

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Hi & welcome to this journey

My name is Joe & I'm your author for today...



I was born into a household of thinkers and writers

From an early age I designed cities, mathematical models & perpetual motion machines

Then came a mystic Journey to the East... infinite consciousness beckoned ... but it seemed there were things to do here first.



Squatting communities in 1970s London ... Capitalism & socialism in crisis... Local Exchange systems & other alternatives.



I went North as a craftsman...built a house & started a family. I learnt about wood, stone, metal, fire...



Finished training, as 'community architect & planner'



Did a 'Future City' conference... 'Community Development Framework'... 'Tomorrow's New Communities'.. networked science park...



1992 - realized the new word 'sustainability' brought together all these ideas.

With the TCPA*, set up the 'Sustainable City-region' with a base in Manchester...



*TCPA = Town & Country Planning Association, originators of the Garden City concept