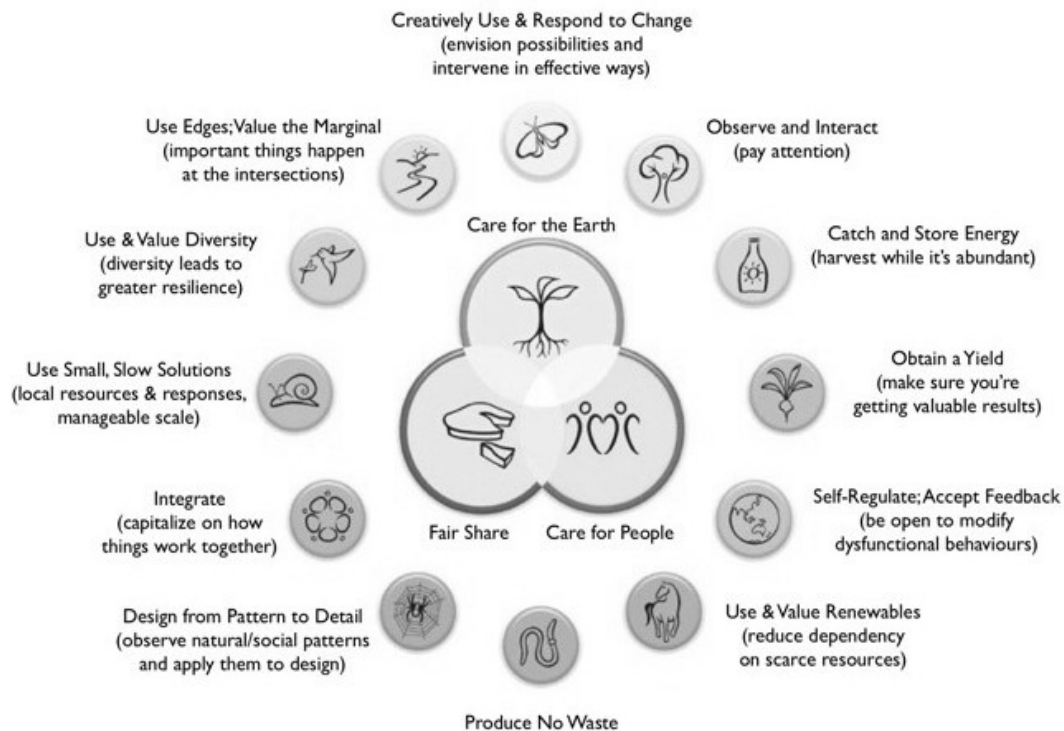


## Community and the Environment

### Transition, Wildlife Trusts, Nature Reserves, Awareness Raising



### The Virtuous Circle of Permaculture

*Community and the environment looks at how the community interacts and takes stewardship of the environment. Four main themes of this are Transition, wildlife trusts, nature reserves, awareness raising*

#### **LibDem policy:**

Policy paper 69 - Affordable homes in Safer, Greener, communities published November 2004  
4.2. looks at improving access to Open Spaces through minimum standards in planning developments and the rights of communities to reclaim under used land. Policy would allow rights of public access on private open space created and the rights to have the communities on management committees of these open spaces.

4.3.2 makes the statement that "Liberal Democrats believe sustainable communities will only be achieved when local people are empowered, through their councils, tenant associations and local community groups."

5.4.6 Makes a priority to identify land for new Community :Land trusts (CLTs), issues and issue guidance for councils and private foundations on how they can provide land for the trusts and encourages councils to undertake an audit and publish a register.

5.4.3 introduces the concept of community land auctions to enable community to acquire land

### Policy Paper 73 - Your community , your choice - local government policy paper

Although this is a local government structural paper it does give to major principles that link to the above; Reaffirming decisions to the lowest level and citizens should be given incentives to re-engage with their communities

### Policy Paper 77 Green and prosperous communities

This paper looks at Social cohesion and regeneration as a them. Whilst not specifically talking environmental issues the paper looks at encouraging volunteering that could be for environmental projects.

### Policy Paper 93 - Our Natural Environment

2.3.2 Introduces environmental labelling, the impact

4.1.1 involves local communities in creating new community woodland and green areas.

4.1.2 Encourages the development of 'greenways'

4.2.1 introduces a special designation comparable to SSSI to allow the protection of allotments and other green spaces of particular value to the health and wellbeing of local people.

4.2.5 Local authorities will be given the responsibility for working together to agree Landscape Policies to protect and enhance natural geographical areas such as river basins, moors, woodland areas, flood plains or islands.

### **Challenge:**

08 Spring	p8	Towards Greener Living
09 Spring	p9	Small is Still Beautiful
10 Spring	p9	Saving Our Seas
10 Spring	p15	Sustainable Tourism
10 Spring	p23	The Path To Transition
10 Summer	p15	People Power
10 Autumn	p21	Localism and Climate Change in Eastleigh
11 Spring	p6	Micro Hydro-power in Rural Africa

### **Resources:**

Transition Network - <http://www.transitionnetwork.org/>

Further resource on the transition movement. <http://transitionculture.org/>

Wildlife extra guide to the UK's wildlife and nature reserves. <http://www.wildlifeextra.com/>

Hub for the 47 wildlife trusts in the UK. <http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/>

Wildlife Trusts nature reserves <http://www.wild-net.org/ukwebsite/TWTReserves.aspx>

Natural England <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk>

RSPB – Royal Society for Protection of Birds <http://www.rspb.org.uk/>

National Trust - <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk>

Energy4all - consultancy for community owned renewable energy  
<http://www.energy4all.co.uk/>

Community Wind Power - community owned wind energy consultancy  
<http://www.communitywindpower.co.uk/>

West Mill Community Wind Farm - located in the South East  
[http://www.westmill.coop/westmill\\_home.asp](http://www.westmill.coop/westmill_home.asp)

Going Greener from People and Planet – Transition Universities initiative  
<http://peopleandplanet.org/goinggreener>

The UK Green Film Festival <http://www.ukgreenfilmfestival.org/>