



**INTERNATIONAL HEMP BUILDING ASSOCIATION**

# The International Hemp Building Association

The origins and aims of the I.H.B.A.  
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# 1st International Hemp Building Symposium

16-18 September 2009  
Kenmare, Co Kerry, Ireland



73 people attended  
from 17 nations



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## INTERNATIONAL HEMP BUILDING ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

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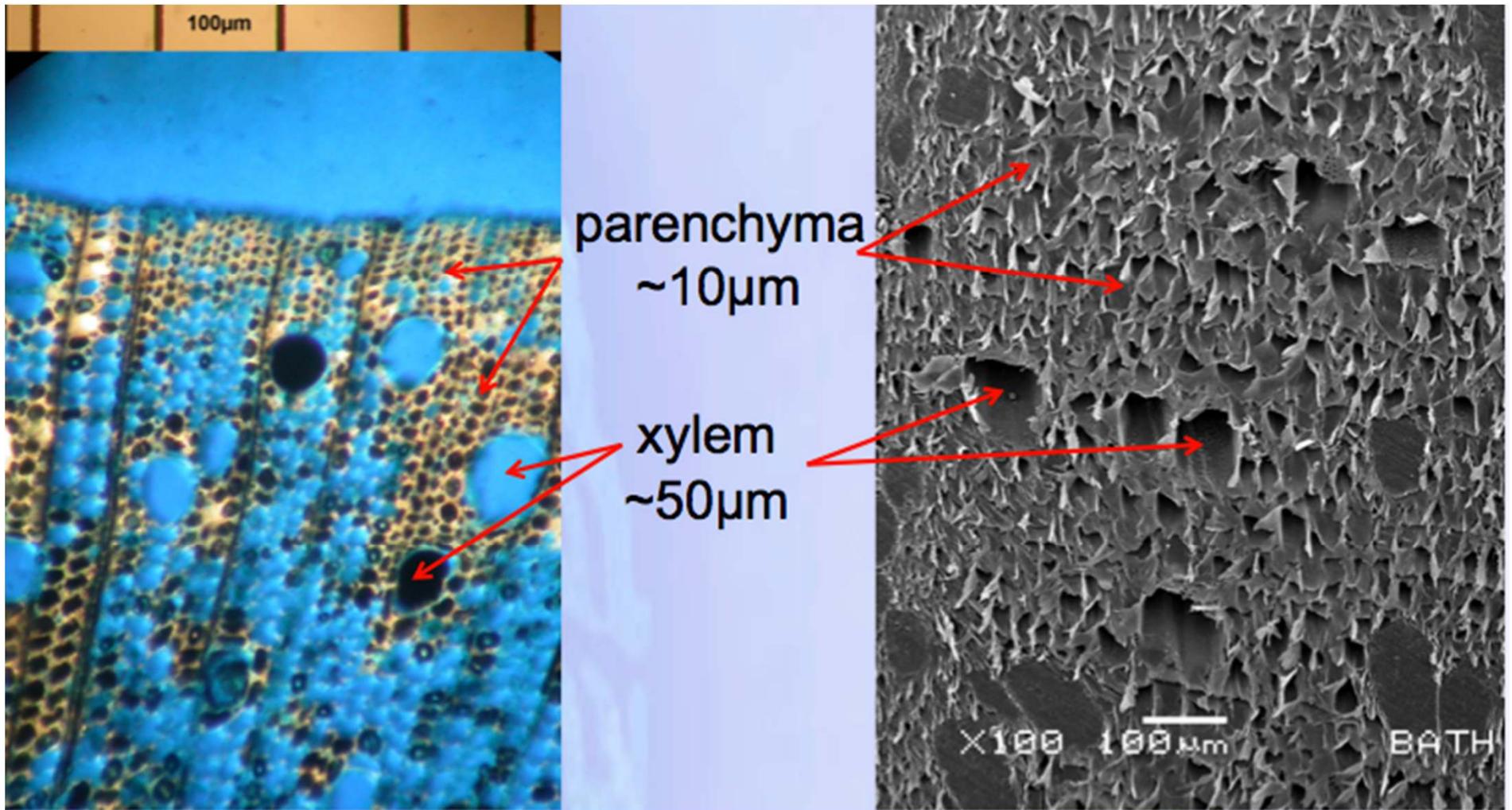
# Hemp materials



