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Vision and Objectives

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

If we are planning for a future with an increased population in the whole country, we will be looking to use land as efficiently as possible, and we will be seeking to support our communities in a far more sustainable way, sourcing food locally and working with the land in a way that sustains its power to be abundant and bio-diverse.

If we are serious about our grandchildren and great grandchildren having a good life and a beautiful planet earth in the future, then we have to change our way of doing things. Our present way of living is not sustainable. We will need to be far more careful about how much energy we individually use if we are to achieve the overall descending energy use that is predicted by many scientists as necessary.

Housing

This will ~~mean~~ mean changes in housing in the future. We may need to move towards smaller dwellings or shared buildings. Some of our modern housing practices are not sustainable for all people in the future. As an example in the effort to be "green" houses are built with quite a lot of garden space. They are often detached or semi-detached — this taking up extra land. In practice these so called "gardens" are frequently gravelled or paved in some way and are used for car-standing or sitting areas with the odd pots of plants and shrubs in order to make it easy to manage. And in this way we lose yet more "green" land and land that is covered with growing plants or trees. We already know this is a very large cause of local flooding. "Run-off" on paving, buildings, roads, patios and even bare soil with no vegetation is about 4 times more than run-off from land covered by growing vegetation and mulch. To take away any more "green" space in a town and around a town is all the time increasing the possibility of flooding.

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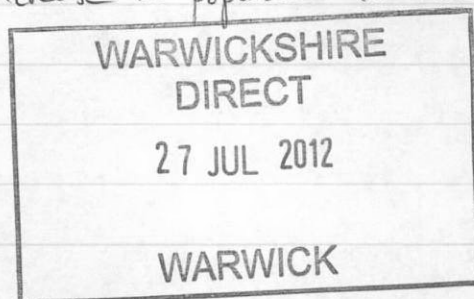
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VISION & OBJECTIVES(B) Economy, Skills and EMPLOYMENT

Skills are a critical part of having a sustainable community. We can help ourselves tremendously by having more good local training in schools and colleges in all skill trades. Children are not well enough trained in the basics like domestic skills:— cooking, cleaning, sewing, knowledge of a good diet & nutrition, simple remedies for health problems and first aid, knowledge of ~~practices~~ practices to stay in good health, and knowledge of how to reduce our waste, how to recycle what we use in our personal life.

We need people in our community to have more opportunities to train in skills of growing our own food, knowledge of plants and their contribution to us and of gardening, of painting and decorating, of plumbing, of electrical work, engineering, water management, carpentry, building, etc. etc.

These skills will lead to employment for many local people. One of our problems has been that we pay to bring people with basic skills in to this area, and from abroad, instead of ensuring that we train our own young people. This has happened over years and hence has created ~~an~~ an increase in population in this area above and beyond local population growth.



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