

2011 Earth Hour Capsule Contents

The following comments were collected at Earth Hour at the Wismer House March 26, 2011. The purpose is for everyone to try to work towards these comments during the year...let's meet up again in 2012 to see how well we have done! (* shows how many times this comment was submitted-no * means it was submitted only once)

- Increase recycling materials that are picked up to include compostable materials *****
- More bike racks at key locations like grocery stores etc**
- Reuse Hut**
- Town sell green cone digester at discounted price (similar to rain barrel project)**
- More Bike Lanes
- Saugeen Shores becomes best 'active transportation' community in Ontario (cycling, walking routes etc)
- Noticeable movement in community demonstrating understanding for environmental concerns
- We can do a swap of things. For eg. Everyone can bring stuff what they don't need anymore to one place and everyone can exchange different things.
- Someday a cheap transportation service between Southampton and Port Elgin should be put in place. This would hopefully alleviate traffic and provide a service for those without a license/less well off.
- I would like to see more accessible community gardening for low income, disabled and elderly
- Sort recycling at the household level
- Any trees that are replaced on public property will be native plants (not Norway maples)
- Reduce lighting that is just left on in buildings overnight
- Campaign to encourage reduction of electricity usage
- More cardboard pickup stations
- More local Ontario produce in grocer stores (especially garlic)
- A "wagoboggan" in every garage
- A community kitchen with an emphasis on slow food teaching the benefits of wholesome food with the focus on sustainable food
- Instead of taking a bath in the shower, we can use a bucket and a mug which will save a lot of water
- Beach in Port Elgin moving 'back in time' toward natural beach elements
- Traffic calming techniques applied to Highway 21 in Port Elgin
- Electric-powered/solar-charged shuttle between Port Elgin Beach and downtown
- Farmers/growers market located in central Port Elgin (no wholesaler resellers)
- Landscaping promise of Smart Centre (2007) fulfilled ASAP
- Solar powered street lights
- Electric Transit Vehicles
- A Green government
- A shift in mind set of rural people
- Youth in politics
- Green Festival
- Staff at SSVRC
- More green related activities and fundraisers
- People's minds to change their thinking that green is a gimmick
- More youth in politics
- More hazardous waste days
- Local businesses should be given more information on distributors (local) that sell sustainable products (ie biodegradable take-out containers)
- Parade at Community Garden to showcase efforts to date
- Get local kids thinking enviro is cool
- Build s=Saugeen Central Community Garden
- Influence Local Politicians that climate change is real and needs them
- Bike powered concert
- And finally-MORE CANDLELIGHT DINNERS IN RESTAURANTS!

Thanks to everyone for your input. Let's all work towards making change over the coming year.