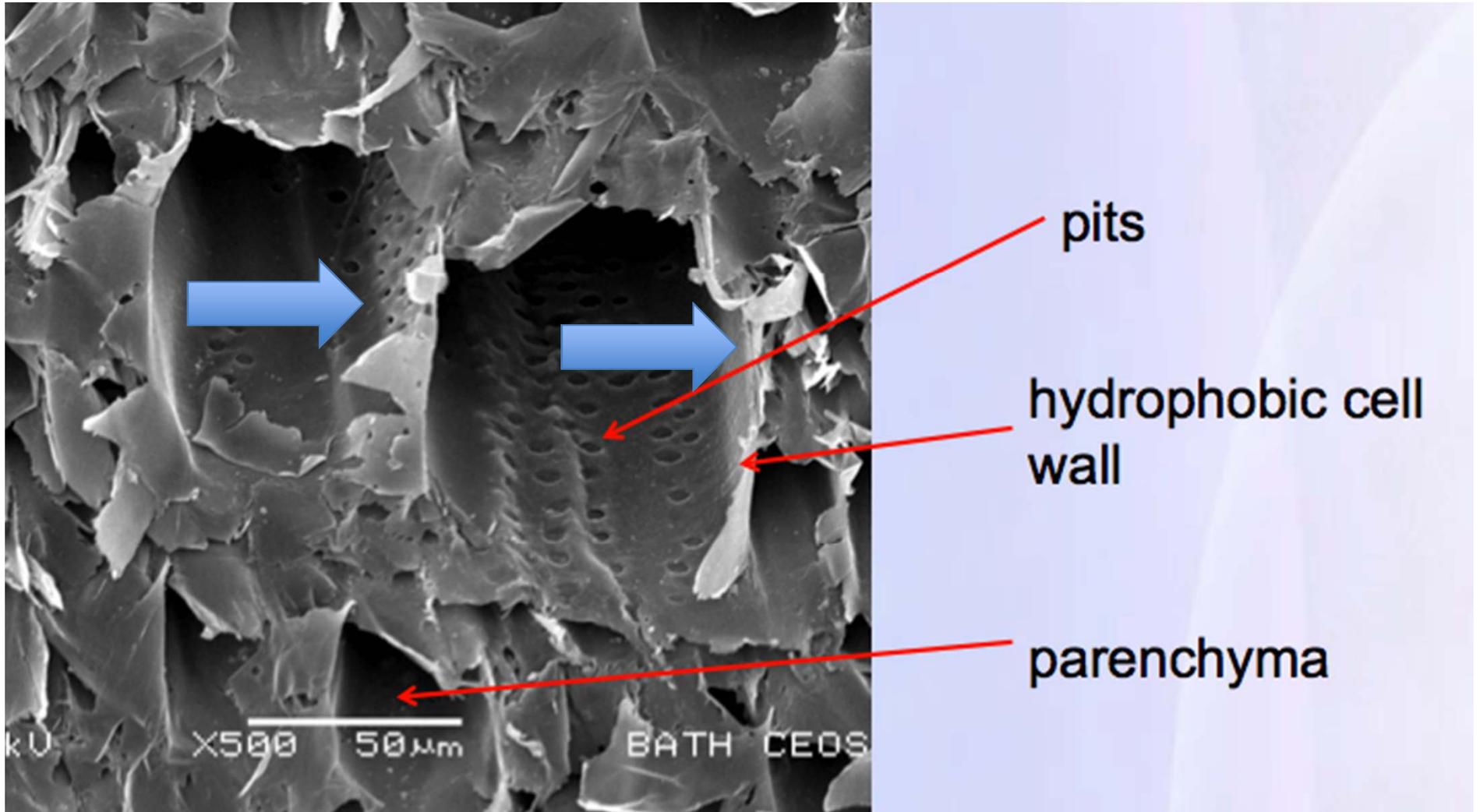
# Hurds



# Cell structure



# Latent Heat



# Binders



Limestone

# Binders



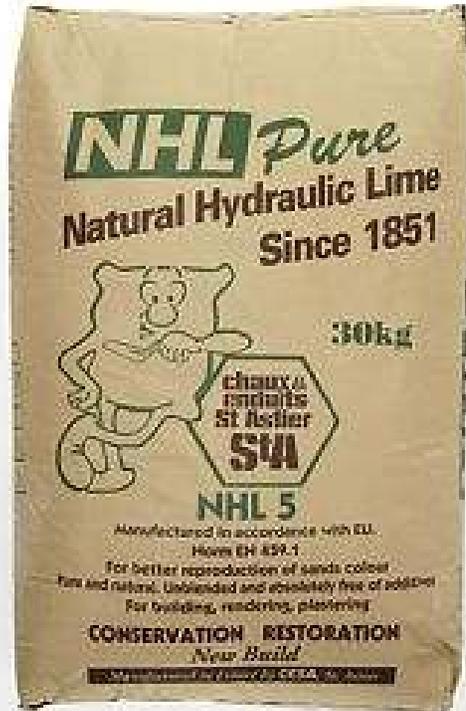
Cement clinker



