

Minutes of the August 13, 2008 Sustainable Berea monthly meeting.

Held at the Madison County Public Library, 319 Chestnut Street, Berea.

A potluck was held 6-6:30pm in the community room with the usual excellent food and good conversation.

At 6:30, the 30 attendees moved across the hall to the 36-seat library theater for the meeting program.

Mark Jeantheau, member of the Sustainable Berea board, gave a slide presentation: Peak Oil: Challenges and Opportunities.

The presentation began with a 12-minute video featuring Richard Heinberg and Julian Darley explaining the concept of "peak oil," its implications for our current economy, limitations of alternative energy sources to make up for declining availability of oil and natural gas, and some steps that communities can take to begin to prepare for the effects of peak oil. This video is available to be viewed on-line at: http://globalpublicmedia.com/peak_oil_for_policy_makers

Mark's presentation outline:

- **Peak Oil Definition**
- **The Importance of Oil**
- **Solutions – Good, Bad, and Ugly**
- **Peak Oil, Berea, and You**

The conclusion of the presentation was that Berea faces a future of declining energy availability, and needs to take action now to change its infrastructure and operations to function on far less energy than it uses today.

Richard Olson concluded the meeting by describing two opportunities for Sustainable Berea members to assist in planning and implementing the transition of Berea to a sustainable community with an energy-lean, local resources economy.

- (1) Students from five Berea College classes are researching and writing this fall a Transition Plan for the city of Berea. The September 10 Sustainable Berea meeting will focus on this effort and the role that SB members can play. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members who want to be part of the preparation of the Transition Plan. Signing were:

Linda Abbot
Scot Abbot
Jaime Bradley

Denis Burton
Rosann Efron
Lekey Leidecker
John Payne
Mark and Becky Roselli
Lisa Tevis

(2) A re-skilling of Berea project was announced to help individuals learn practical skills to make their households more resilient in the face of peak oil and climate change. See attached project description.

Program ended at 7:40pm.

Partial list of attendees at August 13 Sustainable Berea meeting

Linda Abbot
Scot Abbot
Jaime Bradley
Denis Burton
Jason Coomes
Rosann Efron
Russ Flaughner
Helen Flaughner
Dorie Hubbard
Tom Hubbard
Mark Jeantheau
Lekey Leidecker
Richard Olson
Doreen Parsley
Steve Parsley
Sarah Paulson
John Payne
Marlene Payne
Becky Roselli
Mark Roselli
George Schloemer
Lisa Tevis
Donna Wellman

