

Community Climate Action Email December 2012

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 – Feeling the Cold!

We're only a few days into December and I've already attended two Christmas / Winter-themed events (my local Transition group held their Winter Feast in November!) For one of the events I dug up late potatoes from my allotment from very wet ground following the heavy rain. Just two days later the same ground was crunchy underfoot with frost! As if on cue, autumn had turned to winter overnight as we entered December. If you live in certain parts of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and you're feeling the winter weather there's still time to get heavily subsidised loft and cavity wall insulation before government subsidies end – it really is the easiest way to make your home cheaper and easier to heat over the winter.

www.everybodys-talking.org/insulation-offers

Looking to next year, we have some great events coming up in March:

- **Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference.** If you live in Derbyshire save 2nd March in your diary now! Derbyshire County Council will be hosting a one day conference for climate change-focused community groups across the county. Tell us what you'd like the conference to cover by filling out this survey by 12th December – www.surveymonkey.com/s/P8VRKGGK. It'll take two minutes.
- **First Ever Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day.** From 2nd to 10th March homes across the two counties which have had environmentally-friendly improvement work done will open their doors to the public. Ideal if you're hoping to improve your home once Green Deal and ECO finance is available. More details in future e-newsletters. If you have a home that might be suitable to take part please let us know: ccan@mea.org.uk.

Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd us to include in the next e-newsletter you please send it to us **by Monday 7th January:** ccan@mea.org.uk.

Caroline

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A. Local Events

Transition Chesterfield Christmas Green Drinks

5th December, 7:30pm
The Market, New Square

Green Drinks event including a book, DVD and CD swap. All welcome.

Chesterfield Potato Day

26th January
The Pavement, Chesterfield

For all your gardeners out there 41 varieties of tubers will be on sale alongside onions, shallots and garlic. Last year some varieties sold out early in the day. If you want guarantee you get what you want you can pre-order here:

www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk/sites/default/files/file/2013_order_form.pdf.

Orders can be picked up on the day from The Pavements. Order placed by 10th December will cost 12p/tuber. Orders placed after this, or bought on the day, are likely to cost 14p/tuber, although prices will be finalised nearer the time.

Enquiries: food@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Derbyshire Eco Centre – January and February Courses

Bike Maintenance for all – Improvers Course
3rd February

Introduction to Renewable Energy, 9th February

Building with Straw, 16th February

Fairytale Castle with Junk, 20th February

Organic Gardening – Fruit, 27th February

For more details and prices for all courses visit:

http://derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adcommmed/contacts/derbyshire_eco_centre/

B. Local News

Transition Matlock Starts Food Co-operative

Members of Transition Matlock have set up a not-for-profit local food co-operative. The idea developed out of research by the group into how to create a sustainable local food system. DE4 Food (named after the postcode area), delivers an ever-expanding range of local artisan food and drinks to customer's doors, or you can pick up orders from Tansley. It costs £1 to become a member which is payable with your first food order and once a member you can have a say in how the co-op runs. Most products are grown or produced within 15 miles of the D4 postcode.

<http://de4food.org.uk>

Derbyshire Eco Centre at Green Gown Awards

Derbyshire Eco Centre was shortlisted for a Green Gown Award by the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges in the category of 'Colleges and Smaller Institutions'. The awards are a celebration of the tertiary education sector's sustainability achievements.

www.eauc.org.uk/green_gown_awards

First Ever Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day

The Community and Climate Action Network is organising the first ever Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day in March 2013. Over nine days householders who have made their homes more environmentally friendly will open their doors to the public for a few hours each. So far homes in Netherfield, Chesterfield, Belper and Rushcliffe are involved and we're looking for more! Have you:

- Installed **renewable technologies?**
- Installed **solid wall insulation?** We're keen to include homes which have measures which householders will be able to use ECO and Green Deal funding for.
- **Eco-renovated a whole house or room or built a house?**
- **Made improvements on a tight budget.** We don't just want expensive high-tech solutions on show.
- **Made a rented home more eco friendly.**
- **Incorporated a lot of waste materials** into your improvements that would have otherwise ended up in landfill.

- **Produced a lot of your own food** in your garden. If you could provide a short tour of how and why you've done this, we'd love to include it.

MEA has produced a guide for households and groups that want to be involved. If you'd like a copy please email: ccan@mea.org.uk.

Feeling the Cold – Insulate!

