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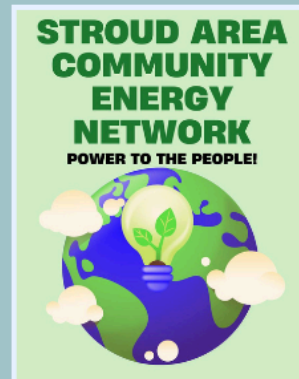
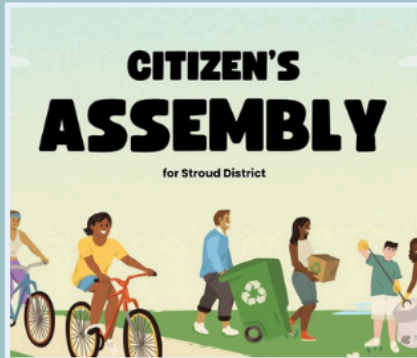
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## Transition Stroud

(Company number 06978217)



**Directors' report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31st August 2024**



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## Directors' Report

### *Transition Stroud "Inspires Action for a Sustainable Future"*

Transition Stroud's aim is to reduce Stroud district's dependence on a carbon-based economy, by building community resilience in the face of challenges such as climate change and depleting energy resources. We do this through 3 main strands of work: our Action groups, the Climate Action Network, and our wider community engagement and communications work, all of which are detailed further in this report.

2023-24 has been an exhilarating year for Transition Stroud (TS), with the launch of many new collaborations, and a rapid expansion in our number of active affiliated groups. We hope you'll forgive this year's bumper Annual Report - we just have a lot to share and celebrate this year!



**Left to right:** Shalize Nicholas, Jess Farr, Martin Whiteside, Gill Skeffington, Adrian Oldman, Caroline Pankhurst, Isabel Clark and Chris Carnegy.

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## Directors

During 2023-24, the TS Directors were Dmytro Bojaniwskyj, Adrian Oldman, Caroline Pankhurst, Nigel Westaway, Martin Whiteside and Katherina Child. Fred Barker and Camilla Barnes both stepped down as Directors in 2023, and we remain incredibly grateful for their contributions. We have since been joined by new Directors Isabel Clark and Gill Skeffington, who have both contributed great dynamism and professionalism to TS. We are particularly grateful to Dmytro Bojaniwskyj this year, who was critical to our many successful funding applications, and enabled so much to happen. Shalize Nicholas and Richard Lupo also expressed an interest in becoming TS Directors this year, and will be nominated for Director roles at the 2024 AGM.

## Contracted roles

TS is a wonderful blended mix of volunteer Directors, supplemented and hugely supported by a small core team of contracted staff, of whom there are three; Jess Farr (Coordinator), Chris Carnegie (Finance), and Kerri Tyler (Social Media), who we would like to thank for their contributions to our successful year.

When TS is working well, this unique blend of dedicated volunteers and part-time contracted roles can really drive our work forward. This year has been one of those years, where simply none of our projects could have happened without that blend working seamlessly.

Grant applications take a huge amount of time, and require much detail both in their making and in their subsequent reporting. This year we have been extraordinarily successful in our applications (as shown below), but none of these could have been achieved without the amazing efforts of both Jess and Chris.

Jess has once again gone above and beyond her job description. Her tenacity, enthusiasm and commitment to the success of TS is incredible, and much of what has been achieved by TS this year simply wouldn't have happened without her.

Chris has been an absolute rock, not just in keeping our finances in shape, but wrangling with our various grants, and adding incredibly wise counsel on all matters relating to contracts, partnerships and more.

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Finally, our thanks also go to our newest member of the team, Kerri who has been driving up our newsletter and social engagement numbers. We would also like to thank our former Newsletter Coordinator Josephine Murray, who stepped down in 2023 to take on a new role, and who ran our newsletter so beautifully while in the role.

## Grants and donations received

Transition Stroud gratefully acknowledge the financial support of many individuals and organisations, and detail the grants and donations received during the year in notes to the financial statements. Particularly helpful has been the funding received from individual monthly donations, and grants from Stroud Town Council, Stroud District Council, Summerfield Charitable Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund (distributed by Transition Together), Brimscombe & Thrupp Parish Council, Stonehouse Town Council, Ecotricity, Minchinhampton Climate Action Network and the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

## Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board:

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Dmytro Bojaniwskyj'.

