

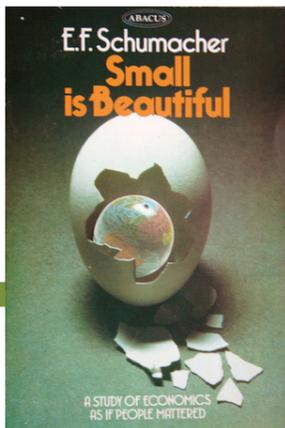
# Achievements To Date

## Localise West Midlands



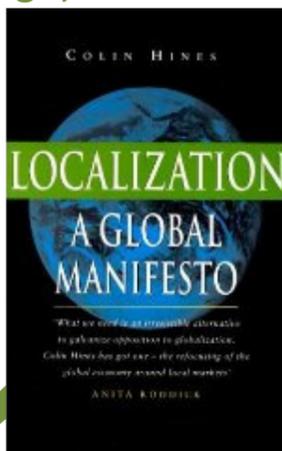
**1973:**

'Small Is Beautiful: a study of economics as if people mattered' by EF Schumacher.



**May 1998:** Birmingham G8 summit, Jubilee 2000 human chain (debt campaign).

**Nov 1999:** Seattle WTO protests.



**2000:** 'Localization: a Global manifesto' by Colin Hines.

**Nov 2004:** Esmee Fairbairn Foundation charitable grant.

**Nov 2004:** Workshop on local finance & housing organised with Birmingham Cooperative Housing Services, funded by Birmingham Community Empowerment Network.

**Nov 2004:** The North-east rejects elected regional assemblies.

**July 2003:** Organised region's first conference on local food procurement.

**2005:** The demise of Rover at Longbridge, Birmingham.

**2005:** First UK Transition Town: Totnes.

**Apr 2003:** Polden Puckham Foundation grant for core costs.

**Oct 2005:** Won Esmee Fairbairn Foundation grant for core costs.

**Jun/Nov 2001:** Colin Hines, Pat Conaty, George Morran, Chris Crean & others met to discuss potential for 'relocalisation' initiatives centred on Birmingham.



**Dec 2002:** LWM formally convened as an unincorporated association, with Pat Conaty as chair.

**2006:** UK becomes a net gas importer.

**Feb 2005:** Published independent retail & community impact assessment of the Heart of Shirley retail and mixed use proposals in Shirley, Solihull.



**Mar 2002:** a bigger meeting at *the Bond* discussed the concept further & set some parameters for the Localise initiative.

**Summer 2002:** Birmingham FOE volunteering for LWM by Richard Cave Bigley (local beer, local bottle recycling & EU procurement rules).



**Oct 2002:** Localise WM established: regular meetings began, first grant received, offices at Warehouse. Karen Leach employed as coordinator.

**May 2005:** Jon Morris joined LWM & developed a strategy including initiating a consultancy arm.



**2005-2012:** Developed our consultancy offer in accordance with our mission statement, built good links with public sector clients.

**Jul 07-Mar 08:** helping develop a Sustainable Procurement action plan & compact for the organisations involved in Birmingham Strategic Partnership – the first to agree a joint approach to procure more sustainably.



**May 2007:** LWM incorporated as non-profit company limited by guarantee & Hannah took over as chair.

**Mar 2007:** Scoping study into decentralised energy for Birmingham, with Birmingham Sustainable Energy Partnership & Hestia Ltd, funded by Greenpeace Environmental Trust.

**May 2006:** Published 2 policy papers on political & economic decentralisation & communities, authored by Jon Morris & George Morran.

**2007-8:** Fair Deal Awards for those who pay fair prices to UK producers. (Capers Deli - Pershore, Rugby Livestock Market, Fordhall Farm's customers, and Waitrose).

**2006:** Began to raise the issue of how inflation indices reflect regional and demographic differences (four years before Ed Miliband started using the term the 'squeezed middle') with the main political parties. Became Regionalised Prosperity & Inflation project.

**2006-2011:** With Accord Housing & others, aimed to develop a community land trust housing, workspaces and wildlife garden in Digbeth, Birmingham. Site eventually 'blighted' by HS2 proposals, scheme dropped.

**Jul 2008:** WTO talks break down in Geneva

**2008:** The Regional Prosperity & Inflation project continued, suggesting that rather than inflation being a mere 'blip' as others argued, it would be an ongoing problem stemming from overstressing the planet's resources.

**July 2008:** Green New Deal report published, inspiring LWM to initiate West Midlands Green New Deal meetings with likeminded partners.

**2002-08:** Chaired Eastside Sustainability Advisory Group. Study of local sourcing of building materials; ongoing attempts to increase recognition of the importance of social and economic sustainability within developments in Eastside, Birmingham.

**Summer 2008:** Global financial crisis becomes undeniable.

**2008-10:** Extending Localisation research into food & retail good practice in the region & recommendations for replicating it (funded by Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation).

**2011:** Controversy over planning system intended to deliver economic growth above all costs.

**Nov 2009:** Worked with Encraft on proposals for a Birmingham Green New Deal scheme for Birmingham City Council. Scheme launched in January 2010 as the award-winning Birmingham Energy Savers.

**May 2010:** Change of Government & abolition of Regional Assemblies & Regional development Agencies, overhaul of the planning system & other changes.

**2010-11:** Localise members Phil Beardmore, Karen Leach, Rosemary Coyne, Chris Crean nominated as Green Leaders in Sustainability WM process.

**Feb 2011:**

Sustainability & Resilience for Herefordshire- planning workshops, with Herefordshire organisations & the TCPA.

**Apr 2011:** published an evaluation of the West Midlands Local Enterprise Partnerships against economic localisation and sustainability criteria.

**Mar 2012:** Won funding from Barrow Cadbury to run Mainstreaming Community Economic Development research project, seeking to deliver social inclusion, income equality and local diversity and distinctiveness through mainstreaming localisation and CED approaches to economics & participated in Birmingham's Social Inclusion Process.

**Sustainability and Resilience for Herefordshire**

really taking climate change and energy security into account in Herefordshire's local development framework



**Sep 2011:** beginning of the Occupy movement in USA.

**Sep 2011:** Published "Solving Fuel Poverty- opportunities from Green Deal and Localisation" - research funded by Scottish Power Energy People Trust, promoting fairer, inclusive and community-centred approaches to the Green Deal.

**Oct 2011:** Ran training day on CLTs with the CLT network.

**2002-2012:**

*...Participated in various regional and local partnership groups including the West Midlands Sustainability Forum, which represents the region's environment and sustainability NGO sector; Talks and presentations to wide ranging audiences; Engaged with regional spatial planning and economic strategy consultations; Website, blogs, twitter...*

**Oct 2012:**  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker event: 'Progressing a Better Economy'