

Transition Towns

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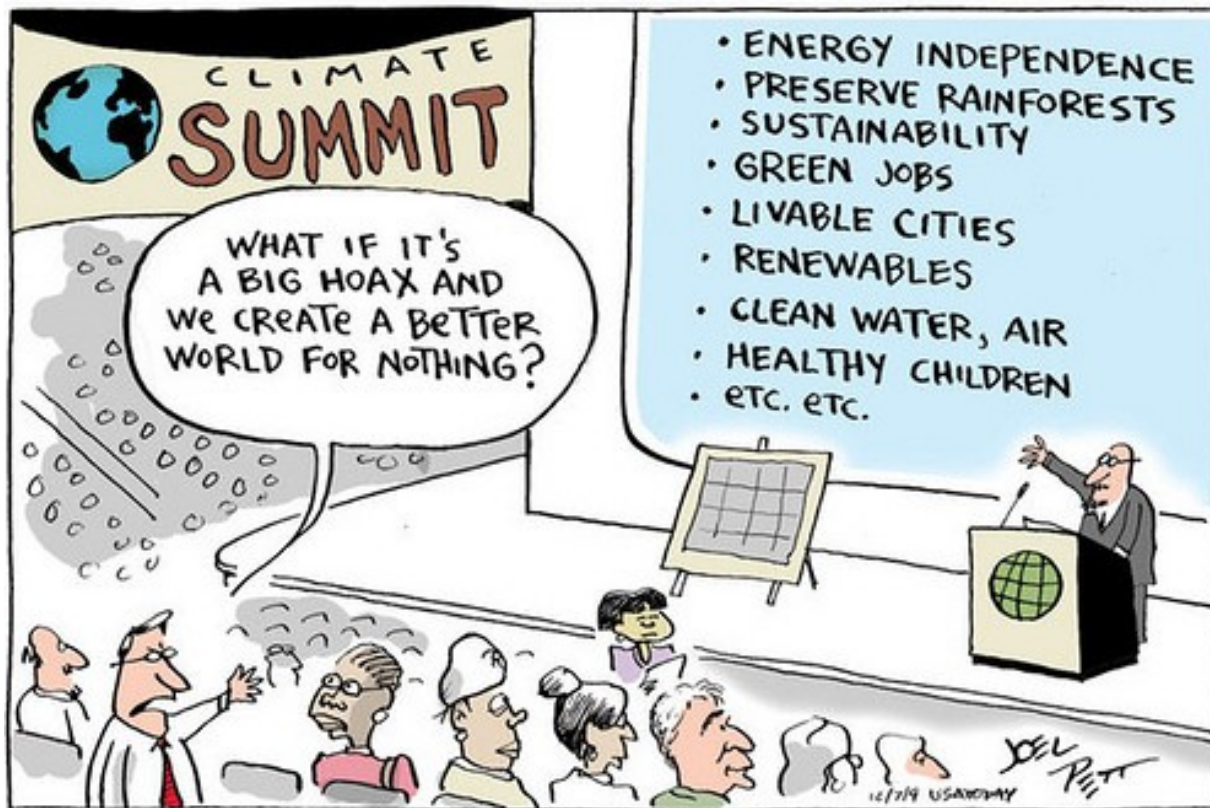
TRANSITIONSTROUD



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Living Experimentally



A brief history . . .

- Transition Towns launched in Totnes in September 2006
 - if we wait for the governments, it'll be too little, too late
 - if we act as individuals, it'll be too little
 - but if we act as communities, it might just be enough, just in time.
- Transition Stroud launched in January 2007

Three key concepts

- Resilience: 'the property of a material to absorb energy when it is deformed elastically and then, upon unloading to have this energy recovered.'
- Ecological citizenship: intrinsic and ethical motivations towards protecting the environment
- Critique: the importance of political economy

Psychological aspects

- ‘Moving from probabilities to possibilities’
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0q90_phxAOk



Taking a bioregional approach to land

„Nature is not a place
to visit, it is *home*“
Gary Snyder



Reclaiming the local food economy



Stroud Community Agriculture



Apple day



Celebration!



Preservation



- Close to zero food miles
- Genuine ownership
- Production not just consumption
- Seasonality and concept of 'share'
- Annual cycle and community in festivals



Conviviality: Stroud Farmers' Market



Open Homes and Gardens



The Seeds of a Greener Future?