Natural Cement



Clay



Natural Hydraulic Lime



Gypsum



Pozzolanic ash

# What do we mean by “Hemp-building”?

Firstly there can be a floor made of Hempcrete



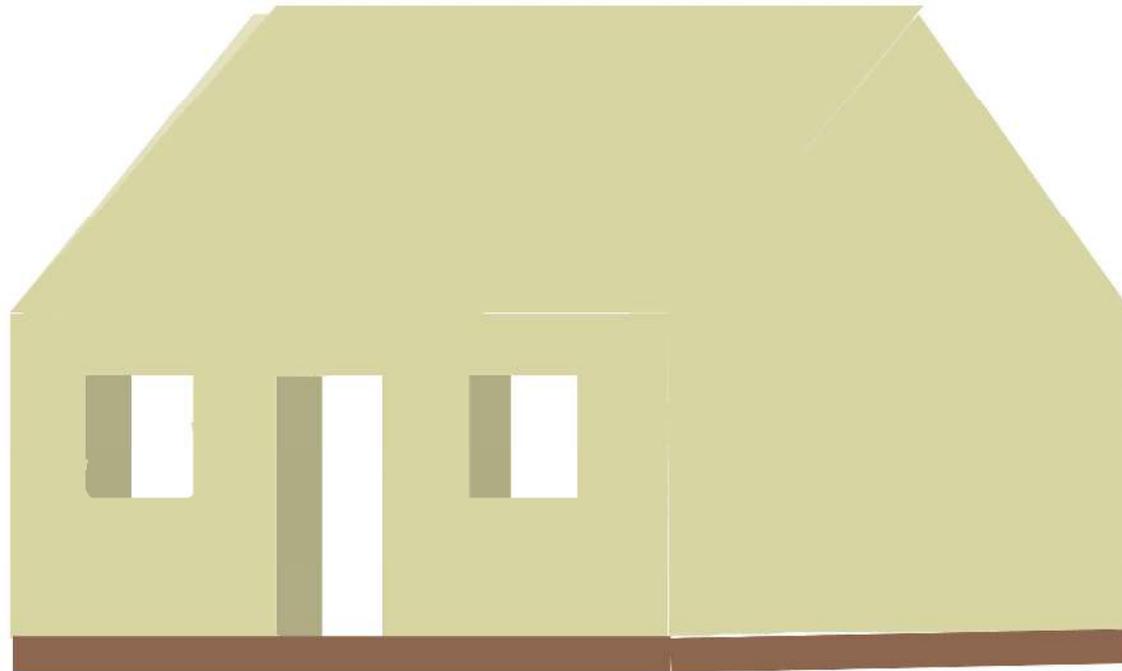
