

## Community Climate Action Email October 11

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 – including those who signed up whilst attending the recent Low Carbon Planning Events.

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##### A. Local Events

#### **Spend Less, Save More**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-4pm  
Buxton Infant School, Hardwick Square, Buxton  
Free  
Organised by Transition Buxton

Feeling the financial squeeze? This event aims to help you enjoy the simple things and learn new ways to adapt to energy prices that keep rising faster than wages. The day will include a jumble sale, 'make your own shopper' workshop, homemade food café, up-

cycled fashion show and apple press demonstration. There will also be a treasure hunt for kids and a chance to meet Connie the Consumasaurus.

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

### **Community-Owned Renewable Events - NEW TIMINGS**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Corby, Northamptonshire, **9:30am-5pm**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Leicester, **10am-5pm**

FREE, Places are limited and pre-booking is essential by contacting:

[kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk).

Organised by Marches Energy Agency and Centre for Sustainable Energy

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about community-owned renewables. This very practical event, with lots of workshops and chance to chat with other community groups and planners, will equip you to tackle everything involved in setting up a community-owned renewable – from choosing an appropriate technology and getting your community onboard to finding funding and applying for planning permission.

The keynote speaker will be Stuart Dainton of North Kilworth's solar photovoltaic project in Leicestershire which recently secured £60,000 of lottery funding for solar panels on a number of community buildings.

All community groups represented will receive a **comprehensive handout pack**, including DVDs, activities and exercises to take back to your local community. Get a sneak preview here: [www.planlocal.org.uk](http://www.planlocal.org.uk).

[www.everybodys-talking.org/news/members-local-community-owned-renewables-speak-events](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/news/members-local-community-owned-renewables-speak-events)

### **Farming Renewable Demonstration Workshops**

Various dates and locations across the East Midlands: see website for more details

Each event: 9:45am-1:15pm

£10 per person, advance booking essential: [tina.boddington@fwag.org.uk](mailto:tina.boddington@fwag.org.uk)

Organised by The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group in partnership with ICE Renewables.

A series of workshops across East Midlands for farmers and landowners on reducing energy costs and increasing income through renewable technologies. This is a great opportunity to find out how renewables could help you save money on farming costs, secure your energy supply, diversify your business and understand your carbon footprint.

The workshops are based at farms across the region where you can see the technology in action. Expert speakers will present on: Energy Efficiency & Carbon Audits, Overview of Renewable Technologies, Demonstration of Featured Technology.

[www.fwag.org.uk/events/england-events.htm](http://www.fwag.org.uk/events/england-events.htm)

### **Hockerton Masterclass: Delivering Zero Carbon Housing**

20<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am-4:45pm

Hockerton Housing Project, near Hockerton

£60-£200 depending on organisation size

A chance to learn more about the possibilities for zero carbon housing. The government expects all new builds to be zero carbon by 2016 – a significant challenge for all builders and developers. This practical, interactive event will appeal to self builders, developers, landowners, planners, architects, buildings services engineers, and other building professionals. It will introduce you to solutions that have worked at little or no extra cost compared to a 'standard' house and guide you through the successes and failures of real past projects.

[www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk/SEFS/ID.2231/SEFE/ViewItem.asp](http://www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk/SEFS/ID.2231/SEFE/ViewItem.asp).

### **Derbyshire Eco Centre Courses**

Various dates

The Derbyshire Eco Centre – one of the county council's adult education centres - is holding a number of eco-themed courses this autumn, including topics as diverse as building a house from wood and making jewellery from recycled materials.

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ecocentre](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ecocentre)

### **Workshop: Introduction to Renewable Energy for Your Home**

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> February 6pm-9pm

Derby College

Free. Book by emailing: [caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk](mailto:caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk).

Organised by Marches Energy Agency. Funded by the Local Authorities Energy Partnership.

A chance to find out about more about:

- The different renewable technologies available for domestic buildings.
- How they work and which buildings they are suitable for.
- The costs and benefits (both environmental and financial) involved.
- The different funding options available.

### **B. Local News**

#### **Free Business Energy Monitoring Kits in Derbyshire**

Are you a Derbyshire-based small or medium sized business looking to reduce your energy usage and cut your bills? Then Derbyshire County Council can help you with free energy monitoring kits available to borrow for 12 weeks. The kit includes a real time monitor, separate plug-in monitors for individual pieces of equipment, monitoring forms and climate change and energy management guides. The aim is to help you know what energy you're using and where so that you can then use less.

To arrange a loan contact your local Derbyshire library or call 01246 207207 to arrange collection from Chesterfield Commerce Centre. For general enquiries about the scheme email [climate.change@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:climate.change@derbyshire.gov.uk) or call 01629 538304.