Signed: Dated: 25 October 2024

Dmytro Bojaniwskyj, Director, Transition Stroud



## Action Groups



2023-24 has been an exciting year for Action Group activity. We continued to support the activities of our long standing repair cafe and textile recycling action groups, but also greatly expanded our number of active affiliated groups. We now have an active Stroud Community E-bike Loan project group, and have also affiliated with a further three community groups: the Stroud Area Community Energy Network, Citizens' Assembly for Stroud District, and Yard Trail.

We continue to offer differing levels of support to each group, depending on the needs of each. The existing group Edible Stroud continues to be supported by us, but has not been active as a collective over the past year as its members have focused on other projects.



## Repair Cafe



The Repair Cafes in Stroud and Nailsworth have continued to repair a huge range of items on a monthly basis - covering everything from electricals to bikes to hats. Repair Cafe volunteers have also been working hard to integrate more social activities into their events - especially those at the Trinity Rooms in Stroud - offering much needed community information and support in the form of food, social support and signposting to other community services.

The Nailsworth and Stroud Repair Cafes also went on the road during the summer, taking their services to new places and people. Collaborating with Nailsworth CAN for the Nailsworth Festival, the Repair Cafe team not only helped people find ways to fix their belongings, but also emphasised the importance of repair over recycling. They also set up shop at the Minchinhampton School Summer Fete, where children, parents, and staff all joined in to have their items fixed.

Volunteers for the Repair Cafe have also been supporting others who want to set up their new repair and advice cafes in different communities (e.g. Minchinhampton, Nailsworth, Rodborough) by connecting them with repairers and offering useful advice and guidance. This year they also acquired a new 3D printer, highlighting how it can be used to create replacement parts for items that are missing or broken. There are challenges, but this approach to repair will



allow them (eventually!) to fix more things. TS continues to insure the Repair Cafes and offer a BookWhen booking service to those who wish to run on an appointment basis.

## Key achievements

- 78% increase in repairs
- Repaired around 400 items, with an estimated 720 hours of volunteer work.
- Served around 1200 individuals directly
- More repair stations and speciality repairs ( e.g. bicycle maintenance, leather repair)
- Hosted around 20 Repair Cafe events over the past year, with an average of 60 visitors per event specifically for the repair stations. This amounts to around 1200 total visitors served directly.
- Increased the number of individual volunteers that support the cafes. This includes both repairers and volunteers helping with the food and cafe.

[Read more about the work of the Repair Cafe in this separate report](#)

## Textiles recycling



The Textiles Group continued to monthly meetings at the Trinity Rooms on the 1st Friday of each month, where they mend and upcycle, swap clothes, material and ideas. They also went on trips to Exeter and Gloucester to exhibitions on mending and upcycling. They made white peace poppies from felt last November and will be doing so again, as well as a Transition Stroud banner and bunting for the Trinity Rooms.



As well as continuing to run monthly textile repair meetups, the Textiles Group also ran the latest of their Trashion shows in June, again transforming old or unwanted clothes and textiles into fabulous couture creations and displaying them as part of a big community clothes swap event at Stroud's Trinity Rooms.

## Stroud Area Community Energy Network

# STROUD AREA COMMUNITY ENERGY NETWORK

On September 28th 2023 an independent group of experts and enthusiasts held a community energy event in Stroud, keen to show a renewed commitment to improving community energy take-up in our region, building on several previous attempts to ignite large scale action in the district. The aim was to look at current levels of activity on this in the Stroud area and start to plan how to increase it. Expert speaker sessions explored different funding and ownership models, as well as solar PV, wind, or water turbine options. These were followed by a discussion and Q&A aimed at identifying opportunities and barriers, with substantial audience participation.

The need for planning permission changes and community engagement were identified as two key areas of focus, alongside public ownership, and benefits for local people. There was a call to mobilise quickly around a suitable project to create momentum, and a working group dedicated to improving the number and impact of community energy projects for the Stroud area rapidly formed. This group decided to formally affiliate with Transition Stroud in January, and has since been meeting monthly to learn more about barriers to developing community energy projects in our region, speak with existing energy projects and report on progress in the District.