This surrounded by a foundation



Walls are cast with Hempcrete



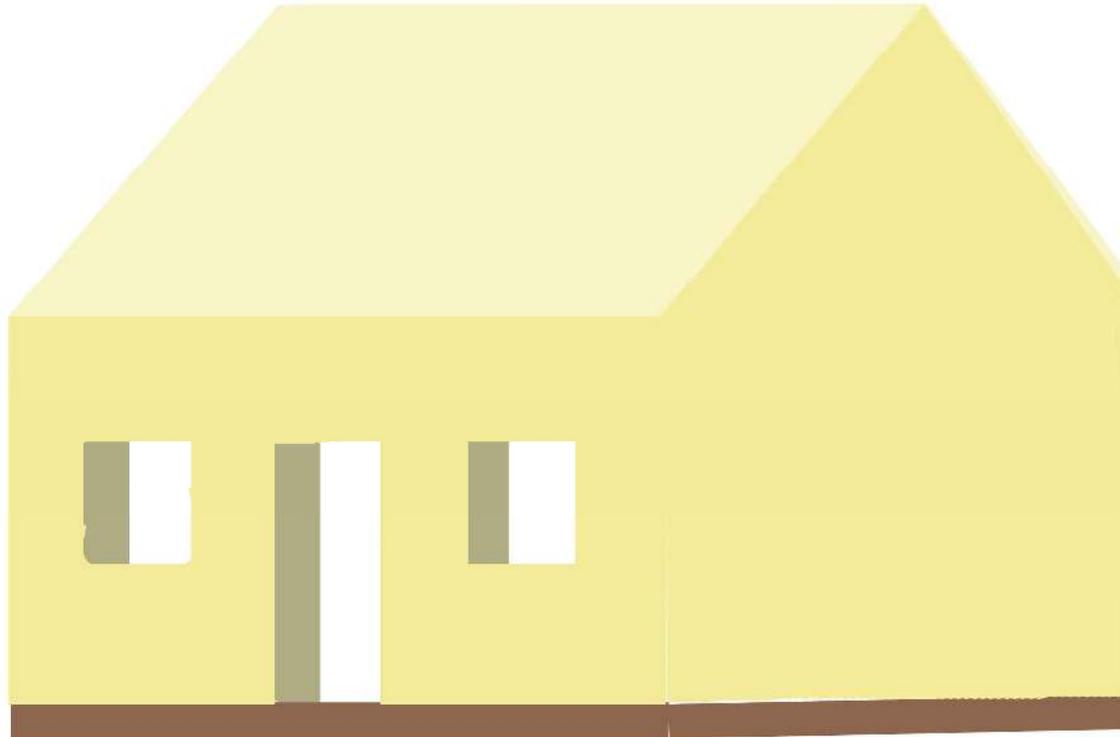
This Hempcrete envelope can be extended across the roof



