

Community Climate Action Email June 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.

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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 July e-newsletter please send it to us by Monday 29th June: ccan@mea.org.uk

A. Local Events

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.

- Thursday 4 June – Music & Science outdoors
- Thursday 11 June – Shapes, Space & Pattern

Water Power In Belper Walk

Saturday 6th June, 2pm

The Old Swiss Tea Rooms, Belper River Gardens, DE56 1BE

£4 per person

The walk will be led by Ian Jackson of Transition Belper, and will last around one hour. It will be an easy walk, approximately 0.25 miles and no gradients, where Ian will talk about how the Strutts harnessed the power of the water in Belper. He will also talk about the Hydro Power currently being produced along the Derwent Valley and the plans to install new Hydro Power equipment at a site in Ambergate.

Book: 01629 536831 or email gwen.wilson@derbyshire.gov.uk

If you would like to help steward the event please email Ian at ian.jackson@w3z.co.uk

BIG! Space for Cycling

Saturday 6th June, meet 11:30am

County Hall, West Bridgford

Do you have a bike? Do you ride to work? to the shops? Just because you want to? Or maybe you don't ride very much but would if the roads were safer? Come along to a ride-for-all to claim the city streets. The aim is to get as many people out as possible to show that there is lots of hidden demand for better cycling conditions in Nottingham. Meet on the banks of the river trent by County Hall for the first ride of its kind in the city, finishing up in the market square with a lovely picnic.

www.facebook.com/events/808683402549626

Glow Worm Walk

Saturday 6th June, 9.30pm-11pm approx
Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve, Edwinstowe, Mansfield,
Nottinghamshire, NG21 9HN
£5 per person

Come and see one of nature's marvels and visit the glow worm colonies in Sherwood Forest. The walk is approximately 2.5 miles in length and will finish in the dark, so please bring a low powered torch. Insect repellent is also recommended. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome but please leave laser pens at home.

Pre-booking essential on 01623 823202.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/enjoying/events/eventslisting/?entryid139=489877&p=5

Rushcliffe CVS Free Funding Surgery

Monday 8th June
Rushcliffe CVS, Level 3a, Bridgford House, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford,
Nottingham NG2 5GJ

Rushcliffe CVS is holding a Group Support/Funding Surgery for Nottinghamshire based voluntary and community groups. It will provide an opportunity to talk to local voluntary sector development staff to help your group with funding advice, help with funding applications, project development and much more. One-to-one appointments of 45 minutes are available for up to two people per organisation.

To book, visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rushcliffe-cvs-group-support-funding-surgery-tickets-16690858808?aff=es2

Repair Café

Saturday 13th 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. A 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

Mid-Summer Music Festival

Saturday 20th June, 2:30pm-11pm
Whistlewood, The Common, Melbourne, DE73 8DH
£5, Organised by Whistlewood Common

A music festival at Whistlewood Common, a community-owned woodland. Eight local acoustic bands, hog roast, free camping, veggie food, hobby horse making and racing. Some parking available (priority for campers) but please walk or bus (route 61).

Tickets: <https://mid-summer-music.eventbrite.co.uk>
www.whistlewoodcommon.org

Book Discussion Group

Monday 22nd June
Organised by Transition New Mills

This month the group will discuss *Don't Trust, Don't Fear, Don't Beg* the story of 30 Greenpeace activists who spent time in a Russian jail after trying to storm an oil platform in the arctic. For times and venue contact Sue Cooper:
suecoopernewmills@hotmail.com

Debate: Who Decides the Future: Science, Politics or the People?

Tuesday 23rd June, 6pm-7:30pm
Council House, Nottingham

Four prominent public commentators, including Alice Bell of the climate change organization 10:10, will feature in this debate.

Book: www.nottingham.ac.uk/conference/fac-sci/circling-the-square/debate.aspx

Remarkable Recycling Gala

Sunday 28th June, 11am-4pm
Sherwood Community Centre, NG5 3FN

This festival showcases positive examples of recycling and upcycling within art. Featuring more than a dozen craft stalls, plus workshops, displays, performances and more. Refreshments will be available.