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The group has now created a strong network of local volunteers with a background in renewable and community energy, pulling on Climate Action Network members, profit with purpose local energy and renewables businesses, National Grid, Stroud District Council and elected representatives at all levels, including our new MP Simon Opher. Members of the group have spoken at a Climate Action Network event on community energy models, engaged communities across the District to help identify potential energy sites in Stinchcombe, Cam and Wotton-under-Edge, and submitted a funding bid for feasibility studies for those sites in collaboration with Severn Wye Energy Agency. The group has also been investigating a potential community energy site in Stroud, and is looking forward to being able to share some good news about these four potential community energy projects in next year's report.

We are very grateful to have received some initial seed funding for this group from The National Lottery Community Fund (distributed by Transition Together) and Ecotricity.

## E-bike loans

# Want to try an e-bike?



This year Transition Stroud and social enterprise The Bike Drop have been working together to launch and run three [e-bike loan pilot](#) projects across Stroud district in collaboration with several Climate Action Network groups and cycling enthusiasts in our region. This project has



several aims, including:

- Taking the risk out of buying an expensive e-bike by offering a try before you buy experience
- Getting as many people onto bikes as possible in our often steep and hilly area
- Cutting the number of short car journeys to help lower both pollution and carbon emissions
- Helping people feel safer when cycling on the roads.

After approaching community partners through the Climate Action Network, the group set up working partnerships with Minchinhampton Community Hub and MinchCAN, Brimscombe & Thrupp Parish Council, BisCAN, ChalCAN and Stonehouse Town Council. Together, they set up e-bike loan hubs in Minchinhampton and Brimscombe in May, and then one in Stonehouse in August, with more pick-up options and locations planned in future.

While TS has been successful with initial funding for this project, we only received 50% of what was needed to buy the e-bikes, so spent September-February finding match funding. This process generated a lot of positive partnerships, but waiting for match funding to be agreed delayed the launch of the three pilots, leading to some being opened well into the cycling season, instead of in advance of it.

However, since opening the three pick-up points, uptake of the scheme has been positive, with 124 registered members on our booking site, and 41 e-bike loans made so far. To avoid becoming a trading entity, instead of charging for the bike hire, we adopted a ‘pay what you can’ donation policy. This has generated a donated income of £990 so far for TS, money which will be invested back into the scheme next year to help buy more equipment and keep the project going.

The project is now being run by sixteen volunteers from across the pilot communities, who help to organise and run the e-bike check outs and ins for 5 e-bikes. TS has bought 3 ‘standard’ e-bikes capable of carrying a lot of cargo (Benno eJoys) plus one child, and 2 larger e-bikes capable of carrying cargo plus two children on the back (Benno Boosts). All the bikes come with full carrying and safety kit to help remove barriers for people who don’t normally cycle at all. People can loan out the e-bikes for anything from 1 day to 2 weeks at a time, with most opting

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for 1-2 weeks. Overall people have been incredibly positive about the scheme, with many determined to get one for themselves after having a great experience with their loan:

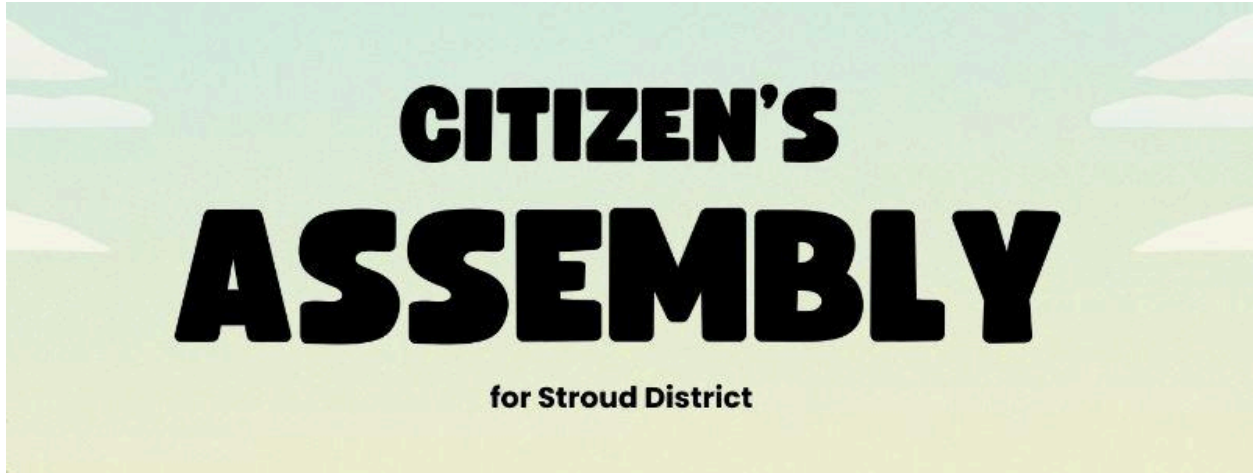
*“I wanted to write to say a huge thank you for this absolutely life-changing experience that Transition Stroud gave to me! I have never in my adult life owned a bike and rarely cycled one, especially not on the road. The feeling you get on this bike is so hard to explain but it felt a little like being in the ET movie, it just lifted me up my first hill and I was screaming in joy the whole way up . . . I went to work, I went food shopping , I even started transporting my kids around. In just one week I became a pro! I found the confidence to go on any road and conquer any hill, it was a very empowering experience to be given that freedom all on my own enjoying the peace, power and pleasure of a bike!”* **Thea**