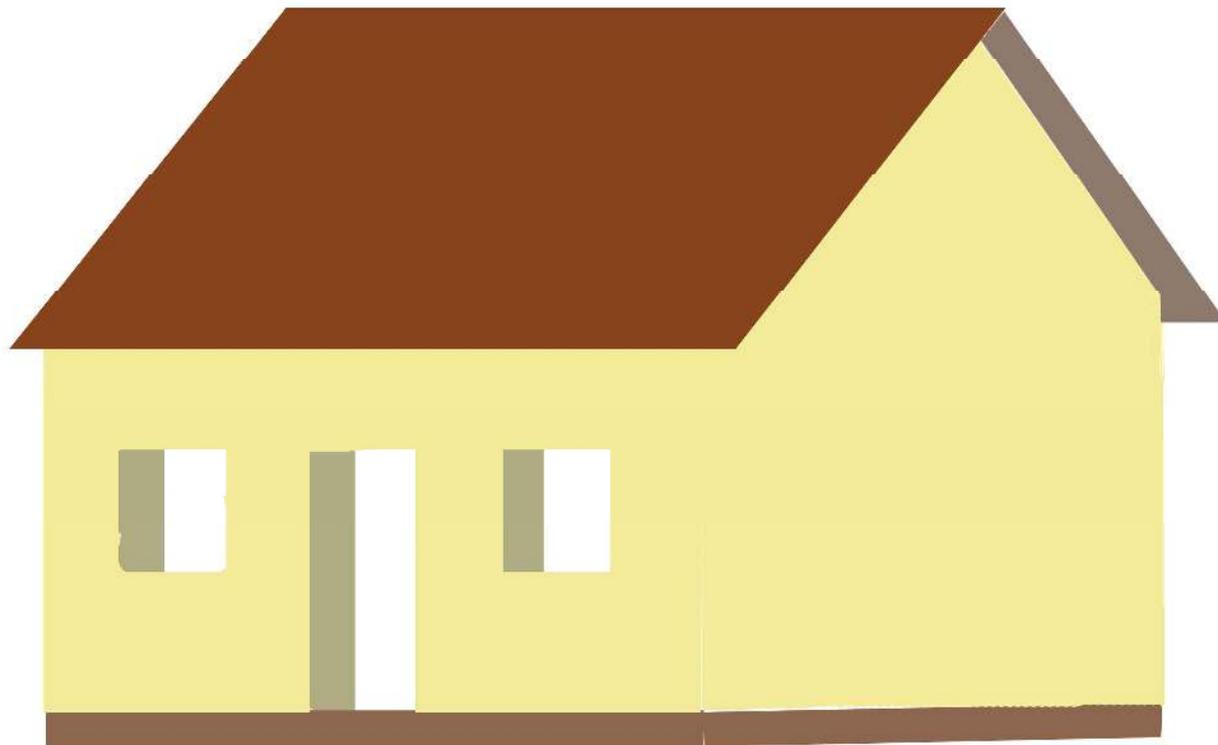
The roof can be additionally or alternatively insulated with Hemp fibre



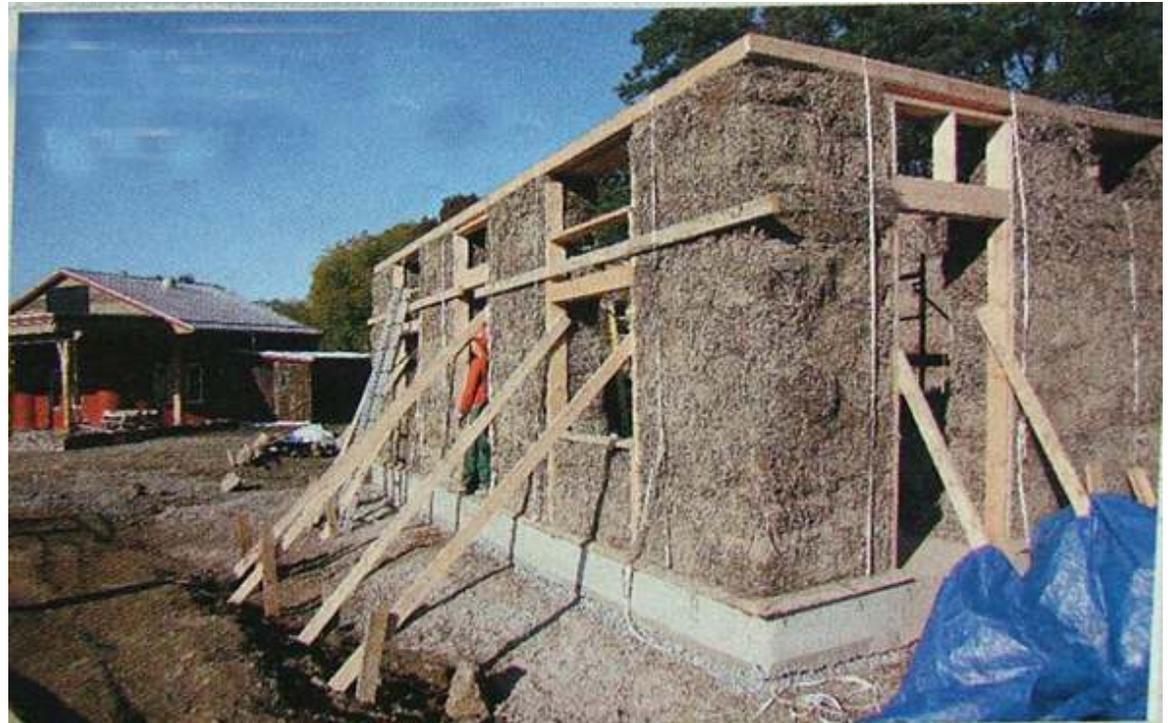
Externally the structure is made weatherproof by covering with plaster or boards



