

Community Climate Action Email May 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 – lots of you signed up at the Green Communities Conference in the Peak District last week.

Did you know that almost 300 people subscribe to this e-newsletter? If you know someone who would appreciate receiving it why not forward this edition to them and ask them to email ccan@mea.org.uk to subscribe to future editions (they should use the title 'subscribe' and include their name, email address and the name of any climate change community group they belong to). It helps us if each reader subscribes individually as we then know how many people are reading the newsletter.

*****Still Time to Respond to Workshop Survey*****

Many thanks to those you who have responded to the survey we mentioned in the last edition of this newsletter. The CCAN service will soon be offering some workshops for community groups and the survey aims to find out what topics you would like us to cover.

If you are new to this newsletter, or haven't had a chance to respond yet, then take two minutes to visit this link before **Wednesday 18th May** and answer just one question about what workshop topics would most benefit you: www.surveymonkey.com/s/WDD9NPQ.

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A. Local Events

Hazelhurst CSA Co-operative – Public Meeting TONIGHT

7.00 for 7.30pm - 9.30,
Heeley Institute, 147 Gleadless Road, S2 3AF

Hazelhurst CSA is a Community Support Agriculture Co-operative set up by Transition Sheffield. The group is in the process of buying a nine acre plot of land located in the Moss Valley area of Derbyshire which aims to produce locally grown, organic food. Food growing is already taking place on the land while funds are raised.

The group run monthly volunteer days to work on the land (third Sunday of each month) and there is an opportunity to buy shares in the project.

<http://hazelhurst.coop>

Dig in Apple Day

24th September 2011, 11am-4pm
Albany Allotments, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ
Organised by Dig In

A free, family fun day celebrating the wonderful Apple. Come along and enjoy games, food tasting, apple pressing, crafts and much more. For more information visit:
www.digincommunityallotment.blogspot.com or email: diginstapleford.web@gmail.com.

Dig in Pumpkin Day

29th October 2011, 11am-4pm
Albany Allotments, Statpleford, NG9 8HZ
Organised by Dig In

A free event celebrating all things Pumpkin for all the family. Join us for carving, crafts, poetry and refreshments. Take part in the pumpkin competitions by starting to grow your pumpkins now! For more information visit: www.digincommunityallotment.blogspot.com or email: diginstapleford.web@gmail.com.

B. Local News

Community Climate Change Website Refreshed

The community section of the Everybody's Talking about Climate Change website has received a refresh with links to lots of new resources in the 'Community Downloads' and 'Community Support' sections. You can still send us details about your group's events to go on the site, read back issues of this newsletter and find out about local groups in your area.

www.everybodys-talking.org/communities-area

EcoTeams in Derbyshire

EcoTeams are now being supported in Derbyshire through a local network and through training events and information. EcoTeams are small groups of people who meet up once a month for six months to look at ways to have a better impact on the environment. The meetings are fun and use a variety of activities to explore the issues from a new angle.

If you live in Derbyshire and would like to set up or join a team, please contact Tom Veitch on 07905 534 580 or tom.veitch@globalactionplan.org.uk or visit: www.ecoteams.org.uk/partner/derbyshire.

Show Off Your Group's Success

There is now a space on www.everybodys-talking.org where your group can display case studies of the work they've done to help inspire other groups.

- Has your group run a project that was a real success?
- Do you do work that could be replicated by other groups if they knew what you had done?

We are currently looking for **short online case studies** to add to the site to inspire other groups in the area. If you think you have a suitable case study please email brief details to ccan@mea.org.uk and we will be in touch.

C. National News

Have Your Say on the Energy Bill

Earlier this week I went to visit my MP to talk to her about the Energy Bill. This piece of legislation, which is currently making its way through parliament, will introduce the 'Green Deal' which will allow householders and businesses to take out loans to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and meet repayments with the subsequent savings on their energy bills.

Friends of the Earth believe that the Energy Bill represents a 'massive opportunity' but also that it 'need(s) strengthening significantly' to 'kick start a green overhaul'. They are calling for the bill to be changed in a number of ways before it becomes law including incorporating a strategy that will deliver whole house retrofits and achieve a 42% reduction in emissions from homes by 2020 to keep us on track to cut the UK's emissions by 80% by 2050.

They also want the bill to do more to tackle fuel poverty (when a home spends more than 10% of its income on energy bills) and have proposed laws which would force private landlords to bring rented homes up to a minimum standard and homeowners to make the most cost-effective energy efficiency improvement to a home before selling it .

Finally they are also asking for local authorities and communities to be given clarity about the cuts in emission they need to make locally and for climate to be a core responsibility of all councils.

To download a four-page briefing on the Energy bill visit: www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefings/energy_bill_overview.pdf.

Once you've read it why not forward it to your MP (visit www.writetothem.com to find their email address) asking them to ask government to implement its suggestions? You could even arrange an appointment with your MP to discuss how they could support FOE's proposals.

When the Climate Change Act of 2008 was first proposed it included a commitment to reduce Co2 emissions by 60% by 2050. This was upped to 80% as a result of thousands of people lobbying their MP and government. This target is now legally binding, has helped shape action on climate change across the country and led to other countries adopting similar targets.

Eco Communities Conference

25th May, 9:30am-4pm, The University of Worcester
£65, limited places

This interactive, one-day event is aimed at those who work in the field of supporting communities - including schools, public buildings, community centres and community groups- with improving their sustainability, particularly minimising waste, reducing carbon emissions through energy use and creating greater awareness of sustainable living.

Enquiries to spassey@worcestershire.gov.uk.

Plan Local Website

Plan Local is a project designed to give communities the confidence, knowledge and ambition to achieve a low carbon future in their area. It consists of a suite of resources including films, a resource pack and a website which aim to support communities and groups in planning for low carbon living. Plan Local has been produced by the Centre for Sustainable Energy.

www.planlocal.org.uk

Transition Network 2011 UK Conference

8th-11th July, Hope University, Liverpool
Price tbc

Annual conference for members of the transition network and those interested in the transition movement.

www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2011-03-23/transition-network-2011-uk-conference-8-11-july-liverpool

Economical Environmentalist Author Talk

7th June , Leicester Central Library, Bishop Street, LE1 6AA

Prashant Vaze, author of the Economical Environmentalist will be talking about his book and efforts to reduce energy usage in Camden, where he lives.

whatson.oneleicester.com/eventDetail.aspx?eid=78125
www.economicalenvironmentalist.co.uk

Windmill In London To Grind Flour Again

A windmill in the Lambeth area of London that has stood unused since 1934 has been reopened this month. Originally one of a number of windmills in a rural area which produced some of London's food, the windmill fell into disuse after it was surrounded by buildings as the city expanded and local wind levels fell. Now that it is fitted with new sails

which can catch the wind volunteers have begun growing wheat around the windmill which will be ground into flour.

www.brixtonwindmill.org

D. And Finally...

A Comic Strip about Peak Oil:

www.transmission-x.com/luz/2007/10/27/luz-episode-1/

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 me the details: ccan@mea.org.uk. You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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