



TASK GROUP MEMBERSHIP FORM (Co-optees)

Please complete the following:

Name of Board:	Overview Board
Name of Task Group:	The Local Food Economy
Chairman of Task Group:	Councillor L. Turner
Issues to be scrutinised:	To investigate the availability of locally sourced foods in local shops, supermarkets, restaurants and in schools and elderly care homes, day centres etc. To actively promote local food. To ascertain the viability of encouraging additional local food/farmers markets in district wards other than Bromsgrove town. Reduction of carbon footprint in the local food economy.
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- Name and contact details:

Marcus Draper

- Why are you interested in becoming a member of this particular Task Group?

The globalised food economy, which is currently the dominant model, leaves us extremely vulnerable to the effects of both peak oil and climate change. It is therefore imperative that communities start to explore viable mitigation strategies now, before the affects of these problems start to impinge upon our ability to respond positively and effectively.
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- What skills and knowledge would you bring to the Task Group?

I am a member of the Transition movement in Bromsgrove, which aims to re-localise our economies, thus making them more resilient to external shocks. In doing so I have gained a very comprehensive understanding of the problems we face but also the potential solutions we could employ. I actively practice many of these solutions. I also have a degree in Human Ecology, which is the study of human interaction with the natural, social and made environments. As well as studying food policy, this has provided me with the ability to evaluate issues in a holistic manner, to look at things as a whole, not just the constituent parts. This is a vital skill when trying to make sense of something as complex as the food system.
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- Would membership of this Task Group raise any conflicts of interest which would prevent you from participating in meetings of this Task Group? **Yes / No / Unsure***
If "Yes" or "Unsure", please state why?

No

- What days of the week are you generally available to attend a meeting at 6pm?

* Delete as appropriate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yes	No*	Yes	Yes *	Yes

- Please state if you are available at any other times:

Weekends

(Note: All meetings will commence at 6pm unless ALL Members of a Task Group agree they are ALL available to attend at a different time)

- Have you booked any holidays during the next 3-6 months? **No***

If "Yes", please state the dates you will be away:

Once complete, **please return to:** Amanda Scarce, Committee Section,
 Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, **no later than 15th October 2010**
 Email: scrutiny@bromsgrove.gov.uk

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Alison Horton,

- Why are you interested in becoming a member of this particular Task Group?

This Task Group interests me because, as a co-founder of Transition Town Bromsgrove, I believe that one of the key issues currently facing Bromsgrove is our lack of resilience to the town's food network being disrupted (primarily due to the effects of Peak Oil, but other economic factors may be important too). Membership of this TG will enable me, as a member of Transition Town Bromsgrove, to evaluate the level of food resilience in the town and to ensure that necessary steps are taken to facilitate the eventual relocation of our food network, either by ourselves or by the relevant body or authority or a combination of all of these. I believe that this is a common interest with the Council.

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I am a Science teacher and a registered Environmental Health Officer. I have a good knowledge of the issues of Peak Oil and local food resilience and am currently undertaking a qualification in Permaculture. I started Transition Town Bromsgrove in April 2009 to deal with the impending global issue of Peak Oil. I am a good researcher and am able to analyse data quickly and effectively. My written work is of a good standard and I am also a good verbal communicator. I have excellent IT skills and have good interpersonal skills.

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