discussion list which you can join at <https://groups.io/g/TFdiscuss>

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