

## Community Climate Action Email July 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 **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)

## A. Local Events

### The Big Wheel's Workplace Challenge

29<sup>th</sup> June- 7<sup>th</sup> August

Do you live or work in Nottingham or the Greater Nottingham area? Why not join this year's Big Wheel Workplace Challenge? The competition is designed to help encourage employees to walk, run and cycle to and from work. Have a go at travelling in a different way and break the habit of simply reaching for the car keys; it will be good for both your health and the environment. Last year over 30 businesses took part and the three winning businesses totalled 3,160 journeys, travelled 11,809 miles and saved 833 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>. The challenge clocked up a grand total of 118,848 miles. You and your employer could also be in with the chance of winning fantastic prizes.

<https://thebigwheel.getmeactive.org.uk>

### Ethical Finance - Getting the Facts

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, 8pm

The Royal Hotel, Market Street, Hayfield, High Peak, SK22 2EP

Organised by Sustainable Hayfield

Want to make best use of your money? Get facts, suggestions and answers at this event. There will be presentations from directors and senior personnel from Investing Ethically Independent Financial Advisors Ltd, Manchester and High Peak Credit Union and The Co-operative Bank. Followed by questions and answers. Chaired by Ethical Consumer magazine.

[www.sustainablehayfield.com](http://www.sustainablehayfield.com)

### How to Make a Good Funding Application

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 10am – 1pm  
Rushcliffe Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5FE  
Organised by Focus on Funding

Applying for funding is something that almost all voluntary and small organisations need to do. If you would like to improve your chances of success why not come along to this FREE training event, where you will get hints and tips about what funders are looking for, how to avoid common mistakes and what makes a really good funding application.

Book your place at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/focus-on-funding-training-how-make-a-good-funding-application-tickets-17426183183](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/focus-on-funding-training-how-make-a-good-funding-application-tickets-17426183183)

### **Rhubarb Farm Open Day**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. 10.30am - 2.30pm  
Hardwick Street, Langwith, NG20 9DR  
£3 per person. Children free  
Proceeds to NGS charities & Rhubarb Farm

As part of the National Gardens Scheme, Rhubarb Farm, an agricultural-based social enterprise, will hold an Open Day for visitors to come and see the work of the farm. There will be plants for sale and there will be tea and cakes with all proceeds going to Rhubarb Farm. Tours of the farm will start at 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30.

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

### **Monkey Park Open Days**

11th July, 2-4pm & 12th July, 10am-midday  
To be held at what was formerly the Tile and Bathroom Studio, Chester St,  
Chesterfield, S40 1DW

Monkey Park is to be a new low-carbon venture in Chesterfield that will be a combination of a community space/cafe/bakery, a cycling social enterprise and a community enterprise workspace. Two open day sessions will be held before the conversion begins where members of the public will be able to contribute with their vision and ideas.

[www.wheelyfunwheels.co.uk/monkey-park.html](http://www.wheelyfunwheels.co.uk/monkey-park.html)

### **Cooking with Weeds**

Saturday 11th July, 11am - 1pm  
Loundsley Green Community Centre, Chesterfield S40 4QU  
Organised by Transition Chesterfield and Loundsley Green Community Trust  
£2 per person

Fed up with nettles, ground elder, dandelions, goosegrass and other weeds in your garden? Don't spray them, try eating them! This cookery workshop will show you how to cook delicious, free and nutritious dishes from seasonal weeds. Free weeds supplied!

Booking essential via [hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

### **Organic Open Garden Visit**

Monday 20th July, 7pm - 9pm

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Donations to support Garden Organic

Janet Mort has kindly agreed to open her organic garden. This suburban garden has various small sections: a herb bed, a small pond, a vegetable plot, espalier fruit trees, lawns, pots and shrubs. There is rainwater harvesting and the emphasis is on plants for bees and butterflies. The garden has been cultivated since 1976.

To find out more, including directions, and to book a place, email [info@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:info@transitionchesterfield.org.uk) or call/text: 07544 566560

### **Seed Saving Guidelines**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm-9pm

The Saints Parish Centre, Saint Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 7TD

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Alan Booth, former Treasurer of Garden Organic, will head this session which will cover: why save seed, seed saving guidance, preserving varieties and seed storage. He will focus on peas, beans and tomatoes as examples.

