

"West Wales Transition Forum"?

What's a "Forum"?

Well, on the Internet, a Forum is a sort of electronic bulletin board.

Think of it as a big board in the wall, such that anyone can come along and stick up a piece of paper with a message on it. Then anyone else can write another message on the same piece of paper - or stick up another piece of paper altogether.

In the jargon, each message is called a "post". The sequence of messages on each piece of paper is called a "thread".

So, for instance, I could start a new thread, giving it a title "Keeping Ducks" with the message "Does anyone know anything about keeping ducks?" Someone else might post a reply, in the same thread, saying "I do, what do you want to know? There's a good book...", etc.. We then have a thread about "Keeping Ducks", to which anyone can add further posts.

The important thing (apart from obvious stuff like be polite, etc.) is to keep things under the right headings (titles). So, you wouldn't post a message about log-burning stoves in the thread titled "Keeping Ducks" - no-one will find it there. If you start a new thread, choose the title carefully: it's going to be a topic of conversation and may be around for a while.

Give it a try. It looks a bit techie. But start with the simple stuff, read the help, and see how it goes. Have fun.