



## Building sustainable communities

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# 4 Stages in responding to destruction of our life support systems

- **Denial** > 'Business as usual'
- **Fantasy** > 'Techno-explosion'
- **Bargaining** > 'Sustainable consumption'
- **Accepting** need for dramatic change, and that 'Living within means' enables abundance for all

# Excess > Scarcity

Economic  
Growth



Resource  
Extraction

Ecological  
Devastation



# Sufficiency > Abundance

Commons  
Sufficiency



Infinite  
Abundance

Renew  
Resources



# In terms of tackling climate change: Are communities what matter most?

**How can communities thrive** by cutting fossil fuel use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to zero?

- Community owned renewable energy
- Local skills, locally produced food and goods

**Do we need a new CCF &/ or Ownership Systems?**

- **Community material base** (system as problem) not behaviour change (people as problem), and
- **Local to local support** (Global/ Regional/ Local)

# How can communities reclaim politics to make structural change possible?

Governments incapable of stopping economic growth treadmill. **How can we ensure:**

- **Cap and Share:** cap and rapidly reduce fossil fuels passing through economy into atmosphere
- **Scot Govt support for communities** is expanded to enable them to develop their material base
  - > **Resilient mutually supportive communities** not infinite economic growth on a very finite planet

**We Can Do It!**

