Anarchism really means people working together outside of the structure of the state to meet people’s needs… media promotes the idea that anarchy means violence and mayhem. Actually it only means adults taking responsibility and accountability. Anyway, I think most people know the difference between “right and wrong” much better than the authoritarians who fear our freedom.

—Anonymous European Blogger

We need a new financial architecture based on environmental economics to address infrastructure conversion from fossil fuels to renewable energy as the next global economic driver. It is the biggest challenge our planet faces if we want to have a planet on which to live. And our global youth have to lead us.

Three decades of neoliberal market fundamentalism has cemented shopping malls over communities and made junk food omniscient and price competitive, while putting America’s pioneering community spirit in a museum. Europe followed this model.

Change will not come through either elections or long-winded speeches. It will happen through the revitalization of
communities and giving back to people what is theirs: the opportunity to empower themselves with their own businesses. This is not a question for televised debate between political parties. It is the vital issue of how to “re-pioneer” America through its own communities. For Europe, austerity is not the answer. It is about diversified localization, the reempowerment of communities, and the creation of new smart growth through investment in energy efficiency and renewables.

Community rejuvenation, the return to our roots, the repossessing of our ethnic identity, these are all parts of the same equation. New measures of success also play a part. They are breaking the conspicuous consumption conundrum that eats our planet’s resources and widens social and income gaps.

More people are beginning to realize that our planet is not sustainable the way it is being handled. This means the financial architecture needs to change. We need to stop thinking only capital markets and return to the basics, supporting small and community-based businesses. This means a shift from monolithic globalization to diversified localization.

Climate change is the biggest security threat to our planet today.

Our planet’s survival requires a slowdown in the process of climate change. This can only occur by reducing actual CO2 emissions, not trading them for remaining air space to pollute—what activists call “green wash.” This will require massive infrastructure investments in grid conversion from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

It is not a question of theory, but the survival of our planet.