We’d really like to thank our many awesome community partners, funders and volunteers, and our bike partners, The Bike Drop, who have helped to make this project happen. It simply couldn't have been done without a huge amount of goodwill, voluntary skill and collaboration between everyone, and we’re looking forward to seeing it grow into an even more ambitious community resource for many more people across our District over time.

We are very grateful for the financial support of Stroud District Council’s Active Travel fund, The National Lottery Community Fund (distributed by Transition Together), Brimscombe & Thrupp Parish Council, Stonehouse Town Council and MinchCAN.



## Citizens' Assembly for Stroud District



Our most recently affiliated action group is Citizens Assembly for Stroud District, who agreed to affiliate with TS in July. The project's full ambition is to create a standing citizens' assembly for the Stroud area, within an interconnected network of community assemblies and other democratic/governance spaces. The Stroud District Assembly Steering Group has been meeting for over a year now to design and build a standing Citizens' Assembly for Stroud District. The group sees Citizen' Assemblies as a crucial way to support local decision making on key issues facing our communities, especially in the context of climate change challenges.

The group has three aims:

- To lead a collaborative process of building a standing Citizens' Assembly and Implementation Network for Stroud District, within a wider participatory ecosystem
- To lead and shape a collapse-aware leadership group which sits alongside this project
- To grow awareness of this project and provide ways to get involved

Over the past year TS has been involved with this group through the collapse aware leadership group meetings, and are pleased to be able to support its work through affiliation. The group has recently written a paper on capturing the research and work done on this project so far, and to establish next steps, and is continuing to meet quarterly to progress the project.



## Stroud Yard Trail



The Yard Trail is a community-driven event that brings together neighbours, friends, and strangers alike, all in pursuit of hidden gems and bargains. Taking place in front and back gardens across the district, Yard Trail brings the community together to buy, sell or give away anything and everything from clothes, furniture, and bric-a-brac to artwork and plants. The more we can encourage people to reuse, the better. And that's not all Yard Trail is good for, it's a great way to encourage community connections too.

The Yard trail in Stroud has been run for a number of years, but 2024 saw a new, self-contained Yard Trail run in Whiteshill and Ruscombe for the first time, with over 40 households taking part on the May Bank Holiday. Building on this success, key Yard Trail organiser Victoria Ashcroft would like to reach out to communities to run even more.

TS supports Yard Trail by offering insurance and banking services so the organisers can focus on getting their Yards Trails going.



## The Climate Action Network



TS has continued to support the formation and growth of a district wide network of community-based groups focussing on climate and sustainability (CANS). We have been convening regular, district-wide meetings and events to bring representatives together around themed meetings, inviting specialist speakers to share their work and collaborate on region-wide projects that will help to improve community resilience and achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

During 2023-24 we focussed on generating and developing district-wide projects, including the Stroud Community E-bike Loan scheme, the events website [GreenSeen.info](https://www.greenseen.info), scoping interest in sourcing community energy sites across our communities, and the development of the engagement project Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow. These projects have encouraged the CANS



to work together to achieve a wider impact on both our communities and wider carbon neutrality aims. Registered CAN numbers remain stable at 15, but we feel that many of the smaller ones, such as Berkeley CAN, are now in a better position to engage with networked activity as a result of our shared projects and communications.

