

## Community Climate Action Email May 2015

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Welcome to the Community Climate Action newsletter, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers and thanks to those who have contributed items this month.

### Highlights

If you're still unsure of who to vote for in the election, take a look at the Centre for Alternative Technology's [Manifestometer](#).

Once the election is over, forget politics for a while and visit an inspiring eco home! Five of them are opening their doors this weekend as part of the third [Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Eco Open Homes](#) event. From purpose built eco homes that are so well insulated they need no heating system to homes that have been retrofitted on a budget, there's something to inspire everyone: [www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes)

### Get news throughout the month:

[www.everybodys-talking.org](http://www.everybodys-talking.org)

Twitter: @CCANNetwork

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### Got Any News?

Most of the items in this newsletter are contributed by readers. If you have anything you'd like us to include in the June e-newsletter please send it to us by (add Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May): [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)

## A. Local Events

### 'Treemendous' Walk In Sherwood Forest

Saturday 9th May 2015 11am – 12.30pm

Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG21 9HN

£3 Adults, £1.50 Children

Organised by Nottinghamshire County Council

May is the Tree Council's 'Walk in the Woods' month, so why not join the 'Treemendous Walk' at Sherwood for a wander through the forest and learn more about this special place and its trees.

Phone 01623 823202 to book a place.

### Cycling for Fun

9<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am

Starting at Trent Lock, Sawley

A 'just for fun' led cycle ride. About 10 miles long with a midway stop for a cuppa. Contact Toni Jantschenko, Erewash Village Games Co-ordinator, to join and for information about future riders: [toni@villagegames.org.uk](mailto:toni@villagegames.org.uk)

### **Seed Swap**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 3pm

Eastwood Park Village Hall, Eastwood Park, Hasland Road, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 0AY

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Transition Chesterfield will have a seed swap at this year's Chesterfield in Bloom launch. There will also be a plant sale at the event where the theme is 'pollinators' and 'edible Britain'. Bring along surplus fruit, vegetable or other seeds to swap or just take a few new or different varieties of seeds home with you to try.

[www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk](http://www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

### **Wild Food Walks**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2 - 4pm

By Chesterfield Canal

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Have you ever wondered what you can pick and eat from the countryside? Led by foraging enthusiasts Ian Openshaw and Anne Frazer, the walk on the 17<sup>th</sup> May will also have Wien Caljouw, an accredited herbalist. Although both walks are fully booked, if you register and go on the waiting list Ian may organise a separate evening walk.

To book contact Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre tel: 01246-345777 or email: [tourist@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:tourist@chesterfield.gov.uk)

### **Nottingham Green Door Tour**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Organised by Nottingham Energy Partnership

A retrofit tour via a minibus in Nottingham city. The hosts own a variety of house types, from a Victorian terrace with solid wall insulation to a state of the art Eco home. Please note there are limited seats available, so please book as soon as you can.

<http://tinyurl.com/k8wjx9m>

### **Belper Goes Green**

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> & Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May

Belper Rugby Club, Derby Road, Belper

Organised by Transition Belper

Acoustic music on two stages, beer festival, a programme of eco talks, scarecrow competition, free bicycle safety and maintenance checks and much more. To volunteer, sign up on the Doodle Poll: <http://doodle.com/z9uquh2m75n8n6a3>

[www.transitionbelper.org](http://www.transitionbelper.org)

## **Repair Café**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-3pm

Loundsley Green Community Centre, Cuttholme Road, Loundsley Green,  
Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 4QU

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

If you have any broken items or things that need mending in the back of the cupboard/attic/shed, please bring them along to the Repair Cafe. Their team of fixers can mend just about anything! So don't chuck it out, get it repaired, for free! And if you are good at fixing things and would like to help (even for only one or two hours) please contact [hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

## **Outdoor Learning Training Sessions for Teachers**

Various dates, all sessions: 3:45pm-6pm.

Rosliston Forestry Centre

£15 per session, includes refreshments.

Curriculum-linked twilight sessions for teachers & practitioners of primary aged children, with optional accreditation. Suitable for new and experienced practitioners. You can attend all sessions or do them individually to develop outdoor teaching skills using low cost and easy to source materials.

- Tuesday 12 May – Literacy outdoors
- Thursday 4 June – Music & Science outdoors
- Thursday 11 June – Shapes, Space & Pattern

<http://tinyurl.com/mjt6cyl>

## **B. Local News**

### **DerwentWISE Practical Conservation Volunteers Required**

Every Friday and the second Saturday of each month, the DerwentWISE scheme carries out practical work to improve the biodiversity of local wildlife sites throughout the lower Derwent Valley. The work includes a variety of conservation tasks including hedge laying, scrub clearing, tree planting and meadow creation. If you have an interest in helping improve wildlife on your local patch join their small friendly team of enthusiastic volunteers.

