

Community Climate Action Email May 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 many of whom attended the recent Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference or an EcoHomes Week event in March.

From the Editor

The sun is shining and thanks to the hard work of lots of local community groups and organisation there's no shortage of outdoor eco events to enjoy this month in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. They just keep pouring into my inbox! See the Local Events section for more details.

If you do find yourself indoors for a bit, please take 10 minutes to fill out our annual survey. It's your chance to tell us what you think of these emails and the other services we offer. Each year we use the survey results to decide what services to offer through the Community Climate Action Network in the coming year – your contribution really will shape it! www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSSHWFZ. The survey will close on Sunday 12th May at midnight.

Enjoy the sunshine!

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Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the April e-newsletter please send it to us by **Friday 31st May**: ccan@mea.org.uk.

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A. Local Events

Warm, Wet and Windy: Peak District Climate Change and Eco Festival

3rd- 5th May

Cromford Mills, Cromford

Now in it's third year, this event has grown substantially. Includes talks by leading experts and communicators in the area of climate change and energy issues, such as Fred Pearce and Bill McGuire. As a World Heritage Site designated for its key role in launching the industrial revolution, where better to hold the Peak District's climate change festival than at global warming's 'ground zero'.

Tickets: 01629 825995. Full programme: www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk

Pedal Powered 'Pick 'n' Mix Party

4th May, 6:30pm-11:00pm

Winding Wheel, 13 Holywell, Street, Chesterfield, S41 7SA

Part of Chesterfield Community Arts Festival 2013

A free pedal powered party with dance, live music, surprise guests, dressing up and roller skates. Jump on a bike to help power the music and bring decorations for the venue – the decorations will be a 'Pick 'n' Mix' of whatever everyone brings.

www.chesterfieldfestival.co.uk

Buxton Spring Fair

6th May, 10am-5pm

Throughout Buxton Town Centre - High Street, The Market Place, The Slopes, The Crescent, Spring Gardens

A glorious mix of traders, community groups, clubs and societies, artists, musicians, street theatre, entertainers of all kinds, a real show case of everything Buxton has to offer. A number of organisations involved in tackling climate change will be attending, including Transition Buxton and Greenpeace. Both will be on the Market Place - look out for Paula the Greenpeace Polar Bear and Transition Buxton's Connie Consumasaurus.

<http://tinyurl.com/dyulec4>

Go Greener: Broxtowe Business Travel Forum

8th May, 12pm – 2pm

Attenborough Nature Reserve

Includes a free light lunch

A free transport forum to offer Businesses advice on practical solutions to keep your

workforce moving. There will be updates on projects such as the NET Phase 3 tramline construction and the partial closure of Nottingham Train Station in July. There will be help and advice on a range of topics:

- Help to develop travel plans for your staff
- Information on how to encourage greener, healthier commutes and freight journeys
- Cycling support and information, including setting up salary sacrifice bike purchase schemes and cycle safety training
- Citycard cycles and how they will integrate with changes to transport facilities in Beeston
- Support to integrate home working into your organisation
- The Big Wheel Business Club team will be on hand to offer you practical support and advice on how your business can access funding to put greener transport options in place

To book your FREE place email admin@thebigwheel.org.uk with any dietary or access needs. Places are limited, so please book your space early to avoid disappointment.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/cbdms54>

West Bridgford Summer Gathering

18th May, 10am-4pm

West Bridgford Park

Organised by Totally Locally West Bridgford

The seventh annual celebration of sustainable and community living in West Bridgford. Find out how you can save on energy, water, fuel and house budgets. Discover local skills, service, products and activities that make life easier.

www.wbsumnergathering.co.uk

Greenwood Days Open Day

19th May 2013, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Held at Spring Wood, South Derbyshire. Signposted on the B587 between Melbourne, Derbyshire and Lount, Leicestershire.

