

ABOUT US

Aims and Objectives:

1. To promote awareness of climate change and other environmental issues in the Hyde area;
2. To promote both individual and collective action to deal with these issues;
3. To gather and disseminate information and advice to assist members and others to take such action; and
4. To undertake any other activities that may assist in the pursuit of these objectives.

The aims and objectives of the Forum reflect and reinforce many of the values of the Parish set out in the Parish Plan to manage our community in a way that sustains its rural and ecological ethos. The Forum wants to work closely with relevant groups set up under the Parish Plan, with the Parish Council, the Hyde Environment Group and other local organisations to encourage sustainable energy practices, re-use and recycling, producing and consuming local food and other goods and services, protection and conservation of our commons and environment, and to contribute towards an informed and involved community.

The Forum is affiliated to the world-wide Transition Movement, and details are on the local New Forest Transition website at www.newforesttransition.org

Forum Activities:

The Forum began in January 2008 at a showing of Al Gore's award-winning movie "An Inconvenient Truth". Since then it has held public meetings on *Personal Carbon Footprints*; *The Greening Campaign*; *Grants, Energy-Saving and Home insulation*; *Waste/Rubbish Recycling and Disposal*; *Zero Energy Living*; *the Transition Movement*, *Home Renewable Energy: Heat Pumps and Solar Panels*.

Public Meetings are advertised in the Link, the Gate and various local magazines.

Posters are clearly displayed around the area prior to meetings which are held at the Hyde War Memorial Parish Hall, every other month.

Information Sheets:

1. Climate Change: Resources – Where to Find out More
2. How to Calculate your Carbon Footprint
3. Grants for Energy-Saving
4. Waste and Rubbish: Where can it be Recycled?
5. Home Renewable Energy: Heat pumps and Solar Panels

Committee Members (2008/9):

Chair: Professor John Shepherd FRS, john@blissford.net
Secretary: Jean Crawford, morfydd.crawford@talktalk.net
Treasurer: Robin Richards, robinrichards@dsl.pipex.com
Other Members: Mary Harrison, mary.harrison@dsl.pipex.com
Peter Brannen, Alan Hollands and Steve King

Membership:

Membership is open to all residents of Hyde and the surrounding area, and costs £5 per person per year or £10 per family, or £2 per person for each public meeting.

