



Local Money

Do we need a local currency in the Dunbar Area? Please join in the debate and share your thoughts and ideas in this discussion group. A group of us met up on Monday, 8th March to start discussing this

topic.

We agreed that the objectives of a local currency should be:

- Publicity/PR for Dunbar area
- Increase Local Trade
- Encourage and Enable local creativity and skills
- Build and Strengthen community interactions
- Build local sustainability and resilience
- Education about our money system and its failings

We also agreed to do further research to investigate which if any of the existing schemes in operation around the UK, Europe, USA and elsewhere would best meet these objectives. The purpose of this discussion group is to provide a forum to share the results of this research before our next meeting on 13th April.

Some links to get you started:

The Brixton Pound <http://brixtonpound.org/>

The Lewes Pound <http://www.thelewespond.org/>

The Stroud Pound <http://www.stroudpound.org.uk/>

German Local Currency <http://www.chiemgauer.info/220.0.html> -this scheme looks very impressive, but site is in German (obviously)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/6333063.stm> -there are regional currencies springing up all over Germany

<http://transitiontowns.org/Lewes/CurrencyFurtherReading> -lots of links to further info

USA links: <http://www.berkshares.org/>

<http://www.ithacahours.com/>