Transition, Resilience And The Economy
The Role To Be Of Science Shops

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Would you buy this one?

... and what would you pay for it?
The costs for assembling a brand notebook in Asia are about 2, - €.

Against this background Reuse and Further-use businesses are economically inefficient.
Notes from inligna

Furniture from local production

FSC
renewable
fair wages
cooperative
regional
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• No brand – no price premium. We sell at lower price than conventional brands
• Local production – higher manufacturing costs. We produce at higher prices than conventional brands.
• Established players - like suppliers - do not help to develop sustainable business processes.
• There are too many questions to answer.
We must lay hold of the fact that economic laws are made by human beings.

G. Bateson

Spaceship economy is concerned with the care and maintenance of its stocks.

Oeconomic is the art of gaining a livelihood

Aristotle

We live within an infinitely expanding "frontier".

F. D. Roosevelt

Gross National Product counts air pollution. It does not include the joy of our children’s play.

R. F. Kennedy

World as a battlefield? World as trap? World as lover, world as self!

K. E. Boulding

J. Macy

It’s not the technology, it’s the economy!
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Theses

- Problems towards sustainability are based on political and economic reasons – Science Shops have to deal with it!
- Rethinking cultural translation
- Asking the relevant questions and providing orientation for Civil Society
- Initiating open field laboratories
- Imperative policy briefing
• Exposition „Local Sustainable Economy“
• ReUse-Logistics
• Work Shops Of Self-help
• Toolbox *my sustainable business*
• Cooperative counseling curricula
• Collaborative research
• Linking up to Transition-Town Movement
Thank you for your attention.

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