## Events and activities

During the year we ran four formal CAN Forum events and supported Standish Parish Council to host a Climate Fresk workshop:

- **CAN Forum ideas and action planning** in September  
A chance for all CANs to meet to discuss plans and shared topics of concern for the year ahead, with 11 attendees.
- **E-bike hire scheme for Stroud District** in November  
Sharing information on how to get involved with and host one of the e-bike pilot scheme with interested CANs. Co-hosted by TS and The Bike Drop, with 17 attendees.
- **Feedback session and pre-launch tour of GreenSeen** in January  
A chance for CANs to give early feedback and thoughts on the developing GreenSeen project. Co-hosted by TS and Wild Stroud, with 9 attendees.
- **Stroud Power: Community Energy for All** in March (in person, Nailsworth)  
A meeting for all interested CANs and parish council representatives interested in starting community energy projects in their area. Co-hosted by TS and SACEN, with 43 attendees.
- **Climate Fresk** on Saturday 15 June (in person, Standish)  
A community event hosted by Standish Parish Council and supported by TS for Great Big Green Week. An interactive workshop on learning essential climate science and taking positive action, with 15 attendees.

Notes of the meetings, speaker presentations and video recordings (of the online meetings) are publicly available on the [CAN Forum website](#).

During this past year, TS has also been supporting the development of a regular Stonehouse Climate Cafe (a more community led group than Stonehouse Climate Network, which is related but led primarily by Stonehouse Town Council), and the formation of a newly planned CAN in Cashes Green, due to launch later in 2024.

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TS has continued to send out regular emails to the CAN Forum contacts with event, funding and networking news (now grown to 167 recipients), kept the existing Facebook group (now at 106 members) and set up a WhatsApp group (17 members) to support the network.

We have also continued to liaise and collaborate with the 2030 team at Stroud District Council. We have continued involvement in the 2030 'Community Engagement Board' through Dmytro Bojaniwskyj and Adrian Oldman. Other members of the Board have agreed both to work with TS to support the development of a new CAN in Cashes Green, and to contribute to our upcoming Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow project, due to launch in September 2024.

We are very grateful for the financial support of Stroud District Council, which has helped to both maintain and develop this deepening network of climate action groups across the district.

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## Engaging with the wider community

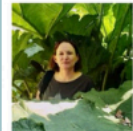
### Community Engagement



Gill Thomas



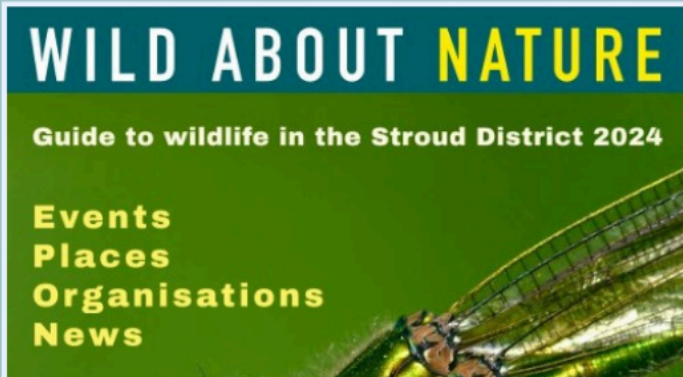
Shalze Nicholas



Chloe Cox, who along with Emily Harger runs Wild Stroud



Josephine Murray



We engage with individuals and families from across the various communities within our district to encourage and inspire them to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and general environmental impact. We do this through a variety of communication mediums including: a regular newsletter, Facebook and Twitter, as well as a refreshed website.

We have also been developing our networks across Gloucestershire and working more closely with other groups, volunteers and projects to help achieve our vision through the new events promotion platform GreenSeen.org and our Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow project.

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## Newsletter

Our newsletter goes to our mailing list of over 1,040 people on a monthly basis and has a high engagement rate, averaging at around 50% opens (standard open rate is usually closer to 30% for newsletters). It promotes the work that TS action groups are doing, focuses on local action and positive stories with the aim to uplift and engage people, supporting many other local initiatives as well by sharing their news and events.

In the last year we have looked for ways to reach more people through a wider range of stories and information. This has included news from other Transition Groups and CANs, and longer profile pieces about people involved in local groups, called the Transitioners, which has continued to be well received.

