

Community Climate Action Email October 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.

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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 November e-newsletter please send it to us by Monday 26th October via ccan@mea.org.uk

A. Local Events

Demonstration against Notts County Council £200m investment in fossil fuels

When: Tuesday 6th October, 9.15am

Where: Outside Nottingham county hall

FREE

Contact: g.hewitt501@gmail.com

The Big Freeze - Love Food, Hate Waste

When: Thursday 8th October, 2015

Where: Smithy Row, Nottingham

FREE

The BIG Freeze will focus on the best ways to enjoy great food, which is healthy, and sustainable, whilst reducing the amount of food we waste. The fun, interactive activities and games at the event will specifically focus on how to reduce food waste in homes, with a particular focus on using freezers. You'll leave the BIG Freeze shivering with brain freezing knowledge and refreshing top tips!

<http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Open Meeting: UK Councils have £14 billion invested in fossil fuels.

When: Thursday 8 October btwn 7-9pm

Where: Saints Parish Centre on St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield (please use the side door),
FREE

Derbyshire Pension Fund has £292 million invested in fossil fuels. This is the pension fund for all the councils in Derbyshire including Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and North East Derbyshire Council, as well as Chesterfield College, Peak District National Park Authority and University of Derby - 170 organisations in total. Not only is this bad for climate change but is a financial risk for the pension funds.

Contact Lisa via hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

<http://bit.ly/1YTZx0N>

Demonstration to demand Barclays stop funding fracking (Third Energy in North Yorkshire)

When: Saturday 10th October, 10am -

Where: Outside Nottingham Barclays

FREE

Contact: g.hewitt501@gmail.com

Belper Apple Day

When: Saturday 10th October, 11.00 - 16.00

Where: Belper Memorial Gardens, King Street, Belper

Organised by: Transition Belper

Contact: info@transitionbelper.org

Build Your Own Turbine!

When: 10-11th October 2015 9am-5pm.

Where: The old HP factory, the new V3 HQ. Sandon Street, Nottingham, NG7 7AL

Organised by: V3 Power - Renewable Energy Cooperative

Learn how to build a 1.8m 350W Hugh Piggott wind turbine in a weekend with V3 Power, a renewable energy co-op, in Nottingham on 10/11 October. A hands on course where participants get to work on wood, metal and electronics components and assembly. This design is easily repaired, maintained and serviced and is used around the world.

<http://bit.ly/1VI9FQW>

Fungi Foray

When: Saturday 10 October

Where: Sherwood Forest Country Park

Cost: Adults £3, children £1.50

Go in search of the common and not so common fungi lurking in Sherwood's ancient forest.

Book by calling 01623 823202 or in person at the visitor centre

TCPA Policy Briefing: 'Is there any future for planning for energy?' (revised format)

Date: 13 October, 10:00 to 12:00

Location: Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock

Organised by Town and Country Planning Association *and* Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authorities' Energy Partnership.

FREE!

The Policy Briefing will be of particular interest and relevance to those exploring ways to achieve local low carbon, climate change or sustainable growth aspirations through as part of the growth agenda, and working in local authorities, development consultancies, government agencies and local community groups.

Contact: Michael Chang, michael.chang@tcpa.org.uk or on 0207 930 8903.
www.tcpa.org.uk/events.php

Afternoon of fun activities - Sherwood Forest is at risk from fracking and this will be an awareness event

When: Saturday 17th October, 12pm

Where: The Major Oak

FREE

Contact: g.hewitt501@gmail.com

"In A Right State" Theatre Production

When: Wednesday 21st October, 7.30 (Come early: stalls from 7pm)

Where: Belper School Theatre, John O'Gaunts Way, BELPER DE56 0DA

Cost: Tickets £8.50 (Concessions £5.00)

"In A Right State" is a lively theatre merging song, film and documentary. It celebrates the struggles of past generations who fought to create the welfare state, and of current generations, campaigning to defend our services from government attack. Banner Theatre are back, after their huge success in 2013

Contact: Belper Oxfam Books or online at www.belperartsfestival.org or email avkonp@gmail.com

Carbon Conversations with Transition Chesterfield

When: Tuesday October 20th at 7.30 (fortnightly)

Where: Central Chesterfield

Cost: £25 for 6 meetings (to cover course materials and other expenses)

Join one of our supportive, facilitated short groups. Our six friendly meetings use discussions and games to explore the meaning of climate change and the things you can do to halve your personal carbon footprint.

