



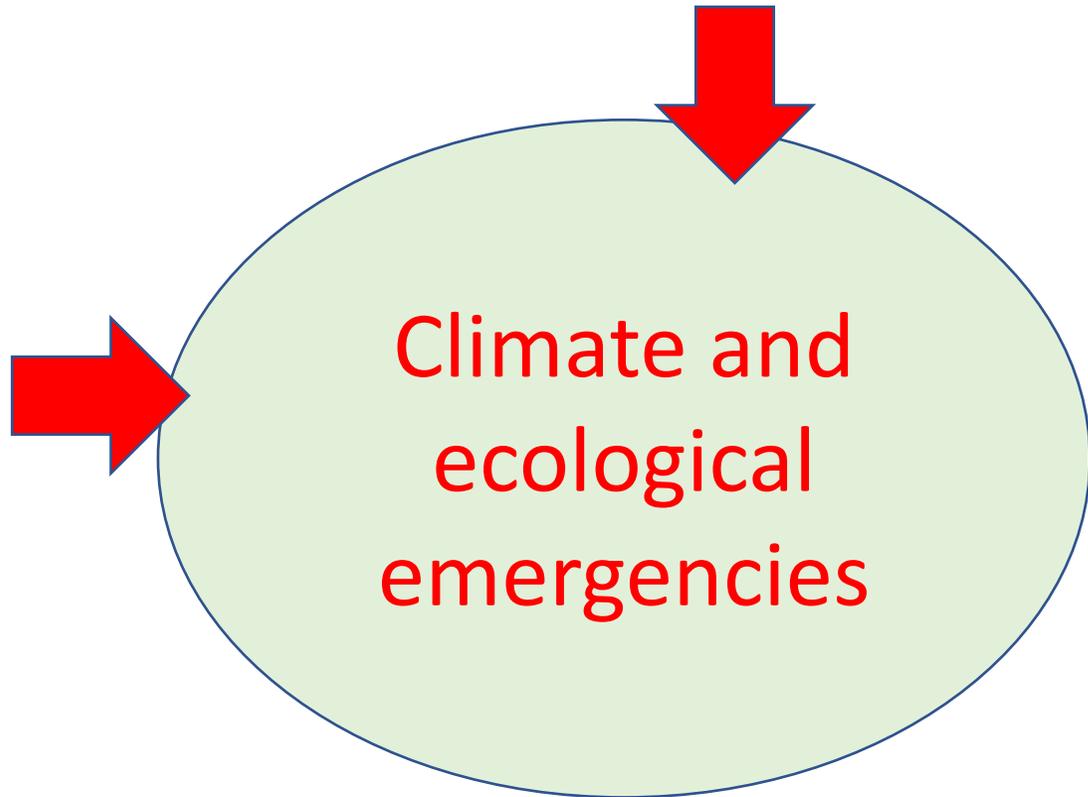
Transition Bath is an organisation which is concerned about climate change, and aims to build a sustainable future by harnessing the power of the local community in the face of declining natural resources and increasing carbon emissions.

We support moving to a low carbon, local economy and building a positive, safe reliant community.



Local, grass-roots,  
community-based  
activities

National lobby groups and  
think tanks addressing the  
policy frameworks





**Transition Bath**  
community | food | energy | future

## Past activities

- Created and spun off Bath & West Community Energy (£20+ million)
- Created and spun off Energy Sparks (now separate charitable organisation)
- Ride to work e-bike scheme
- Bath Green Homes (with B&NES Council)
- Retrofitting and thermal imaging projects
- LED light bulbs trial kits
- The Nuttery at Smallcombe vale
- Guerrilla gardening
- Events, workshops, visits .....
- Commentary and advice, particularly on planning and housing development



Coming next ...



We will be launching Eco Together at the Big Green Week in September. Basically get together with a small group of friends or neighbours to run through 5 structured sessions on Energy, Food, Transport and Resources. These groups are easy to run and a fun and supportive way to figure out what each person can do to best tackle climate change whilst getting to know their neighbours.

# *Food matters!*

“B&NES Food Poverty Steering Group members decided by consensus to change the name of the partnership to the B&NES Fair Food Alliance (BFFA) to better reflect a solution focused and collaborative approach to addressing food insecurity.

Similarly, we have moved from using the term food poverty to a preference for the term ‘household food insecurity’ to describe a situation where people do not have means to reliably meet their needs for food of sufficient quantity, quality or variety in socially acceptable ways.”

(B&NES website)

## **But why do we have this problem??**

## Look back with a view to the future?

# From 1953!

“Agriculture is and should remain the predominant function of the Town Map Area; therefore the allocation of land for future residential or other development must be worked out against the background of the necessity for protection of good agricultural land; this is particularly so where the land is of exceptional agricultural value, e.g. the land in the area of the Avon Valley at Bathampton and Kelston on the small areas of alluvium.”

“The importance of market gardens being sited close to large centres of population which provide a ready market at low transport cost, cannot be overstressed.”

“Nurseries and Market Gardens .. occupy 420 acres, consisting of 29 holdings employing 149 persons, an average of one worker to 2.6 acres or approximately 39 persons per 100 acres. The holdings also include intensive production areas under glass. These market gardens, which are a valuable asset to Bath, are sited chiefly on southern slopes in the Swainswick-Batheaston area, at the foot of Salisbury Hill. in the approaches to the St. Catherine’s Valley, Bannerdown, and in the locality of Englishcombe and Charlcombe.”

**Extracts from  
REPORT OF SURVEY RELATING  
TO THE ENVIRONS OF BATH,  
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1953  
SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL**



**Let's return to local food production!**

In 2013-14  
Transition Bath  
worked with  
B&NES to  
achieve this:



Bath & North East Somerset  
**Local Food  
Strategy**  
2014-2017

Bath & North East  
Somerset Council

It's really useful and still relevant ...



... but it hasn't been reviewed and re-adopted

# Priorities



- Ecological mapping to feed into balanced land use planning for horticulture alongside housing, leisure space and other needs (working with the BioRegional study group and B&NES staff)
- Co-ordinating Bath Area Growers (BAGs), a network for local community growing projects
- Supporting the Nuttery and other community growing spaces
- Sharing, talking, supporting, helping ... anything to do with sustainable local food! It's essential to keep carbon in the soil.