

## **Fix the system, not the symptoms** **paper for discussion at Feasta Planning Meeting 31 January 2009**

1. This has always been the message underlying all Feasta's projects and proposals. Now that society is experiencing more consciously the problems we have been warning that the existing systems were bound to lead to, our chances of being listened to are better than ever.
2. I suggest we call ourselves "Feasta, the systems change group" or "Feasta - designing better systems"
3. I suggest we list on a single sheet of A4 the main systems changes we advocate, and explain these in turn each on a single sheet of A4. Distribute this as widely as possible and feature it prominently on the website, not in substitution for any of the excellent material there is there but as another way for people to see us at a glance.

For example the summary sheet could list half a dozen systems like this; (the exact wording is no doubt open to improvement)

### The money system

The root of the current financial collapse is a system of money that is created as debt to a bank at interest. It should be made illegal for banks to create money. Money should be given or spent into existence by public bodies.

### The energy system

Unsustainable economic activity has been fed by the use of fossil fuels. The descent from fossil fuel peak needs to be managed, to ensure a fair sharing of the burden between rich and poor and to direct investment in renewables.

Other headings could be

### The food system

### The transport system

### The system of land ownership

### The education system

### The market

The idea is to enable people to see at a glance, what are the systems Feasta is talking about, and also to see a glimpse of the big picture of comprehensive systems change we are advocating.