<http://remarkablerecyclinggala.weebly.com>

B. Local News

Superhome for Sale

One of the lowest-energy refurbishments in the UK is going on sale and it's in Nottinghamshire! This 1950's house in West Bridgford, Nottingham was upgraded using the Passive House refurbishment standard (EnerPHit) as a guide in 2011-12 and has an EPC rating of A. The house is a Superhome and has featured in several Open Homes events. With PV panels generating an income of over £700 in 2014, and gas and electricity bills of less than £600 combined, the current owners are enjoying negative energy bills.

Estate Agent Rex Gooding are bringing this home to the market in early June. Call their office on 01159 455 553. Alternatively, you can email home owner Tina Holt on wbecohouses@gmail.com if you would like further technical details.

<http://eco-retrofit.blogspot.co.uk>

Nominate a Community Building for Renovation

Neville Lumb, a company based in Church Gresley, South Derbyshire are looking for a local community building that is in need of renovation (this could include energy efficiency measures). If you know of a building in the area that could benefit please nominate it by emailing Michelle Pole: michelle.pole@nevillelumb.co.uk

Sustainable Hayfield Secures Funding for Community Minibus

Hayfield Sustainable Transport's (HSTL) community share offer to help fund a community minibus has been a success. Thanks to the generosity of local supporters together with a grant promised by the Department of Transport, HSTL has raised a grand total of £50,000 to buy a second bus.

The two minibuses will be used in the day by seven local schools to transport classes on educational trips, at a cost sixty per cent less than hiring a coach. In the evenings and at weekends the vehicles will be used by local community groups, as the current minibus presently is – but with more scope!

If you would like to become a volunteer driver, contact Roland Strube on rolandstrube@gmail.com or 01663 749062.

C. National News

FUNDING: Urban Community Energy Fund

The Urban Community Energy Fund (UCEF) funds community energy projects through their development phase, to determine viability, and get them 'investment ready' – i.e. a sound proposition for bank or other financier to take the project through the construction phase. A grant of up to £20K and a loan of up to £130K are available. The loans are 'contingent loans' meaning they won't have to be paid back if a project can't proceed to construction phase. There are deadlines to apply for funding every other month. The next is Friday 31st July.

www.gov.uk/urban-community-energy-fund

UCEF compliments the Rural Community Energy Fund, which provides a similar service for projects in rural areas.

www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund

FUNDING: Green Open Homes Funding

Up to £7500 is up for grabs if you would like to run a Green Open Homes event this autumn and can apply by 15th June. You will need to have at least eight homes that would like to open.

www.bit.ly/1L1Jbea

SURVEY: Carbon Co-op

Carbon Co-op have launched a survey to find out more about the activities of community energy groups across the UK in delivering energy efficiency and retrofit projects. Carbon Co-op are one of the leading organisations offering whole house retrofits and energy efficiency improvements in their area and they'd like to help other groups to do similar things by developing a set of online tools. The survey is designed to understand the state of the sector, the relative interest in carrying out energy efficient retrofit and to understand some of the barriers to this.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZM5WP6H

POEMS: A Climate Change Poem a Day

Carol-Ann Duffy, the UK's Poet Laureate, has curated a collection of 20 poems about climate change and they're being published one a day:

www.theguardian.com/environment/series/keep-it-in-the-ground-a-poem-a-day

EVENT: Speak Up

17th June, 12pm-5.30pm

Palace of Westminster, Millbank, London, SW1A 0AA

Just one month after the general election, and in the run up to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, join thousands in London to lobby your MP to take action on climate change. Join 'Speak Up', and urge politicians to act on climate change.

www.theclimatecoalition.org/sites/default/files/LobbyGuide%20no%20logos.pdf

A group is planning to take a small coach/minibus from Nottingham. Please sign up on Facebook if you'd like to go along:

www.facebook.com/events/1440211952947777

NEWS: Divestment Campaign Gathers Momentum

A number of organisations have agreed to divest, or partially divest, from fossil fuels following pressure from campaigners. Organisations committing to take their money out of coal and oil include the University of Edinburgh after students staged a 10 day occupation of a building, the Church of England, and the British Medical Association. Norway's government have even agreed to divest the country's sovereign wealth fund, worth \$900 billion.

<http://gofossilfree.org>