Greenwood Days offer courses in wood furniture making, tool sharpening and willow sculpture amongst other things. Their annual open day is a chance to drop in and see what courses are on offer. This year's event includes demonstrations of rustic furniture making and bushcraft. Plenty of lathes will be up and running. Pizza will be available from bread ovens. People who have attended courses in the past are welcome to bring items they've made for display in a yurt.

www.greenwood-days.co.uk

Belper Goes Green Weekend

1st & 2nd June, 11am onwards on both days

Belper Rugby Club, Struts Playing Fields

Organised by Transition Belper

The spirit of the village fete comes to Belper with our first ever eco festival. The festival will be a celebration of the talent and resourcefulness of local people and will have something for everyone. Includes:

- A beer festival with 25 real ales, many of them from local brewers. (From 6.00pm on Friday 31st May)
- Clothes Swap fashion show (Sunday, 2pm). Volunteer models still required.
- Local music: **Saturday** from 2.00pm
- Clothes swap
- Home energy zone; food zone, arts, crafts and recycling zone; health and well being zone, bike zones,
- Puncture repair workshops

www.transitionbelper.org/belper%20goes%20green.html

Open Up Green Buildings Weekend POSTPONED

Various venues in the Peak District

Organised by Friends of the Peak District

POSTPONED

Friends of the Peak District's (FPD) Peak District Green Buildings Open Up event, originally taking place on 8th & 9th June, is now being postponed into the autumn (date TBC) due to unforeseen circumstances. However we are still looking for additional venues to take part in the weekend. If you have installed renewable or other forms of green technology at your home, business or organization and would be willing to showcase it to raise awareness, please let Andy Tickle of FPD know (andy@friendsofthepeak.org.uk or call on 0114 279 2655 Mon-Thurs).

B. Local News

Community RePaint Nottinghamshire

Community RePaint Nottinghamshire scheme can now be found at the following Recycling Centres: Beeston, Calverton, Newark and Warsop. Community groups, voluntary organisations, housing associations, charities and schools from Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City and neighbouring counties are all invited to register to get supplies of free paint. The paint has come from public donations and has all been checked to make sure that it is in a good reusable condition. The reusable paint is stored in a designated shelved paint cabin at the above sites and is organised by type and colour. Although, we can't guarantee what colours and types will be available at any one time, there's usually plenty of choice, you can take as much as you need and it's all provided free of charge. More than 12,000 litres of reusable paint have already been given out since the scheme began and over 100 community groups have benefitted from receiving free paint to refurbish their spaces.

To register your group, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/communityrepaint and download an application form or call Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 8080.

Derbyshire Eco Centre's Summer Courses

Derbyshire Eco Centre's Summer brochure is now available. Courses cover topics including bike maintenance, organic gardening and sustainable construction.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ecocentre

C. National News

UK Green Film Festival

1st-8th June

Various locations including Nottingham Broadway

Back for its third year, the UK Green Film Festival is the UK's annual environmental film festival. Over a single weekend, up and down the country, the festival screens some of the very best films out there, from around the world, exploring some of the big environmental issues of the day. Films that inform, that entertain, that challenge, and inspire. Amongst the cinemas taking part is Nottingham Broadway, which will screen three films.

www.ukgreenfilmfestival.org

Community How to Website

Community How to is a fantastic resource which lists a huge variety of digital tools to help you with all aspects of running your charity or community group. Whether you're organising an event, recruiting volunteers, promoting a project or raising funds, there are many ways technology can help save you time and resources.

www.communityhowto.com

Help End Cold Homes

Five million UK households live in fuel poverty - they cannot afford to keep their homes warm. Cold homes have been linked to the death of 7,000 older people each year, and higher rates of asthma and mental illness in children and teenagers. Now, 120 organisations have come together to ask the government to use the money it gets from carbon taxes to invest in energy efficiency for homes. The scheme could improve an incredible 600,000 homes a year. It would make them cheaper to heat and cut their carbon footprint. Eventually that would mean taking 9 out of 10 households out of the misery of fuel poverty.

Organisations involved include Friends of the Earth, Barnados, Age UK and Mencap.

You can help by signing a petition today: <http://tinyurl.com/cu55wgr>

National News in Brief

Large rise in number of Green Deal Assessments: <http://tinyurl.com/boyyzdr>

Ofgem to investigate missed insulation targets: <http://tinyurl.com/d5g3bwf>

Global carbon dioxide levels set to pass 400ppm milestone:
<http://tinyurl.com/cdu7evk>

Science Museum publishes climate change novel: <http://tinyurl.com/cs8ncyb>

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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