If you would like to register or get more information please contact Steph Fatcher on 07731 166352 or at fatcherdarling@googlemail.com.

Public meeting about fracking in Broxtowe & Erewash

When: Friday 23rd October, 7.30pm

Where: John Clifford School, Beeston

FREE

Contact: g.hewitt501@gmail.com

Reaching Communities Fund Application Training

Date: Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Location: Voluntary Action Sheffield, The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW

Time: 9.30 - 2.30

Level: Intermediate to advanced

Cost: £80.00 per person (includes lunch)

Organised by: South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau

Reaching Communities is a major funding source for groups from the Big Lottery Fund.

This training is useful if you are thinking about applying to this fund, and want to find out about the application process and how to maximise your chances of success.

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

Paris 2015 – a place for hope: Time for a binding and universal agreement on climate

Where: Derby Cathedral

When: Thursday 5th November 2.30 pm

A Cathedral Seminar with key note speaker the Rt Hon the Lord Deben (John Gummer) Chair of the UK's independent Committee on Climate Change and lead delegate to the Paris summit. Refreshments will be served.

FREE

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

On the road to Paris: a Prayer Vigil preceded by a 'Pilgrimage' from Darley Abbey.

When: Saturday 28th November 11 am – 3 pm

Where: Derby Cathedral

FREE

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

Foundation Derbyshire Funding Surgeries November 2015

The sessions will cover hints and tips for applying for funding in general and there will be a chance to discuss your particular project and which of the funds administered by the Foundation is suited to your needs.

Sessions are scheduled for Belper, Long Eaton, Whaley Bridge, Bakewell, Ashbourne, Doe Lea and Swadlincote. To book a place please contact Lindsay Sowter on 01773 525860

<http://www.foundationderbyshire.org/>

A day for all who care about the Planet

When: Sat 10th October 9.30am – 4.00pm

Where: The Methodist Centre, Market Harborough

Cost: £5

Come for whole day - including lunch - or just the morning.

Information about Speakers & Workshops

Contact: Canon Davis on 01858 431843 / 07907 650727

Email: revdavis@aol.com

B. Local News

Harborough Energy - Join the Community Energy Revolution

Our first share offer for 2 photovoltaic installation opens on 5th October. Any surplus funds from the project will be used by Harborough Energy to support local community projects.

If you would like to learn more about where our PV panels will be appearing, what you can expect in terms of return on your investment or would like to pre-register for the share offer please contact:

Denise Marsdon, Community Energy Development Officer on 01858 466207 or info@harboroughenergy.co.uk or visit <http://harboroughenergy.co.uk/> where full details of how to apply will be appearing soon.

Northern Powergrid Launches Fund for Community Energy Projects

Northern Powergrid, (the electricity distribution company for parts of northern Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) is offering grants from £1,000 to £10,000 to local groups to kick-start their own community energy project.

<http://bit.ly/1iQNC2X>

Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) would like your help to map community food outlets in Derbyshire.

RAD already works closely with the food banks via the Derbyshire Foodbank Forum but is looking to build a better picture of all the luncheon clubs, community cafes, food co-ops, breakfast clubs and other food related projects taking place in Derbyshire (but excluding coffee mornings).

If you run or are aware of a community food project in your area please can you contact Sylvia Green at Rural Action Derbyshire on 01629 592971 or s.green@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk with the following details for each project.

C. National News

NEWS

Riding the waves: The challenge of harnessing ocean power

The proposed MeyGen project in the Pentland Firth in Scotland aims to take tidal power to the next level, with a number of more traditional, three-bladed turbines producing almost 400MW by the early 2020s.