The roof is of whatever is appropriate locally



# Hemp/lime, Hemp/clay or just Hemp



Hemp building has relevance in all regions of the world and at every scale



# Methods of Application

- Manual Casting



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# Technique



# Sprayed Hempcrete



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# 1st project



# System building



# Industrial scale

Brewery warehouse  
Hemp block with  
Hempcrete infill



# Industrial scale

Steel Frame with  
Timber panels filled with  
Sprayed Hempcrete

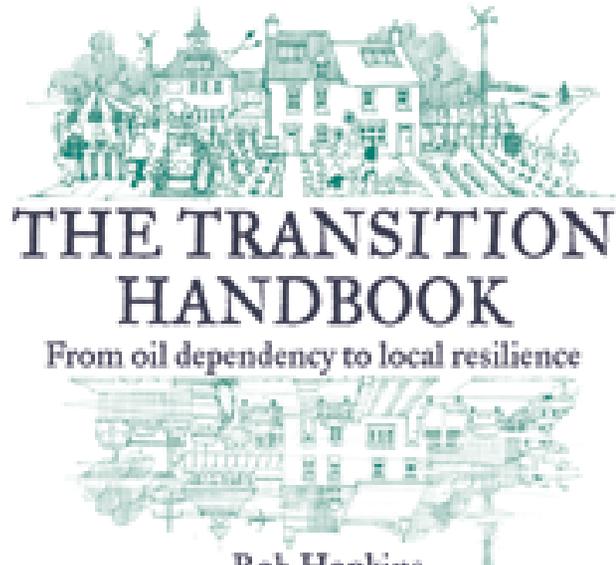




# Spreading the Word



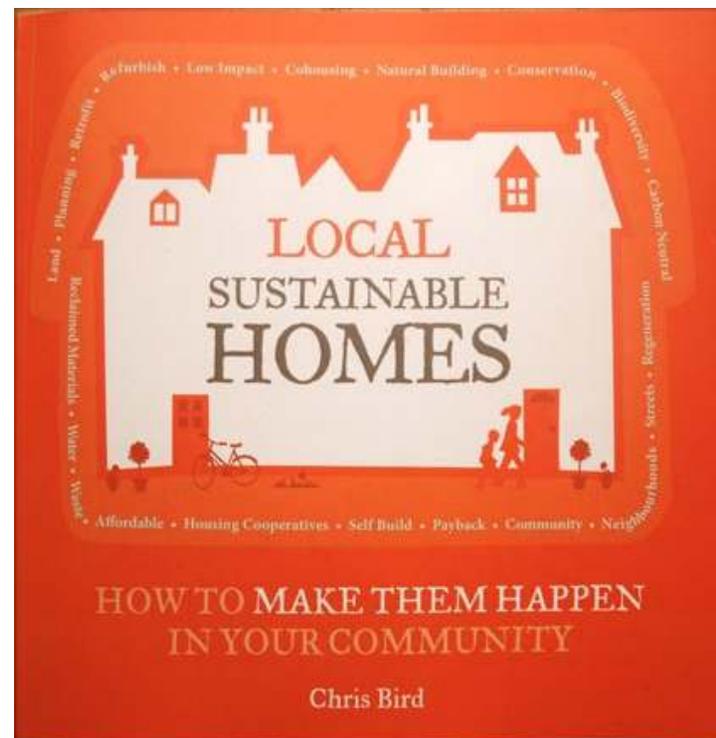
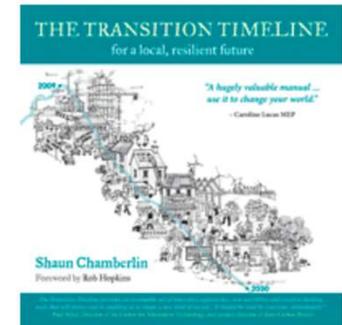
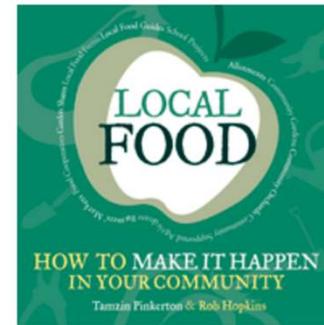
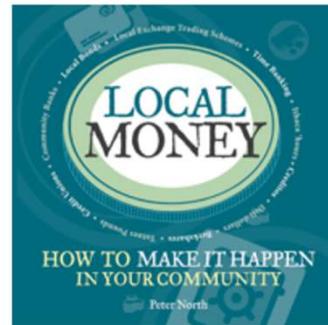
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**Rob Hopkins**