## Social Media

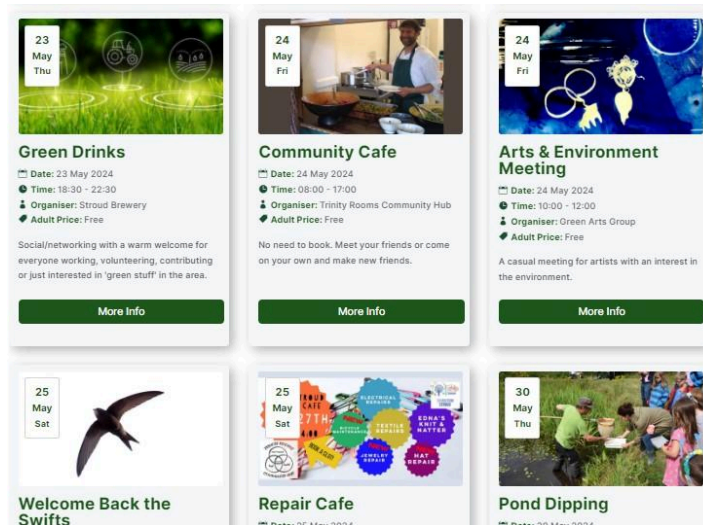
The social media feeds on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (now 'X') run with the same agenda as the newsletter – a local focus and an emphasis on action and positivity. Messages included the work of our action groups, latest news and support for other sustainability projects in the district.

Following the continued difficulties of using Twitter / X ethically, we have reduced active use of this platform, and focussed on Facebook and Instagram instead. Instagram reach has improved significantly since our reengagement with the platform, with our best post so far reaching 249 people.

The Facebook page now has 1.8k followers and a total 'reach' of 18.2k so far this year. Wider community news is included alongside Transition Network news and TS Stroud activities. Our most engaging Facebook post had a reach of 1,900 people (about our Benno Boosts for the bike project).



## GreenSeen and website development



GreenSeen began as a project designed to support the CANs, as well as the numerous other climate, community and environmental groups and projects around our district generate publicity for their events and projects, as well as make it easier for groups to plan events and activities around one another.

After receiving funding from The Summerfield Charitable Trust and Stroud Town Council to develop this resource, TS and Wild Stroud worked together to build GreenSeen.info for anyone and everyone interested in looking after our shared environment and preserving it for the future. We wanted to make it easy to find out what's on in sustainability, nature recovery and community-building where we live, and see it as an outreach and engagement tool for both ourselves and the many other groups and organisations working in community and environmental resilience in our area.

Since launching in March we have registered 63 organisations / groups on GreenSeen, and have an average of 5 new events being posted each week to our calendar. We have 1,200 active users for the website, and 4,000 pageviews since its launch. We also sought to improve our engagement beyond the website by collaborating on the 2024 edition of Wild About Nature, a printed brochure advertising environmental events and activities across the district developed by Stroud Valleys Project, which we co-launched with GreenSeen.info and helped to distribute.

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We have also seen a significant increase in visits to the TS website since its launch, fulfilling our initial aim of boosting website visitor numbers to our linked organisations, and so driving both profile and engagement numbers overall. We have also been able to use some of this funding to improve TS's own website and make it easier for visitors to see our active projects and groups, and get involved with taking action on climate. We have had just over 1,900 visits to the TS website since the start of 2024, with visitor numbers clearly increasing as both profile and engagement activities through our active projects have risen in tandem.

This year TS has gained 19 new volunteers outside of our Directors group, and we feel strongly that this project, alongside our action group projects, has helped to increase our profile and be able to take more practical action on climate as an organisation.

Since co-designing and launching GreenSeen.info with Wild Stroud, TS has now fully handed over the project to Wild Stroud for future management from August 2024, in recognition of their greater capacity to grow the service. GreenSeen.info will continue to support organisations in our district (and possibly beyond our district) in future and we look forward to seeing it continue to flourish as an independent project.

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## Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow



Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow is a project that uses the arts and imagination to help build better future communities. This project is being collaboratively run between Transition Stroud and Stroud Imagines, and has been funded by The National Lottery Community Fund (distributed by Transition Together).

Initially conceived as a network building event to support groups and projects across our district to collaborate and work more closely together, it has now evolved into plans for a more public facing event which we are strongly encouraging groups across our district to contribute towards.

Since February, the Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow (RIST) team has met monthly to organise both the central event, held on 28th September 2024, and a series of collaboratively run activities and events set to run in different locations around the district. In June the organising committee shared opportunities to collaborate on this series of creative engagement events, and have now selected 13 community partners, ranging from the county-wide organisations through to hyperlocal community groups distributed across our area. We look forward to reporting on the activities we are about to run in next year's report.