<http://bbc.in/1xuqVCF>

'fracking village' gets green light to build solar farm

Balcombe, the Sussex village that saw the UK's biggest anti-fracking protests so far, is set to be powered largely by the sun, after residents won planning permission on Thursday to build a nearby solar farm. But campaigners said they are now racing government subsidy cuts to solar power to get the project underway.

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

No long-term future in tar sands, says Alberta's premier

The leader of Canada's biggest oil-producing province has declared she sees no long-term future in fossil fuels, predicting Alberta would wean itself off dirty energy within a century.

<http://bit.ly/1L3ZWI0>

Community Energy Conference 2015

Nearly 300 people attended the Community Energy Conference 2015 on Saturday, September 5th held in Manchester during Community Energy Fortnight 2015. Presentations can be found [here](#).

<http://bit.ly/1QPb0Zz>

Phantom Solar Panels Haunt Streets of Westminster

The phantom image of a solar farm has appeared overnight on the pavement outside the main Department of Energy and Climate Change offices on Whitehall as part of the Keep Fits campaign to help ordinary people challenge planned cuts to renewable energy.

Using high-power washers and a stencil, clean graffiti removes dirt from dirty pavements rather than adding paint. How quickly these ghostly images fade depends on local environmental conditions, but the hope is they will last right up until the consultation closes on the 23rd October.

<http://keepfits.org/news/2015/9/17/launch>



Feed-in-Tariff Review to hit Community Energy Projects

On 9 September DECC announced that despite significant opposition FiTs pre-accreditation will be removed from 1 October 2015. This means that community energy PV and wind projects exceeding 50KW will no longer be able to obtain Fit tariff rate guarantee ahead of full commissioning.

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

Community Energy Peer Mentoring Programme Wins Award

Co-operatives UK and its members were celebrating at the second annual Community Energy Awards on Saturday 5 September. The national trade body picked up the Community Energy Innovation Award for its hugely successful Peer Mentoring Programme.

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

Electric Vehicles & Transport

The Chancellor and the Business Minister Anna Soubry announce the winner of a £10 million low carbon battery prize. The Government competition to develop an ultra-low emission battery has been won by the Warwick Manufacturing Group. The prize incentivizes the development of the next generation of batteries for electric and hybrid vehicles in the UK. Soubry also announced a £20 million low carbon vehicle R&D competition.

<http://bit.ly/1L13ye0>

Pope Francis brings climate message to Congress

Pope Francis has a historic and powerful soapbox from which he will speak during his visit to the United States, and he's widely expected to use it to repeat his moral case for taking on climate change.

<http://bit.ly/1NLK9OI>

85% of British power can be via renewables by 2030, says Greenpeace

Britain can produce 85% of its power via renewable energy by 2030 provided it undergoes significant changes in energy production and use, according to a new study by Greenpeace.

The study attempts to counter the argument that only fossil fuels and nuclear power can keep the lights on for the next few decades.

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

Robin Hood Energy: Nottingham City Council launches not-for-profit power firm

The council has set up a not-for-profit energy supplier that it hopes can sign up 10,000 customers a month and save them each up to £237 a year on bills. The company will use energy generated from the city's incinerator, solar panels and waste food plants and also buy in gas and electricity from the market.

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

FUNDING

The Power to Change

The Power to Change is an independent charitable Trust set up in 2015 to support, develop and grow community business across England. Grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 are available to help existing community businesses in England that are in a position to significantly improve their long term sustainability within the next six months.

Tel: 020 7842 7788 Email: enquiries@sibgroup.org.uk
<http://www.thepowertochange.org.uk/initial-grants-programme>

EVENTS

Planning For Climate Change Conference

Date: 21st December 2015

Location: South Bank University, London

Organised by: The Place and Space Research Group

It promises to be a great day, with up to 15 Speakers and 100 delegates coming together to discuss a range of key issues relating to Climate Change Adaptation Strategies, Policies to Mitigate against the negative effects of Climate Changes and also to look at a number of innovative case studies that aim to promote Sustainable Communities and Economies within the context of an increasingly changing climate.

<http://www.planforclimatechange.co.uk/home/4587746096>