Founder of the Transition movement

"If your town is not yet a Transition Town, here is the guidance for making it one. We have little time, and much to accomplish." — Richard Heinberg, author of *Peak Everything*





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# Conferences



Kaunas Lithuania May 2011

# Conferences



8<sup>th</sup> EIHA conference Wesseling Germany  
MAY 2011

# Tools

Basic poster provided for members, ready to translate into local language



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## Asociación Cábano Construcción Internacional

Las punterías de esta asociación son desarrollar, promover y apoyar la producción y el uso de todos los materiales de construcción basados cáñamo y de sus subproductos de una manera sostenible y bio-regional en beneficio de la ecología y de las comunidades de todas las regiones del mundo.

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# Educational tools



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Posters and leaflet files with text separation for easy translation



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PROMOTING THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE HEMP BUILDING PRODUCTS & SYSTEMS WORLDWIDE

# HEMP BUILDING MATERIALS

Hemp absorbs nearly twice its dry weight in CO<sub>2</sub> during growth, providing a lower carbon footprint to all materials it is used to create



Two materials are produced from the Hemp plant stem, fibres from the outer bark and wood chips from the core.

The Hemp fibres are used to seal plumbing joints and are combined with a small percentage of other fibres to produce insulation matting.



Hemp wood chips or hurds are mixed with lime based binders to create a breathable masonry material called hempcrete. This is used to build monolithic walls and floors and to fill roof cavities.



Hemp board is also manufactured from hemp hurds and used in construction.



Hemp bricks can be made from hurds mixed with lime, gypsum or clay. Prebricated panels can also be cast from hempcrete.



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# HEMP BUILDING SYSTEMS



Hempcrete can be cast manually around a timber frame using a shuttering system. This creates a uniform envelope to the structure which achieves a high standard of insulation and consequent low energy consumption with additional health benefits especially humidity regulation.



Hempcrete bricks have the capability of being self-supporting removing the need for a timber frame.

Local styles of vernacular buildings can be easily built with Hempcrete bricks.



Hempcrete can also be sprayed into position more quickly and produces a superior material that sets and dries out in less time than when applied manually. Sprayed Hempcrete uses less water and the composition of the material is more uniform.



Hemp fibre insulation provides a superior alternative to other fibre insulation materials and is used in passive house construction for its non toxicity. It is also ideal for retro fitting existing buildings.

Join the I.H.B.A. and help promote the use of Hemp materials for building throughout the world. go to:



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- The IHBA aims to work for the gathering and dissemination of knowledge about the materials and systems from those developing and using them to those wishing to.
- The IHBA will assist members developing systems both from the point of view of production of the materials to their use in vernacular and new styles of architecture appropriate to their region.
- The IHBA will work to educate and inform the relative government and trade bodies to help in the establishment of the infrastructure necessary to create a hemp building industry throughout the international community.
- The IHBA will at all times work to ensure that the use of such materials has the least environmental impact possible.



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