## Outlook

August 2024 finds TS in a significantly better place than August 2023. We feel that the current scope and impact of our projects, affiliated groups and partnerships all show a renewed enthusiasm for, and appreciation of, transition work in our area.

We have particularly enjoyed building strong working relationships with other organisations this year, including The Bike Drop, Stroud Valleys Project, Wild Stroud, Stroud Imagines, Wild Acres, Climate Fresk and Severn Wye Energy Agency to name just a few. We have also built some really lovely collaborations with local Climate Action Network groups this year, particularly MinchCAN, BisCAN, ChalCAN and members of the old Stonehouse CAN, who have all generously helped to run our e-bike loan project this year. Our search for community energy sites, early engagement with the GreenSeen.org project, as well as delivery partners for Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow, have all thrown up some great contacts and relationships between so many of the CANs, and we really appreciate all the energy and dedication everyone has shown.

As a mark of our continued success and achievement, following a few years without funding for core costs (staff, insurance, technology etc), we have had a commitment from Stroud District Council to fund our core activities for £1000/month, over a period of three years, starting April 2025. This commitment is evidence of how TS has shown its benefit to the community, and importance in bringing to viability new local initiatives for sustainability.

We are also indebted to the fantastic energy of the newer action groups, who chose to trust us through their affiliation and so help bring about greater impact and change together. We are really looking forward to seeing these new projects, groups and partnerships grow further, and anticipate a growing profile and activity level for TS in the next few years.

Of course, all this goodwill has been matched by financial support from our many grant funders and donors this year, and we look forward to repaying that trust by continuing to design and deliver impactful projects that affect real change - for both our communities and our climate - together. We have in general had an excellent year in fundraising, which we hope reflects well on our reputation locally and the greater trust of funders in our being able to achieve goals that are more widely recognised as vital.



## Transition Stroud Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 August 2024

			2024	2023
	Notes			
			£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Grants and donations	<b>1 &amp; 2</b>		29,370	18,105
Bank interest				-
Sundry income				-
<b>Total income</b>			<b>29,370</b>	<b>18,105</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Projects	<b>3</b>		15,074	14,798
Core services			9,765	6,827
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>24,839</b>	<b>21,625</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>			<b>4,531</b>	<b>-3,520</b>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages **26** to **30** form part of these financial statements.



## Transition Stroud Balance sheet at 31 August 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	18,320	-
Investments (long term)		-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>18,320</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	5	-	-
Cash at hand and in bank	6	18,270	16,430
<b>Total current assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(29,025)	(13,396)
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>3,034</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>7,565</b>	<b>3,034</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Funds at beginning of year		3,034	6,554
Net income for the year		4,531	-3,520
<b>Funds at 31 August 2024</b>		<b>7,565</b>	<b>3,034</b>

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The Directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i. ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and
- ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company

as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficiency for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above. Signed on behalf of the directors

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored surface. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Dmytro Bojaniwskyj'.

Signed: Dated: 25 October 2024

Dmytro Bojaniwskyj, Director, Transition Stroud



## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024

### 1. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of the preparation of the accounts**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Grants and donations**

Revenue grants are taken into the income and expenditure account in the period in which they were received but if the grant is for an activity that spans more than one financial year the part of the grant linked to activity in the following year(s) is treated as deferred income.

**Interest** is included when receivable by the company.

#### **Tangible assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows -

- e-bikes: 50% reducing-balance basis

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the company and its assets and are primarily associated with constituted and statutory activities.

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## 2. Grants & donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations via standing order and card payments	1785	1,915
Donations raised at Potato Day	125	169
Stroud Town Council grant re slow cookers project	-	1,000
Crowd-funded donations re slow cookers project	-	1,440
Stroud Town Council grant re Great Big Green Week	-	1,000
GreenSeen website:		
Stroud Town Council	1000	-
Summerfield Trust	3000	-
e-bike loan scheme:		
Stroud District Council	20,000	-
Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council	2,500	-
Transition Together	4,335	-
Stonehouse Town Council	2,000	-
Minchinhampton Climate Action Network	500	-
Donations from e-bike users	990	-
Community Energy Network:		
Ecotricity	200	-
Transition Together	500	-
Transition Together: Reimagining Stroud's Tomorrow	7,520	-
Stroud Town Council: Yard Trail	500	-
Donations raised by Repair Cafe (net donations passed to TS - other donations received were used to offset room and recurring costs)	44	-
Release / (deferral) of grants received	(15,629)	12,581
	<b>29,370</b>	<b>18,105</b>