The simplest way to make a home cheaper and easier to heat is to insulate the loft and (if you have them) cavity walls. Heavily subsidised insulation is still available in some areas of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

www.everybodys-talking.org/insulation-offers

Household Waste Recycling Centre Survey 2012

Derbyshire county council are running an online survey to find out how happy people are with their local recycling centre.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCCHWRCSurvey

Derby City Business Energy Efficiency Grants and Advice

Businesses in Derby have the opportunity to access free advice and grants of up to £5,000 through Bespoke a new project that has been launched by Derby City Council. Bespoke aims to promote practical energy efficiency and help businesses in Derby to make improvements to their premises and processes that will save money and reduce carbon emissions.

Further information: www.derby.gov.uk/bspoke / bspoke@derby.gov.uk or contact the Climate Change Team on 01332 287251. Bespoke is part-funded by the European regional Development Fund and eligibility criteria apply.

www.derby.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/climate-change-and-energy-management/bspoke/

Nottinghamshire Community Groups Support Survey

A number of organisations which support community groups in Nottinghamshire are working together to improve their services and are seeking your views on how to do this. Your group's views are vital to improve services and to provide evidence to enable these organisations to receive continued funding so that they can keep supporting you. Groups entering the survey will be entered into a draw to win a brand new laptop computer, with four runner-up prizes of books from the Directory of Social Change.

Organisations involved in the survey include: Gedling CVS, Newark and Sherwood CVS, Rushcliffe CVS, NAVO and Rural Communities Action Network (RCAN).

Complete the survey by 11th December: www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLNTX53.

First-Of-A-Kind Travel Conference Held in East Midlands

The Active Travel Conference held in Leicester recently was the first in the UK to bring together leaders from the areas of transport, public health, regeneration & politics to consider the agenda of building/rebuilding cities and towns around Active Travel strategies. Presentations from the conference are available online: www.goleicestershire.com/activetravel.

C. National News

194 Countries Meet to Discuss Climate Change

Governments from 194 countries are currently meeting in Doha, Qatar as part of ongoing negotiations to create an agreement on tackling climate change that will replace the Kyoto Protocol. Key messages from the conference so far are:

- The UN has warned that current climate change models do not take account of methane currently locked in permafrost in the northern hemisphere. If this is released it could take us beyond one of the key 'tipping points' that scientists believe will cause runaway climate change.
- Developing countries suffering the negative impacts of climate change are pushing for compensation from developed countries which have historically been responsible for most of the emissions.
- On Saturday 800 people attended what is thought to be the first ever demonstration in Qatar. It included 100 young activists from the newly formed Arab Youth Climate Movement and was a call for more action on climate change.

www.guardian.co.uk/environment/cop18-doha-climate-change-conference

Record High for Global Carbon Emissions

Global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions are set to rise again in 2012, reaching a record high of 35.6 billion tonnes according to new figures from the Global Carbon Project, co-led by researchers from the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of East Anglia (UEA). The 2.6 per cent rise projected for 2012 means global emissions from burning fossil fuel are 58 per cent above 1990 levels, the baseline year for the Kyoto Protocol.

Emissions per person in China (6.6 tonnes) are now not far off those of the European Union (7.3 tonnes) but are still a long way short of those in the US (17.2 tonnes per person). Emissions in India stand at 1.8 tonnes of carbon per person.

Video here: www.tyndall.ac.uk/tyndall-tv/professor-corinne-le-quere-describes-latest-global-carbon-project-emissions-2012

Green Deal Marketing Campaign Given Go Ahead

The government has agreed an exemption to its own marketing freeze during the recession to allow the Department for Energy and Climate Change to market the Green Deal. Initially £2.9 million will be available for marketing to build understanding and trust among the public about the Green Deal.

The first Green Deal will be available from 28th January onwards. Following concerns that people wouldn't know what it was or how they could access it, Greg Barker announced: 'We now have funds for a communications campaign that will build further understanding of the Green Deal, helping to create a real buzz.'

Other plans announced include the development of a national Open Homes network to make it easy for people to find and see homes that have been improved through energy saving retrofits. There will also be an online portal for the Green Deal cashback scheme mentioned in our last newsletter. It has been confirmed that the scheme will be administered by Capita.

D. And Finally

During the first 12 days of December Green Books is offering a different book at less than half price each day: www.greenbooks.co.uk.

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. You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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