Book a place: [info@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:info@transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

## **B. Local News**

### **Community Partnership Scheme**

South Derbyshire District Council's Community Partnership Scheme's next funding round has a cut-off date of 4th July 2015. The scheme will offer grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 and can fund environmental projects and community buildings. To find out more, contact Ian Hey, Community Partnership Officer on 01283 228741 or email [ian.hey@south-derbys.gov.uk](mailto:ian.hey@south-derbys.gov.uk)

## **C. National News**

### **NEWS: Onshore Wind Farm Subsidies to End In 2016**

Government subsidies for onshore wind farms are to end on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, a year earlier than initially laid out by the Tory-Liberal Democrat coalition. There will be a grace period for projects that already have planning permission. According to figures from the DECC, in 2014 over £800m of Government subsidies helped onshore wind to generate 5% of the UK's total electricity, and the UK is well on the way to meeting its climate change targets for 2020.

Since then, the government's climate change advisors have asked the government to explain how this withdrawal of support will affect the cost of meeting our greenhouse gas emission targets and urgently set out plans for alternative electricity

generation. Wind is the UK's cheapest renewable energy source and any alternative plan is expected to cost more. The government must respond to this request by the autumn.

In another move that could further impact the development of wind, the government has also announced that new planning rules will mean wind turbines will only get the go-ahead if they have been clearly backed by local people in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan. (See the item below titled 'Neighbourhood Planning Support' if you would like support in this area.)

[www.cse.org.uk/news/view/2003](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/2003)

### **NEWS: Thousands Join Mass Climate Change Lobby Outside UK Parliament**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June, around 9,000 people joined a mass lobby outside the Houses of Parliament to meet over 330 MPs and campaign for action on climate change. Organisers hope it will build public pressure and political momentum before the climate change talks in Paris at the end of this year. Called 'Speak Up For The Love Of', the lobby is thought to have been the biggest ever of its kind. If you were unable to make the lobby you can still take action by emailing your MP:

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

<http://fortheloveof.org.uk/the-best-of-speak-up>

### **NEWS: Pope Calls for Action on Climate Change**

Pope Francis has released a 180-page encyclical on the environment, calling for action on climate change and for the world's rich nations to pay their "grave social debt" to the poor. The release of the statement has been timed to coincide with the Pope's upcoming visit to the US, where he will speak before the United Nations and a joint session of the Congress. In the encyclical, Pope Francis argues that we are in the midst of an "ecological crisis" and that climate change is a "global problem with serious implications".

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

### **NEWS: Paddy O'Connell's Zero Food Waste Challenge**

The radio presenter Paddy O'Connell is embarking on a zero food waste challenge. Learn more about it, and join him: [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05y178z](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05y178z) (23:04 minutes in).

### **RESOURCE: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About The U.N. Climate Talks**

This November will see historic global talks in Paris on climate change. Find out more about the talks and their potential impact with this guide, the first in a series by Environmental Journalist Fiona Harvey, which addresses such questions as 'What is supposed to happen in Paris?', 'What is at stake?', and 'What can go wrong?.'

[www.greenbiz.com/article/everything-you-always-wanted-know-about-un-climate-talks](http://www.greenbiz.com/article/everything-you-always-wanted-know-about-un-climate-talks)

### **RESOURCE: Free Open Home Organiser Packs**

The Centre for Sustainable Energy are offering free packs to groups organising a Green Open Homes event. They include a Green Open Homes organiser handbook with examples of marketing materials used by other organisers, case studies from last year's events, top tips and additional guidance.

Request a pack: [communities@cse.org.uk](mailto:communities@cse.org.uk)

### **RESOURCE: Practical Guides for Community Economic Change**

A trio of 'how to' guides has been launched by the REconomy Project. Focusing on running events, starting enterprise and resourcing core activities, these booklets have been designed for use by groups working on local economy projects and other related activities. The guides have been researched and written using experience from active projects and community groups around the UK. Each contains experience, advice and easy-to-follow charts and resources. With tried and tested methods as well as new ideas and experimental approaches, they will be of use to those already working in this area and those keen to start.