### 3. Projects expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Climate Action Groups Network support	2,706	2,957
Big Solar	-	8,518
Slow Cookers	-	2,277
Great Big Green Week	-	1,046
GreenSeen website	3,500	-
e-bike loan scheme	8,289	-
Reimagining Stroud's Tomorrow	25	-
Stroud Yard Trail	479	-
Climate Fresk	75	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,074</b>	<b>14,798</b>

### 4. Tangible fixed assets

	e-bikes
	£
<b>Cost</b>	
As at 01 September 2023	0
Additions	20,695
As at 31 August 2024	<b>20,695</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
As at 01 September 2023	0
Charge for the year	2,374
As at 31 August 2024	<b>2,374</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
As at 01 September 2023	0
As at 31 August 2024	<b>18,321</b>



## 5. Debtors

There were no debtors in 2024 [2023: nil]

## 6. Cash at bank and in hand - analysis

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Sums recognised as deferred income</b>		
Climate Action Groups Network Support: SDC grant	-	11,650
Repair Café: Nailsworth TC grant + user donations	794	750
Carbon mapping project: Transition Network grant	-	216
CAN website: Stroud Town Council grant	-	780
e-bike loan scheme	2,715	-
Community Energy Network	700	-
Reimagining Stroud's Tomorrow	6,495	-
<b>Total cash recognised as deferred income</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>13,396</b>
<b>Sums internally earmarked by Council</b>		
Edible Stroud	71	71
Textiles Group	291	291
<b>Total cash internally earmarked</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>General funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	7,204	2,672
<b>Total general funds</b>	<b>7,204</b>	<b>2,672</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>18,270</b>	<b>16,430</b>



## 7. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income	29,025	13,396
Other creditors	-	-
<b>Total creditors</b>	<b>29,025</b>	<b>13,396</b>

## 8. Staff costs and numbers

Transition Stroud did not directly employ any staff during the year.

## 9. Directors' remuneration, benefits and expenses

Directors give their time voluntarily and do not get paid for their services to the organisation.

## 10. Related party transactions

Adrian Oldman is a director of SD Bike Drop CIC which was paid £25,768 during the year in its capacity as partner/supplier to the e-bike loan scheme. [2023: none]

## 11. Commitments under operating leases

During the period the company had no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

## 12. Reserves policy

On 11 September 2023 directors resolved that wherever possible the company will hold in reserve unrestricted funds equivalent to three months' running costs.

## 13. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These comprise (i) amounts held on behalf of funders to support activities after the end of the accounting period, and (ii) amounts owed by the organisation but not paid during the accounting period.

**Debtors:** These are amounts owed to the organisation, but not received in the accounting period.

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## Governance Statement

### Full name

Transition Stroud

### Registered company number

06978217

### Principal address

The Exchange  
Brick Row  
Stroud  
GL5 1DF

### Objects of the company

The Company is established for the benefit of the community of the Stroud District to take, and inspire others to take, collaborative actions that strengthen local communities and respond positively to the challenges of climate change and declining energy supplies, in accordance with policies and decisions determined by members.

### Governance of the company

Transition Stroud is a company limited by guarantee. It operates under its memorandum and articles of association dated 1st August 2009, amended 9th September 2009 and 9th June 2021. It has no share capital and the liability of each member is limited to £1.

Transition Stroud has 15 members who are able to vote in Directors to the Transition Stroud Council each year at an Annual General Meeting. TS Council Directors are empowered to take practical decisions on behalf of Transition Stroud, and are also able to vote in a maximum of two additional Directors as needed between Annual General Meetings.

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**2024 Directors who held office during the whole of the period from 1 September 2023 to the date of this report:**

Dmytro Bojaniwskyj  
Adrian Oldman  
Caroline Pankhurst  
Nigel Westaway  
Martin Whiteside  
Katherina Child

**Changes in directors holding office were as follows:**

Camilla Barnes           resigned 27 November 2023  
Isabel Clark           appointed 02 April 2024  
Gillian Skeffington   appointed 02 April 2024

The directors submit their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

## **Exemptions**

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

## **Bankers**

The Co-operative Bank plc  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester  
M60 4EP