

HOW COMMUNITIES AND COUNCILS ARE NOW EMPOWERED TO:

SAVE OUR POST OFFICES AND SHOPS

SAVE OUR PUBS AND BUS SERVICES

SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES

SAVE OUR PLANET

**THE FIRST ATTEMPT AT 'BOTTOM UP'
GOVERNANCE IS NOW LAW**

COME TO THE

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT
PUBLIC MEETING**

Friday 16th January 2009

7:15pm - 9:00pm (doors at 7pm)

The Corn Exchange, High East St, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1HF



SPEAKERS:

Oliver Letwin (MP for West Dorset)

Robert Gould (Leader of West Dorset District Council)

Ron Bailey (Unlock Democracy Campaigns Director)

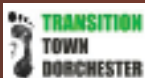
Andy McKee (Local Environmentalist, Writer and Author)

CHAIR:

Alister Chisholm (Dorchester and Champion Town Cryer)

'Citizens and local councils are the experts on their own problems and the solutions to them'

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FOR THE FIRST TIME CITIZENS AND THEIR COUNCILS CAN DRIVE THE ACTIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM PROMOTE:

RENEWABLE ENERGY
PUBLIC TRANSPORT
LOCAL FOOD

REDUCE CO₂ EMISSIONS
RECYCLING
GREEN SPACES

LOCAL SHOPS
POST OFFICES
TRAFFIC REDUCTION

The Sustainable Communities Act became law in October 2007 with full cross party support. The process in the Act began on Tuesday 14th October 2008 when Hazel Blears invited all principal councils to submit proposals to government for action and assistance in promoting sustainable communities, as defined in the Act.

What's different about this Act? This is NOT consultation, this is governance by dialogue and reaching agreement. As Hazel Blears said, this Act is about "turning power upside down in this country", and added that it is about "reaching agreement where you

say 'I can do this and I can't do that' and then have a dialogue about the final decision to be taken together."

The Act's potential is huge. Communities and councils could use it to do things like protect local services, increase renewable energy, public transport or local food, change the planning rules, change government policy and even force new legislation.

The Sustainable Communities Act became law due to the 5 year campaign run by Local Works, a coalition of over 90 national organisations including the Women's Institute, UNISON, Friends of the Earth, Help the Aged, the Cooperative Group, the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters and the Campaign for Real Ale.

THIS IS A PUBLIC MEETING it is free, no booking required

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