[www.reconomy.org/practical-guides-for-community-economic-change/](http://www.reconomy.org/practical-guides-for-community-economic-change/)

### **RESOURCE: Handy Tips for Community Renewable Energy Groups**

Naturesave, an insurer of community renewable energy projects, has put together a handy booklets of tips that cover all stages of a community renewable energy project, from set up of an organisation through construction of a system to all the insurance issues involved.

For a copy of the booklet or to receive advice about your community renewable project, call 01803 864 390 or contact [clairehumphreys@naturesave.co.uk](mailto:clairehumphreys@naturesave.co.uk)  
[www.naturesave.co.uk](http://www.naturesave.co.uk)

### **RESOURCE: Ace for Communities Website**

This new resource has been developed by the National Energy Foundation to help community energy projects. It is designed to help individuals and community groups build citizen engagement as they initiate, plan and deliver projects with sustainable energy at their heart. It provides detailed ideas, tips and real life case study examples for everything from recruiting an initial core group and holding a first event, to developing effective communication channels and maintaining interest and enthusiasm over the long term.

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

### **RESOURCE: What's Your Energy Story?**

Climate change, rising fuel bills, renewable energy ... we've all heard the headlines, but what's the effect on you? Energy Biographies is a new research project from

Cardiff University giving people an opportunity to tell their 'energy story'. They're looking for participants to share their thoughts on how the threat of climate change has impacted the way they use and think about energy. The aim is to demonstrate the power of story and narrative in shifting behaviour.

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

**EVENT: Community Energy Conference 2015 – New Government, New Dawn?**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am - 5.30pm

Saïd Business School, Oxford

Hosted by Co-operative Energy & Community Energy England

Free

The event will explore many topics that are related to community energy and the future of community energy in the UK. It will be the launch event for Community Energy Fortnight 2015.

[www.energymentoring.org.uk/news-and-events/events/community-energy-conference-2015-%E2%80%93-new-government-new-dawn](http://www.energymentoring.org.uk/news-and-events/events/community-energy-conference-2015-%E2%80%93-new-government-new-dawn)

**EVENT: Community Energy Fortnight 2015**

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

Organised by the Community Energy Coalition

An opportunity to explore and celebrate how communities across the UK are generating, owning and saving energy. Doors will be opened to projects up and down the country with opportunities to do everything from see inside a wind turbine to build your own solar panel. Members of the public will get a chance to see their local renewables projects up close and meet the people who are directly benefitting from them.

The organisers are looking for events to feature as part of this exciting fortnight. If you are already planning to run a community energy event, or would like to know more about setting one up, please contact them: <http://ukcec.org/contact>

**SUPPORT: Neighbourhood Planning Support**

The Centre for Sustainable Energy is running a two-year project, giving support to neighbourhood planning groups who are keen to integrate climate change and fuel poverty objectives into their neighbourhood plans. Help can also be given to groups who are looking to use other parts of the Localism Act, such as Neighbourhood Development Orders or Right to Build, to pursue low-carbon and broader sustainability objectives. The support they can offer will be different for each group but could include attendance at committee meetings, support with the delivery of public events/consultations and help with drafting policy.

If you would like to be considered for support email [harriet.sansom@cse.org.uk](mailto:harriet.sansom@cse.org.uk) or call 0117 934 1428

**FUNDING: Persimmon Community Champions**

A new fund that will donate up to £750,000 to local community initiatives and good causes over the next year. The charity match programme gives donations of up to

£1,000 to local UK groups and charities that have already raised vital funds themselves.

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

### **PETITION: The 'Our Power' Petition**

Climate change campaigners, 10:10, are collecting signatures asking the new energy secretary, Amber Rudd, to bring in a 'right to supply' for community energy groups during her time in government. Currently, renewable energy co-ops are unable to sell clean power directly to their neighbours – they have to sell their energy to a big power company, then buy it back for three, or even four, times the cost. For community energy to really take off in the UK, we need the next government to change the energy market rules so that people can buy power generated by local renewable energy groups more cheaply than they can buy it from big utilities.

Sign the petition: [www.1010uk.org/ourpower](http://www.1010uk.org/ourpower)

### **News in Brief:**

- Open Cast Coal Mine Approved in Nottinghamshire: <http://m.nottinghampost.com/Controversial-near-Trowell-approved/story-26680706-detail/story.html>
- Lancashire Fracking Applications Refused: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-33313084](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-33313084)