



Who we are

Community • Resilience • Climate

Transforming to a just, sustainable society

Transition Sooke is a citizen-based, volunteer, public-interest group focused on co-creating a sustainable, resilient and secure community that meets the challenges of the climate emergency in the Sooke region.

How we do it

Transition Sooke acts as a resource and builds awareness with the Sooke community and with different levels of government to develop creative solutions to sustainability and climate change. Transition Sooke holds virtual and in-person workshops and town halls; makes presentations to Council and its committees; publishes stories and posts in mainstream and social media; develops educational resources; hosts a website and Facebook page; and sends out a monthly newsletter.

Transition Sooke's members and supporters, who come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, work together co-operatively and democratically to create positive change. Transition Sooke supports and collaborates with other groups and individuals that share its concerns and values.

Transition Sooke believes that the transformation to a new society must not leave anyone behind. Climate and sustainability initiatives and policies need to be just, fair and equitable.

Members of Transition Sooke meet regularly either in-person or online and share progress on ongoing initiatives, discuss new actions, and find out what other relevant activities are going on in the community.

What we do

Transition Sooke has specific initiatives:

1. Climate emergency – addresses both our need to reduce greenhouse gases and adapt to the changing climate. It includes the following action teams:
 - Green energy for commercial and residential buildings
 - Fossil-fuel free transportation and infrastructure
 - Divestment from fossil fuels
 - Building a local economy
 - Self-sufficient and secure local food and agriculture
 - Rainwater harvesting
 - Official Community Plan (OCP) and Climate Action
 - Addressing climate angst
2. Pesticide Education – builds awareness of pesticides and their alternatives
3. Sooke Multi-Belief Initiative – a working group from diverse religious, ethical and spiritual traditions that focuses on the moral, spiritual, emotional and social needs of the Sooke community.
4. Zero Waste Sooke – educates the public on how to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot in that order. ZWS leads people along a path to a less consumerist but happier life, and helps Sooke move towards a circular economy.
5. A number of organizations got their start with the support of Transition Sooke and went on to operate independently. One such example is Wild Wise Sooke, a wildlife education group that promotes coexistence between the Sooke community and our wild neighbours.

Where we came from

Transition Sooke is part of a worldwide network called Transition Towns, which was founded in Totnes, England in 2005. In 2011, Sooke became the 346th community to be recognized by the Transition Network. Sooke Transition Towns Society (Transition Sooke) is incorporated under the [Society Act of BC](#).