

Community Climate Action Email September 2015

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.

Change of Editor:

This month's newsletter comes to you from both Caroline (who's been writing it – with some invaluable help from volunteers - since 2009!) and Phil. As of 18th September Caroline will be on maternity leave for nine months and Phil be looking after all aspects of the Community Climate Action Network, including producing and sending you the newsletter each month.

You can still send items for the newsletter to ccan@mea.org.uk and we will still be offering our [website](#) and the [Ask Me a Climate Question Service](#).

Enjoy this month's newsletter!
Caroline & Phil

Get news throughout the month:

www.everybodys-talking.org

Twitter: @CCANNetwork

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ccan.network

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 September e-newsletter please send it to us by **Monday 28th September**: ccan@mea.org.uk

A. Local Events

Community Gardening Day

Sat 5th Sep 10am-4pm

Community Wildlife Spaces at Granby Road Park, Fairfield, Buxton

Come and help with the gardening. Refreshment available. Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Caroline 07787966913

Nottingham Green Festival

Sunday 6th September

Arboretum Park, NG7 4HF

Free entry

Enjoy free live music, outdoor entertainment and community stalls with refreshments, ethical products and energy-saving technologies and information. The event is organised by community-based volunteers, with no statutory funding.

www.facebook.com/NottmGreenFest

West Bridgford SuperHomes Open Event

6th-13th September

Organised by Transition West Bridgford

Four SuperHomes in West Bridgford are opening their doors to visitors as part of the national SuperHomes open days and Heritage open days. More info and booking details on the website.

<http://wbecohouses.blogspot.co.uk>

Cycling Stakeholder Event

Monday 7th September, 6:30pm

Rosliston Forestry Centre

This event will involve a presentation by key partners on their plans for cycling in South Derbyshire followed by an opportunity for all attendees to put forward ideas which will help produce the South Derbyshire Action Plan. Refreshments will be provided and car parking will be free. For more information or to book email:

planning@south-derbys.gov.uk

Zero Carbon House Visit

Saturday 12th September, 11am-4pm

Children's presentation at 2pm

Birmingham

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Transition Chesterfield are organising a visit to the open day of the UK's only existing house to have been upgraded to one of the most exacting standards in green design, Level 6 of the original UK Code for Sustainable Homes. This 2-up, 2-down Victorian house with an extension has been fitted with super insulation, airtight construction, heat exchange, solar thermal, solar photovoltaics and a wood burning stove. It has no fuel bills. The deadline for booking to travel with Transition Chesterfield was 2nd September but you can also make your own way there.

Contact: hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

<http://zerocarbonhousebirmingham.org.uk>

Major Oak Woodland Festival

Sherwood Forest Country Park

Saturday 12th - Sunday 13th September

Free, £3 car parking charge

Celebrate the life and history of the great British woodland; there are activities and demonstrations throughout the day for all the family to enjoy.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/enjoying/events/eventslisting/?entryid139=388798&p=6

Climate Campaign Workshop

Thursday 17th September, 7pm-9pm

Sherwood Methodist Church, NG5 2EN
Organised by Christian Aid

Christian Aid will provide you with a sneak preview of the next steps in their climate campaign, a chance to meet other campaigners in your area, tools to campaign in your church and/or community and an exploration of climate change and faith.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-campaign-workshop-be-part-of-a-fossil-free-future-tickets-17967666775

Hockerton Housing Project Tour

Saturday 19th September, 2pm-5pm
Hockerton Housing Project, Gables Drive, Hockerton, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0QU

Intrigued by what an earth-sheltered home might look, or feel like, inside? Or wanting an overview of what it is to live sustainably? Join one of Hockerton Housing Project's small group tours, which are led by a resident of the project.

www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk/how-we-help-you/sustainable-living-tours/

FrackFree Meeting

Saturday 19th September, 1:30pm-4:30pm
Location tbc
Organised by Frack Free Nottinghamshire

A number of villages in Nottinghamshire could be affected by fracking since a government announcement regarding new license areas. Residents in the affected areas are invited to a meeting to discuss taking action to stop fracking in their area.