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news\\_events/campaigns/save\\_energy/business\\_monitors/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news_events/campaigns/save_energy/business_monitors/default.asp)

### **Local Groups Gather to Learn About Low Carbon Planning**

A total of around 50 people gathered at two low carbon planning events in Newark and Matlock earlier this month to learn more about how to bring community-owned renewable to their area, as well as how to adapt to climate change. The event was organised by the Centre for Sustainable Energy in partnership with Marches Energy Agency.

Members of local community groups gathered with local planners, local authority climate change and energy officers and elected members to take part in a number of interactive workshops, including a chance to explore the Plan Local Model –a four metre by one metre fictional town with lots of environmentally friendly features ([www.planlocal.org.uk/pages/the-model](http://www.planlocal.org.uk/pages/the-model)).

Comments from the day included:

- *'Great range of speakers, topics, exercises and info-many thanks for such a rich and enjoyable day. Keep up the good work!'* – Climate Change Officer, Local Authority
- *'A good balance of speakers and content. Would have taken months of research to have achieved this myself.'* - Community Group Member
- *'An excellent event, informative and participative and very enjoyable.'* – Community group member

All community groups represented received a free Plan Local pack – a folder full of practical exercises, information sheets and DVDs to help groups plan and launch a community owned renewable. Any community group can download or order this pack for free: [www.planlocal.org.uk/downloads/group/the-planlocal-resource-pack](http://www.planlocal.org.uk/downloads/group/the-planlocal-resource-pack).

Anyone who missed the events has the opportunity to attend the same event in Corby, Northamptonshire on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October or Leicester on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. For more information contact: [kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk). See the item in the 'Local Events' section.

## **C. National News**

### **Community Energy Film 'Wind of Change' Released**

A Stirlingshire village have released a short film telling the story of how they became the first village in the UK to enter a joint-venture agreement with a wind farm developer.

Currently this project generates around £30-50,000 a year to be spent in the community. Once they have paid off the loan they took out to start the project, they will have around £400,000 a year to spend. To date the money has been used to provide half of the houses in the village with free insulation, with future project plans which aim to make the village carbon neutral.

The film can be viewed online: [http://youtu.be/ls\\_1p8ad2mc](http://youtu.be/ls_1p8ad2mc) or ordered on DVD from [www.fintrydt.org.uk](http://www.fintrydt.org.uk).

### **Climate Change Adaptation Case Studies**

UKCIP, an organisation which aims to help us all adapt to the consequences of climate change, has produced a number of case studies of adaptation projects, including some in based in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

[www.ukcip.org.uk/case-studies/](http://www.ukcip.org.uk/case-studies/)

### **Common Concerns about Wind Turbines Publication**

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has produced a free publication addressing common concerns people have about wind power. It uses evidence-based analysis and draws on peer-reviewed academic research and publicly funded studies to ensure that it offers reliable information on issues such as noise, shadow flicker, impact on property prices and bird-strike.

[www.cse.org.uk/downloads/file/common\\_concerns\\_about\\_wind\\_power.pdf](http://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/file/common_concerns_about_wind_power.pdf).

### **Improving the Efficiency of Victorian and Georgian Homes**

The Centre for Sustainable Energy have produced a free guide to improving the energy efficiency of Victorian and Georgian homes in the city of Bath, which may also be useful to those living in similar homes in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The publication has been written in conjunction with Bath Preservation Trusts and aims to show how such homes in a city which is classed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site can be made more efficient without compromising their traditional character.

[www.cse.org.uk/downloads/file/warmer\\_bath\\_june2011.pdf](http://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/file/warmer_bath_june2011.pdf).

### **£60 Million Social Housing Solar Scheme**

Wrexham Council has announced a multi-million pound scheme to fit almost a third (3,000) of its social houses with solar photovoltaic panels which will generate electricity. The panels will save residents up to £200 a year on their energy bills. The panels will be retrofitted on existing housing stock before the end of March 2012 and will save up to 3000 tonnes of CO2 per year.

The panels will be supplied by a global company which has a panel factory in Wrexham. They have launched a 'Renewable Energy Academy' to train 25 to 50 people a month, giving electricians, roofers, building contractors and heating engineers the chance to change career and move into the renewable energy sector.

### **D. And Finally...**

#### **The Number One Environmental Challenge Is...?**

On 13<sup>th</sup> October five experts will debate what the number one environmental challenge of the next 40 years is at an Earth Watch event entitled Mission Critical in London. Each will present a case for a different issue –from food security to a zero carbon future. According to the organizers the event will 'give our audience an opportunity to consider some of these serious issues, and some possible solutions in an entertaining and thought-provoking format.'

Unsurprisingly the event is fully booked, but you can read the thoughts of some of the speakers here: [www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2011/oct/12/top-environmental-priority-debate-earthwatch?intcmp=122](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2011/oct/12/top-environmental-priority-debate-earthwatch?intcmp=122).

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](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk). You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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