

Community Climate Action Email October 2013

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.

From the Editor

More than a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions are created by the energy we use in our homes.

Some days that statistic inspires me to action and I decide to get my loft insulated or take regular meter readings or even get involved in setting up a small solar panel bulk purchase scheme in my town. Other days the same statistic makes me feel helpless. How do you convince your whole community to drastically reduce their domestic energy use when you can't always convince other members of your household to simply turn off lights when they leave a room?!

In the New Year the Community Climate Action Network is running two events – one in Nottinghamshire and one in Derbyshire. It's a chance to come together with other people who want to change this statistic, hear inspiring examples of people who are changing it, and to get hold of some practical tools which will help you get to grips with what your own community needs to do to most effectively reduce its domestic energy use and how you can help them do it.

We'll be announcing dates and locations soon: watch this space.

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Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the November e-newsletter please send it to us by **Thursday 31st October**: ccan@mea.org.uk

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A. Local Events

Repair Café

12th October, 10am-3pm
Lifhouse Church (near West Bars), Chesterfield
Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Members of Transition Chesterfield will be on hand to fix things such as sewing machines, small electrical appliances, or anything portable that might be mendable. Bring along your broken items. If you have skills in repairing things and would like to help on the day please get in touch: hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Green Buildings Open Up Weekend

12th-13th October
Peak District, Various Locations

Going green in a national park may seem like a daunting task, but it needn't be! If you ever thought about making your home or business more green but weren't sure how to get started or even whether you'd be allowed, this event is for you. Buildings with green technology installed will be open and you can have a look around and talk to the owner about their experience of going green.

www.green-buildings.org.uk

Apple Day

13th October, 12pm-4pm
Townfield Barn, Shatton, S33 0BG
Organised by Transition Hope Valley
£2 entry

Apple growing advice, family activities with The National Trust, craft demonstrations, live music. Apple dish with recipe & longest peel competitions, BBQ & Refreshments. Bring your own bottles & apples for juicing.

www.transitionhopevalley.org.uk/apple.html#Apple_day_video

Woodland Ecology and Management Course

13th October, 10am-4pm
Derbyshire Eco Centre

Course Fee £39/ £35/ £20 dependant on income

Learn about the history, ecology and management of woods in the UK through classroom sessions and woodland visits.

South Derbyshire Funding Fair

16th October, 3pm-7pm

Oakland Village, Hall Farm Road, Swadlincote, DE11 8LH

An opportunity to meet funders including Awards for All, Big Lottery Fund, Charity Bank and Derbyshire Environmental Trust. For more information contact Eric Clayton on 01283 817415 or ericc@sdcvcs.org.uk.

East Midlands Cyclist's Forum

26th October

The Friends Meeting House, Queens Road, Leicester

Organised by the Leicester Cycling Campaign Group

The meeting will include a guided cycle ride in the afternoon. More information from Anna Singleton: anna.singleton@sustrans.org.uk

IPCC Report Discussion

24th October, 7:30pm

Email rick@care4free.com for location

Organised by Transition New Mills Discussion Group

A discussion of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

B. Local News

Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant Scheme

Autumn is here and this year's tree planting season is fast approaching. The Greenwood Team is once again offering free advice and funding of up to £500 to help schools, community groups and parish councils in Nottinghamshire with tree planting projects. Funding is available to support groups who want to plant trees in schools grounds or on community green spaces. Projects could include planting to provide areas of shade, creating or enhancing a wildlife area, memorial trees, screening unsightly areas or healthy living projects such planting apple trees.

The deadline for applications is 13th December, but early applications are encouraged as funding is limited. For guidance notes and an application form contact the Greenwood Team on 0115 969 6533 or email: greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk.

National Liftshare Week in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

If you saw a petrol station advertising fuel for 69p a litre, you'd stop and buy some, wouldn't you? Well if you're currently driving alone on your commute to work, you can indeed halve your fuel costs – simply by sharing your car with other people. That's the message from Nottinghamshire County Council which is urging people to give car sharing a go as part of National Liftshare Week, taking place from 7th - 11th October.

Car sharing – where two or more people travel together – allows people to benefit from the convenience of the car, whilst alleviating the associated problems of congestion and pollution. The County Council uses the nationwide Liftshare website to host its own car-sharing scheme which is free to join and use and already has 2,189 members in Nottinghamshire.

Under the scheme residents – both drivers and passengers – can register and search for potential car sharing partners in their area. You can share a car for any journey: getting to and from work, doing the weekly shop, taking the children to school, going to the match at the weekend, travelling to a festival, event or show, getting to or from university, visiting friends or getting to the airport – the choice is yours!

To join the Nottinghamshare car share scheme for free, visit www.nottinghamshare.com

To join the Derbyshire scheme visit: <https://derbyshire.liftshare.com/>

C. National News

EVENT: Duncan Clark Talk

15th October, 6pm

Upper Hall, Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Norfolk St/Chapel Walk, Sheffield, S1 2JB

Duncan Clark, author of *The Burning Question* is coming to Sheffield to talk about his book.

COURSE: Going Green: Getting started with making your school more eco-friendly

16th January, 4pm-6pm

Scotia Works, Leadmill Road, Sheffield, S1 4SE

Cost: £30 (discounts for second and third participants from the same school)

Come and find out what makes a sustainable school and how to link sustainability to your teaching. There will be examples of good practice and recommended resources. Book by emailing: bookings@decsy.org.uk

FUNDING: EnergyFunder Launches

Energyfunder is a new project launched in partnership with Crowdfunder UK to provide a platform for people with great energy ideas to find the funding that they need to get their projects off the ground. It's a unique idea that uses the new trend of

crowdfunding (reaching out to your community to fund an idea) to fund communities who want to make their own energy. Whether you have an idea for a new product to bring to market or you want to insulate your scout hut or replace the boiler in the village hall, energyfunder can help you raise the money from the community around you.

www.energysshare.com/labs/energyfunder/

NEWS: Warm Homes Schemes Dropped

The government has axed the Warm Homes, Healthy People fund, a scheme designed to help people stay warm in their homes over winter, because local authorities have taken over public health spending in England and Wales. Health Minister Anna Soubry confirmed that the Warm Homes initiative would not be repeated in 2013. Instead, she said, local councils would determine their own priorities after being put in charge of the £5bn public health budget. Age UK has indicated that there is 'little evidence' that town halls are preparing a major strategy to help vulnerable homeowners combat fuel poverty.

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The DECC 2050 pathways calculator allows you to try out different choices for reducing energy demand and increasing supply for renewables to see what impact they will have over the next 40 years: www.gov.uk/2050-pathways-analysis.

Short films on fuel poverty covering home visits, how to spot a cold home, and agencies working together.

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYahoEmECK5YxTy5iWHd6ngEi-FAPNG1y

Scottish and Southern will trial Green Deal Plan on 50 staff members before launching them for the public:

www.utilityweek.co.uk/news/news_story.asp?id=199196&title=SSE+plans+internal+Green+Deal+trials

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