<http://tinyurl.com/pkbtbew>

### **Ambergate Hydro – Can You Help?**

Amber & Derwent Valley Community Energy (ADVyCE) have completed the Ambergate Hydro feasibility study, which looked at the views of the local community with regards to reinstating hydro power at the weir in Ambergate, Derbyshire. Subject to further negotiations they intend to make use of the 100kW turbine in the West Pit. The next big step is to develop and sign the land lease agreement with the landowner, who is also keen to progress the project, and they wish to find legal assistance locally. Could you, or a friend help? Or could you recommend a legal firm who might be able to help? If the answer is yes to either of the above please get in touch with Ian: [ijackson@advyce.co.uk](mailto:ijackson@advyce.co.uk)

[www.advyce.co.uk](http://www.advyce.co.uk)

### **Minibus Appeal**

Hayfield Sustainable Transport (HSTL) has been awarded a sizeable grant from The Department for Transport to support its plans to purchase a second minibus, which will enable more local group travel by community groups and schools. The news means HSTL is well on the way towards reaching its funding target, but it's not wholly there yet. HSTL still needs to raise around £14,000 through its community share offer.

To find out more or discuss buying shares, please contact Roland Strube by email: [roland.strube@gmail.com](mailto:roland.strube@gmail.com) or phone: 01663 749062

### **Support Needed for an Anti-Fracking Report**

Bassetlaw Against Fracking are raising money to fund a report which could stop an application for experimental fracking in Nottinghamshire. They need to raise £1800 by 14<sup>th</sup> May to fund a Professor of Geology to write a report and visit a Planning Committee to argue against the application. Contributions can be made online:

<http://tinyurl.com/p76ubyu>

### **Nottingham's City Centre to Go Electric?**

Nottingham City Council is looking to make the city centre a low-emission zone by encouraging the use of electric cars and bringing in a city-wide network of electric vehicle charging points. The proposals will be part of Nottingham's bid for a chunk of the £35 million the Government is making available through its Go Ultra Low initiative. Nottingham is one of 12 cities selected to make a detailed bid and up to four winners will be named in the autumn.

<http://tinyurl.com/nw3jxie>

## **C. National News**

### **EVENT: Green Open Homes in Sheffield**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>, Sun 10<sup>th</sup>, Sat 16<sup>th</sup>, Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May

This May, visit green homes around Sheffield, whose owners are opening their doors to show what can be done to save energy. Learn from householders who have made their homes warmer, greener and more affordable.

<http://sheffield.greenopenhomes.net>

### **EVENT: Climate Change Lobby of Parliament**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June

London

A fresh batch of MPs will soon be heading to work. Let's make sure they know we want strong action on climate change, right from the start of the new Government.

Lobby your MP alongside thousands of others. This will send a strong message to every MP that action on climate change is now more urgent than ever.

<http://fortheloveof.org.uk/speakup/>

### **EVENT: Community Energy Fortnight**

5<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Community Energy Fortnight is an exciting opportunity to celebrate how communities across the UK are generating, owning and saving energy, and to bring communities together and inspire new energy projects.

[www.ukcec.org/events/community-fortnight-2015](http://www.ukcec.org/events/community-fortnight-2015)

### **RESOURCE: Mapping Energy Efficiency Data by Parliamentary Constituency**

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has just produced a series of maps which show the percentage of homes at different Energy Performance Certificated (EPC) bands by parliamentary constituency. You can see where the most and least efficient homes are here: [www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1976](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1976)

### **RESOURCE: Free Online Courses**

Future Learn offers free, short online courses, some with an eco theme: <http://tinyurl.com/py5w843>

### **FUNDING: Green Deal Home Improvement Fund**

More funding has been released for householders to claim up to £1,250 towards the cost of installing two energy efficiency improvements. Up to £500 extra is available to people who apply within twelve months of buying a home, and £100 towards the cost of a Green Deal assessment can be claimed back if improvements are made using the GDHIF.

<http://tinyurl.com/l3atby3>

### **FUNDING: Green Open Homes Funding for Autumn 2015**

A new pot of grant funding is now available for eco open homes events taking place in England and Wales in September and October 2015, thanks to additional DECC funding. Awards of up to £7,500 are on offer, and all applications must be submitted by 15th June. Supported events will be expected to feature a minimum of eight homes.

[www.greenopenhomes.net](http://www.greenopenhomes.net)

### **FUNDING: Persimmon Community Champions Fund**

One-off grants of up to £1000 are available for local community organisations and charities that have already secured matched funding for local community initiatives. The grant programme will run for one year and groups can apply online at anytime.

[www.persimmonhomes.com/charity](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity)

### **FUNDING & SUPPORT: 2015-18 Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme**

The 2015-18 Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme helps communities develop a Neighbourhood Plan. These are used in judging planning applications and have the same weight in law as your local authority's plan. The Programme provides grants of up to £8,000, plus expert help from planning specialists and a further grant of £6,000 for groups facing more difficult issues. A phone and online advice service is also available alongside a range of resources to help groups progress their plans.

<http://tinyurl.com/po8n7wn>

### **FUNDING & SUPPORT: First Steps Programme**

The First Steps Programme from the Community Development Foundation in partnership with Locality offers practical support and grants to small community groups. Groups can access £2,500 to help write a community action plan, plus access to skills training and a mentor to see them through the process. Applications close on 8th May.

<http://tinyurl.com/nu6bpmp>

### **FUNDING & SUPPORT: Funding for Social Entrepreneurs with Energy Ideas**

The Big Energy Idea is an intensive investment readiness programme to find, fund and support the most ambitious social entrepreneurs in the UK. The programme is looking for applicants with an energy or energy-related idea that would have a social impact and can become financially sustainable without grant income. They will help successful applicants to become investment ready. You need to be looking for investment of £50,000 to £2 million.

<http://tinyurl.com/l8y66td>