The villages are: Shardlow, Thulston, Ambaston, Elvaston, Borrowwash, Draycott, Breaston, Ockbrook, edge of Spondon, Dale Abbey, New Stanton, Stanton by Dale, Stapleford, Long Eaton, Beeston, Chilwell, Attenborough, Clifton, Ruddington, Barton-in-Fabis, Thrumpton, Gotham, Bramcote, Ratcliffe on Soar, Kingston on Soar, West Leake, East Leake, Bunny, Costock.

Emailing frackfreenotts@gmail.com with the name of your community group and/or where you are based.

Theatre: Baked Alaska

Thursday 24th September, 7 for 7.30pm
Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne DE73 8G
Tickets £12, Concessions £9

From the four corners of the earth come inter-connecting stories of human beings living with the wild, unpredictable effects of climate change. Through the richly entertaining world of Baked Alaska, the realities of climate change are served up with flair and clarity. Riding Lights have created an inspiring show which is challenging but fun, urgent but hopeful.

Tickets from: melbournefestival.co.uk/events/baked-alaska/ / 07962 430450 / info@melbournefestival.co.uk

Hand Built Wind Turbine Course

Saturday 10th- Sunday 11th October
New Basford, Nottingham
Organised by V3 Power
£225

Course participants on this practical course will collectively build a 1.8m diameter Hugh Piggot wind turbine. All participants will spend time working on each of the three main parts of the build (wood, metal, and electronics) before assembling the machine. V3 Power is a workers' cooperative based in Nottingham. The turbine is a robust design that can be easily repaired, maintained and serviced and is an excellent example of appropriate technology.

<http://v3power.co.uk/public-courses/>

Carbon Conversations

Various dates, all at 7:30pm
Chesterfield
Organised by Transition Chesterfield
£25 per person

A series of six friendly practical sessions where people meet with facilitators to help face climate change and take action that can save money and help the planet. The next series of carbon conversations will be running on the following dates: 22nd September; 6th October ; 20th October; 3rd November; 17th November; 12th January 2016. The facilitators are volunteers.

www.transitionchesterfield.org/events/carbon-conversations-new-series-of-sessions

Apple Days

Many groups in the area are organising Apple Days throughout autumn. Here are those we are aware of:

- Transition Hope Valley: Sunday 4th October, 12pm-4pm: Townfield Barn, Shatton. <https://transhopevalley.wordpress.com>
- Transition Belper: 10th October, Memorial Gardens
- Sustainable Hayfield: 17th October, 1pm-4:30pm: Hayfield Primary School

B. Local News

Recycling Volunteers Needed for Festival

Transition Wirksworth are looking for volunteers to help with collect recyclable waste at the town's Art Festival Weekend, which takes place from 20th-26th September. The work will mainly involve keeping an eye on recycling bins sited around the town and wheeling them to a site where they can be emptied into recycling skips. Litter picking may also take place on 13th September.

Contact Richard Finnegan: richard.finnigan2@btinternet.com

20MPH Speed Limits in Derbyshire's Residential Areas?

Derbyshire County Council is looking at 20MPH speed limits following requests from a number of communities. They are currently running a survey to find out resident's opinions.

<http://bit.ly/1NaahEc>

See also: www.20splentyforus.org.uk

Draft Derbyshire Cycling Plan Consultation

The draft Derbyshire Cycling Plan is available for input from the public. The consultation period closes on 30th September.

www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/derbyshirecyclingplan

Abundance Apple Project

Transition Chesterfield apple pickers will be out and about this month harvesting fruit that would otherwise have gone to waste and distributing it for free to schools, nurseries, homeless shelters and other community projects. Some will be juiced at Chatsworth Road Festival on 3rd October. If you would like to volunteer to pick apples get in touch with the project: abundance@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Belper Creates Handout of Climate Change Facts Ahead of Paris

Transition Belper has put together a handout of facts about climate change, ahead of the meeting on world governments in Paris in December to make a global agreement on climate change.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/6909c307c52874fbf53b45552/files/Paris_Climate_Change_Doc.pdf

Vote for Local M&S Energy Fund Shortlisted Projects

Five community energy projects based in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have made it on to a shortlist of projects which are hoping to receive funding. If successful, they will win a share of £400,000. They include a youth club in Hyson Green which would like to install solar panels, a football club hoping to install a heat pump and an organisation that supports residents in deprived areas of Derby and would like to install solar panels. You can vote for as many projects as you like, but you can only vote for each one once!

