

Community Climate Action Email January 2013

Welcome to the latest edition of Community Climate Action, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers and a Happy New Year to everyone.

From the Editor

If your New Year's Resolution is to improve your home then this is the year for you! The government's new Green Deal has officially launched and you can now book a Green Deal Assessment (www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures). Then there's ECO, a scheme which will provide free and subsidised energy saving measures for households meeting certain criteria (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Take-action/Find-a-grant/Green-Deal-and-Energy-Company-Obligation-ECO).

Locally, in just two month's time the **first every Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day** will take place. Across the two counties people who have made their homes more eco friendly and energy efficient will be throwing open their doors to the public to help inspire more of us to do the same.

So far we have a variety of homes taking part: from those with solar panels and solid wall insulation to those with food growing in the garden and straw bale extensions. Some are purpose built eco homes, most are normal homes which have been made more eco friendly.

We're still looking for more people to take part by opening their homes for a few hours. If you think your house would be suitable please get in touch: ccan@mea.org.uk. We can provide you with support to take part in the day, including providing a written guide and support over the phone or by mail.

Watch this space (and our website: www.everybodys-talking.org) for more information about how to visit the homes taking part.

Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the February e-newsletter please send it to us **by Wednesday 30th January: ccan@mea.org.uk**.

Caroline

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Ñ1 Local Events

Chesterfield Potato Day

26th January
The Pavement, Chesterfield

41 varieties of tubers will be on sale alongside onions, shallots and garlic. Last year some varieties sold out early in the day, pre-order here: www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk/sites/default/files/file/2013_order_form.pdf.

Enquiries: food@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Derbyshire Eco Centre – January and February Courses

- Bike Maintenance for all – Improvers Course. 3rd February
- Introduction to Renewable Energy, 9th February
- Building with Straw, 16th February
- Fairytale Castle with Junk, 20th February
- Organic Gardening – Fruit, 27th February

For more details and prices for all courses visit:
http://derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adcommed/contacts/derbyshire_eco_centre/

Derbyshire Community Climate Action Network Conference

9th March

A free one-day conference for individuals and community group members in Derbyshire who are working to tackle climate change. Inspiring keynote speakers, interactive workshops from local groups and service providers. A

great opportunity to network with others in the area who are taking action.

More information will be posted on our website soon: www.everybodys-talking.org.

Ñ1 Local News

First Ever Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day

The Community and Climate Action Network is organising the first ever Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day in March 2013. Over nine days householders who have made their homes more environmentally friendly will open their doors to the public for a few hours each. So far homes in Overseal, Netherfield, Chesterfield, Belper and West Bridgford are involved and we're looking for more! Have you:

- Installed **renewable technologies?**
- Installed **solid wall insulation?** We're keen to include homes which have measures which householders will be able to use ECO and Green Deal funding for.
- **Eco-renovated a whole house or room or built a house?**
- **Made improvements on a tight budget.** We don't just want expensive high-tech solutions on show.
- **Made a rented home more eco friendly.**
- **Incorporated a lot of waste materials** into your improvements that would have otherwise ended up in landfill.
- **Produced a lot of your own food** in your garden. If you could provide a short tour of how and why you've done this, we'd love to include it.

MEA has produced a guide for households and groups that want to be involved. If you'd like a copy please email: ccan@mea.org.uk.

Job Opportunity with People's Power

[People's Power](http://www.thepeoplespower.co.uk) are seeking a Project Officer to assist the Project Coordinator and partner organisations in the planning and delivery of a collective energy switching project (group bargaining for household energy) which will be targeted at vulnerable customers. This role will involve office-based work in Cromford, with the possibility of some home-based working, and occasional visits to the project sites in Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire. It would ideally suit someone within commuting distance of Cromford.

More information in the attached document.

www.thepeoplespower.co.uk

Community Case Studies

Looking for some inspiration for the coming year? Case studies of work by eight community groups in the East Midlands are now available on Climate East Midlands website.

www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/item/communities-case-studies/

Weathering the Storm

Climate East Midlands has updated its guide to help businesses increase their resilience to severe weather and climate change. *Weathering the Storm* provides businesses with an introduction to how the climate is likely to change and what this could mean for them. It sets out issues to consider, action to take, and where to find further information. Case studies give real-life examples of organisations that have taken action to increase their resilience.

www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/item/weathering-the-storm-a-business-guide-to-climate-change-adaptation

Emissions Data for East Midlands

Carbon dioxide emissions from all local areas of the East Midlands are on a downwards trend, but in the most recent (CO₂ per capita) data from the Department of Energy and Climate Change, an upwards blip was experienced in 2010, thought to be partly due to the very cold winter and the resulting increased demand for heating energy.

You can view and compare the trends (and their components of household, transport and industrial & commercial emissions) in local emissions across all the cities, counties and districts of the East Midlands thanks to some new visualisations on Climate East Midlands website.

www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/category/emissions

Ñ1 National News

Energy We Can All Afford

This winter millions of people across the UK will struggle to pay their gas and electricity bills. Cold homes are bad for our health, especially for children and older people. Yet energy prices continue to rise.

Energy We Can All Afford, a coalition of organisations including Friends of the Earth and the Low Carbon Communities Network, is holding public meetings across the UK with local MPs over the next few months. They are inviting anyone concerned about energy issues and prices to come along, hear what

their MP has to say and ask questions.

Visit www.energywecanallafford.org to find out about meetings in your area. You can also sign a petition for warm homes and lower bills at: www.energybillrevolution.org

Climate Week 2013

Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate change campaign, inspiring a new wave of action to create a sustainable future. Culminating in a week of activities, it showcases practical solutions from every sector of society. Each year, half a million people attend 3,000 events in Britain's biggest ever environmental occasion. Events are run by schools, businesses, charities, councils and many others.

You can help accelerate action on climate change by making Climate Week happen where you are. Find out more: www.climateweek.com.

Help Create a Layman-Friendly Guide to Climate Change

The Guardian is attempting to create the world's best layman-friendly guide to all aspects of climate change and they're asking people to submit their questions about climate change.

www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2010/nov/05/ultimate-climate-change-faq

¶1 And Finally

Is Fiction the Solution to the Fact of Climate Change?

One author ponders this question: <http://talkingclimate.org/fact-or-fiction/>

Thanks to everyone who provided items for this newsletter. If you have any events or news you would like to be included in future newsletters please send the details to: ccan@mea.org.uk. You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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