Vote Now! www.mandsenergyfund.com

Local Funding Opportunities

Want to find out about funding opportunities for your group? Why not get in touch with your local CVS? They all offer support to find funding and many provide a regular newsletter with funding opportunities as well as other local news.

<http://bit.ly/1LKYZmP>

C. National News

News:

One Year's Resources Used in Less Than Eight Months

In less than eight months, we have used up nature's budget for the whole year, according to data from the Global Footprint Network (GFN). GFN tracks humanity's demand on the planet against nature's ability to provide for this demand. Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity's annual demand on nature exceeds what the earth can regenerate in that year. Earth Overshoot Day has moved from early October in 2000 to 13th August in 2015.

www.overshootday.org

Public Support for Renewable Energy Is High

The Department for Energy and Climate Change's most recent public attitude tracker survey shows that just 4% of the population oppose renewables. Support for renewable energy has been high since the tracker was launched in 2012. Interestingly, DECC have decided not to ask about attitudes to renewables in future surveys!

www.bit.ly/1Ub6Dst

Proposal to Slash Government Support for Solar

The government are proposing to slash payments for electricity generated by solar panels from 2016. From January they would like anyone installing solar panels to receive just 1.6p for the energy they produce. The solar industry believe this would make most solar panel installations in the UK financially unviable and create the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. Solar panel costs have fallen dramatically since 2007 due to subsidies from government and the panels are estimated to be just a few years away from not needing any government support - but this move could stop us ever reaching this point.

www.foe.co.uk/blog/save-our-solar-4-months-stop-cuts-save-thousands-jobs

Activists Close Largest Source of CO₂ Emissions in Europe

On 15th August 1500 people shut down a lignite mine in Rhineland, Germany which is Europe's largest source of CO₂ emissions. The action aimed to highlight the need to keep fossil fuels in the ground ahead of the climate change negotiations in Paris in December.

<http://350.org/ende-gelande-wrap-up/?akid=7274.2081914.uQMCrB&rd=1&t=1>

Energy Bill Could End Support for Onshore Wind – Fund a Fact Check of the Bill

The government is proposing to pass an energy bills which will end public subsidies for onshore wind, allow local people to have more say on new onshore wind applications and continue support to develop North Sea oil and gas ([DECC summary](#))

Full Fact, a charity who fact check claims made by politicians and the media, are crowdfunding so that they can have an expert check claims made within the energy bills and about it, and then challenge incorrect facts. In the past they have secured corrections from a range of organisations.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/fact-check-the-energy-bill

Resources

Live4Less Distance Learning Course

Live4Less Distance Learning is Marches Energy Agency's new action-budgeting course which helps individuals and families to live well and more sustainably on a limited budget. Uniquely, *Live4Less* facilitates 'crowdwisdom' and encourages participants to share knowledge of local services, tips and tricks for living well for less. It generates discussion and reflection on consumption and frugality, sharing resources and swapping skills. The courses combines tips on saving money with tips that will help participants to live more environmentally friendly lives on a limited budget. Topics covered include utility bills, energy efficiency, budgeting, food, transport and volunteering.

We're pleased to announce that we're now launching a distance learning version of the course. It comes with all the resources you need to learn how to run your own *Live4Less* courses in your community and you can work through the material at your own pace. The course costs just £49+VAT which includes a certificate once you've completed it. For a limited time only (until stocks run out) this includes a free single appliance energy monitor plug (useful for one of the course's activities).

More information and a sample module can be found on our website: www.mea.org.uk/live4less

To purchase the course contact caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk / 07748 508704.

Fallen Fruit Foraging Map

Falling Fruit is a massive, collaborative map of the urban harvest available around the world. It allows anyone to mark on the map sources of food – from wild plants to places where supermarkets throw out food. The map already points out over a half a million food sources around the world and has recently been launched in the UK. Currently though, there are no sources marked in Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire – anyone want to rectify that?!

<http://fallingfruit.org>

Paris Climate Change – Community Action Toolkit

Avaaz have produced a toolkit for anyone wishing to organise an event as part of the People's Climate March on 29th November. There will be marches across the world, including in London (see event section below) but if you want to organise something more locally this guide will show you how.

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/climate_toolkit_loc

Reconomy Videos

The Transition Network has produced four short videos about their reconomy work.

www.reconomy.org/reconomy-reflections-four-short-reconomy-videos

Online Fracking Course

The University of Nottingham is running a free online course about shale gas (fracking) which considers the politics economics and science of fracking.

www.futurelearn.com/courses/shale-gas

Grassroots Directory

The Transition Network are creating a directory of some of the most innovative, practical and exciting community-led projects in the UK. It will showcase over 200 enterprises, spaces and co-operative ventures. Propose a project or help fund the publication of the directory by visiting the website.

<http://transitionfreepress.org/2015/09/02/introducing-the-grassroots-directory>

Funding:

Funding for Community-based Food and Farming Projects

Just Growth is a new funding programme designed to encourage the growth of community-based food and farming projects. It will support social enterprises that are producing food in an environmentally and socially just way. The deadline for applications is 30th September.

www.feanetwork.org/our-projects/just-growth

Urban Community Energy Fund

The Urban Community Energy Fund (UCEF) is a £10m fund to kick-start renewable energy generation projects in urban communities across England. Community groups will be able to access grants and loans to support the development stages of a renewable energy project that will bring significant benefits to the local community. The next application deadline is the 25th September.

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

Events

SuperHome Open Days

On days though September around the UK

SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners for greater comfort, lower bills and far fewer carbon emissions. Free entry.

www.superhomes.org.uk

Community Energy Conference 2015

Saturday 5th September 2015

Saïd Business School, Oxford University

Organised by Co-operative Energy

Free entry

Whether you're starting out in the world of community energy or you want to get up and running but don't quite know how, this event is for you. Like-minded, eco-conscious individuals from across the country will be coming together to share their tips and best practice. It's a great opportunity to gain knowledge and network.

<http://bit.ly/1laS7LD>

Community Energy Fortnight

5th-20th September

Organised by Community Energy Coalition and Co-operative Energy

Events up and down the UK – from seeing inside a wind turbine to building your own solar panel.

www.ukcec.org/community-energy-fortnight

Community Energy Q&A: Live Web Chat

8th September, 1pm

Organised by Centre for Sustainable Energy and the Community Energy Hub website

A live web chat on the Just Act forum. For an hour, members of Just Act (registration is free and easy) can come online and ask questions to find out more about community energy and how they can get involved.

www.justact.org.uk/forums

Communicating the Uncertainty of Climate Change Webinar

Wednesday 9th September, 4pm

Organised by Climate Outreach Information Network

[Join](#) Dr Adam Corner (Climate Outreach Information Network) and Dr Stephan Lewandowsky (Cabot Institute, University of Bristol) for this free webinar as they discuss how to talk about climate science uncertainty assertively. The issue of uncertainty has long been used by sceptics to cast doubt over climate change but using the findings of this handbook we can learn how to deal with the uncertainty around climate science.

www.climateoutreach.org.uk

Transition Network International Conference

18th-20th September

Seale Hayne, Newton Abbot

A conference showcasing some of the best and most innovative ideas, organisations, and projects that have come out of the Transition Network, which aims to create resilient communities in the face of climate change. For the first time ever the conference will include global webcasts – perfect if you can't make it to Devon.

<https://conference15.transitionnetwork.org>

Climate Change Demonstration

Sunday 29th November

London

A march on the eve of the start of the Paris climate talks, which take place from 30th November to the 12th December. Around the world, in major cities, people will be coming together to demand that our governments take action to save our beautiful planet.

www.campaigncc.org/29novdemo

Bristol New Economy Summit

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October 2015

Bristol

With experts and practitioners from Bristol, the UK and beyond for two days of learning, participating and connecting. The event is for anyone interested in how we move from where we are towards a fair and planetary bounded economy.

<http://bristolpound.org/bne2015>

News in Brief

- Ministers to step in if councils fail to fast track fracking applications:
www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/aug/13/government-will-step-in-if-councils-dont-fast-track-fracking-applications?CMP=EMCENVEML1631
- Climate Change will cause more food production shocks:
www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/aug/14/food-production-shocks-will-happen-more-often-extreme-weather?CMP=EMCENVEML1631