

## Community Climate Action Email June 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.

We've got lots of **exciting events** to tell you about this month:

- **A free Domestic Energy Efficiency workshop** organised by Marches Energy Agency (MEA) in response to surveys carried out amongst subscribers to this e-newsletter. This will be part of a larger **Green Homes Day** at Derbyshire Eco Centre, giving you an opportunity to peruse relevant stalls and demonstrations before coming to the workshop.
- **A study tour to the Creative Energy Homes Project** at the University of Nottingham.
- MEA is also pleased to announce some **Low Carbon Planning Training Events** which we're running in the autumn in conjunction with the Centre for Sustainable Energy ([www.planlocal.org.uk](http://www.planlocal.org.uk)). These events are designed to help communities establish **local renewable energy projects** through inclusive community decision-making – something else our subscribers prioritised in a recent survey.

For details of all of these events see the events section of this newsletter of email [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk). **All of these events require pre-booking and we expect them to be popular – so book on soon!** You are welcome to attend as many of these events as you like.

**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](mailto: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.**

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#### **A. Local Events**

##### **CCAN Workshop: Domestic Energy Efficiency**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm-5pm

Derbyshire Eco Centre, nr Wirksworth

FREE. Pre-booking essential: 07748 508704 / [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)

A FEW PLACES LEFT

This workshop will focus on the many options for making our homes more energy efficient and the best places to start. We will look at both physical measures and behavioural change. We will look at real examples of what others have done. We will also take a brief look at how to encourage others in your community to become more energy efficient.

This is the first of three workshops being run by the Community Climate Action Network during 2011. The topics of the workshop have been chosen following consultation with subscribers to this e-newsletter. Look out for workshops on domestic and community-owned renewable energy in the autumn.

##### **Green Homes Day**

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 4pm

Derbyshire Eco Centre, nr Wirksworth

FREE, no need to book

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This event is taking place in the same location as our Domestic Energy Efficiency Workshop. Why not book for the workshop and arrive a little early to get a head start visiting stalls, demonstrations and activities focused on making your home more green?

##### **CCAN Study Tour: Creative Energy Homes Project**

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 2pm-approx. 3:30pm

University Of Nottingham

FREE. Pre-booking essential: 07748 508704 / [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)

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The Creative Energy Homes Project is a showcase of four innovative state-of-the-art energy-efficient homes. The project aims to stimulate sustainable design ideas and promote new ways of providing affordable, environmentally sustainable housing that are innovative in their design. One home is a replica 1930's house, subsequently updated to show how retrofit measures can improve a home's energy efficiency. Another reflects an aim to build an energy efficient masonry home that can be mass produced and is affordable.

#### **Low Carbon Planning Training Events**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Matlock, Derbyshire  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Corby, Northamptonshire  
Third and fourth location and date tbc shortly

All events: 9:30am-5:30pm

All events: 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

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These events are aimed at helping community groups, individuals and councillors engage with local planning and low-carbon development – and help them to understand how they can generate local energy. The events will feature the PlanLoCaL model, a large-scale model of a town demonstrating how renewable energy technologies work, and the PlanLoCaL films, which include case studies and information on how to set up community-owned renewable energy projects. There will be a local keynote speaker at each event to provide a local context.

Sessions will focus on how communities can get involved in local plan making, different kinds of renewable energy technologies, climate change adaptation, community engagement, and funding issues. All community groups represented will receive a comprehensive handout pack, including DVDs.

To confirm your place, email your name, job title (if relevant), organisation (e.g.: your community group), contact email address and phone number to [kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk). Please also state any special dietary or access requirements and which of the events you wish to attend. One of the workshop sessions will concentrate on renewable energy technologies, so please state your first and second choices of technology and we will focus on the most relevant.

### **Tours of Torrs Hydro New Mills**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, tours begin at 1pm and 2pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm-3pm

New Mills, Derbyshire

FREE

Free tours of the first community-owned hydro project in Derbyshire will be available at two events this year:

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> July as part of the One World Festival in New Mills. The One world festival will have lots of community groups exhibiting and is a fun day out itself. [www.oneworldfestival.org/](http://www.oneworldfestival.org/). The day runs from 12pm-7pm. Tours of the hydro project take place at 1pm and 2pm.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> September the project will be holding its own open day from 1pm-3pm. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.

### **Cycling Sundays**

Every Sunday during the summer from 5<sup>th</sup> June onwards

Training and advice from 9.30 am, rides from 11 am

Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell

Free, donations accepted

Professional cycling instructors from Pedal Ready, a not-for-profit cycling organisation, are offering cycle rides and free bespoke sessions for all ages with all the tips and advice you need to ride Derbyshire (and the new Monsal Trail – see article in Section B of this e-newsletter) with confidence. Training on offer includes maintenance advice, riding lessons for adults and children, advice on feeling safe on the road and short guided roads along the Monsal Trail and quiet roads.

Book a bespoke session: 0114 2412775 or [start@pedalready.co.uk](mailto:start@pedalready.co.uk) by the Friday afternoon, two days before you want to come. (Pedal Ready can't guarantee you a place if you just turn up on the day) [www.pedalpeakdistrict.co.uk/home](http://www.pedalpeakdistrict.co.uk/home).

### **Stoney Middleton Village Day**

11<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-3pm

Stoney Middleton, Peak District

Stoney Middleton's annual village day will include recycling advice from Derbyshire County Council and a carbon footprinting stall from Marches Energy Agency.

<http://stoneymiddletonsmile.yolasite.com/news/village-day-11th-june-on-the-playing-field>

## **B. Local News**

### **Former Railway Tunnels Reopen to Cyclists and Walkers**

Four disused railway tunnels in the Peak District National Park recently reopened to cyclists. The tunnels closed to public in 1968 when the Midland Railway closed, but have now been cleared out, repaired, resurfaced and had lighting installed. This has created nearly 1.5 miles of extra public access by extending the existing Monsal Trail, which runs from Bakewell to the edge of Buxton. Interpretation panels and audio listening posts providing information about the trail, the tunnels and the route's former history as part of the Midland Railway have been installed at various points along the Monsal Trail.

Two cycle hire companies - Blackwell Mill Cycle Hire and Hassop Station Cycle Hire - have been set up business along the Monsal Trail to take advantage of the extra cyclists expected to be attracted by the opening of the tunnels.

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

See the 'Cycling Sundays' article in Section A of this e-newsletter for information about cycle training on this route.

### **Online Case Studies Go Live**

Need Inspiration? Look no further than the new case studies section on the Everybody's Talking About Climate Change website ([www.everybodys-talking.org](http://www.everybodys-talking.org)). There are now a number of case studies of climate change mitigation projects organised by community groups including Transition West Bridgford's Eco Home Group, Ollerton Eco Shop and work by Collingham 2020.

This section of the site was set up as a result of requests from those who subscribe to this e-newsletter to be able to find out what others in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire are doing to tackle climate change. **The more community groups who offer case studies for the site, the more people will be able to benefit from the inspiration they provide.** If your group has run a project and you'd like us to feature it on the site, please contact us Caroline Harmon: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk) / 07748 508704. You don't have to write the case study yourself – we will take details and photos from you and create a case study.

### **School's Section of Community Climate Change Website Refreshed**

We're currently working on updating the school' section of [www.everybodys-talking.org](http://www.everybodys-talking.org). We've already added case studies and contact information for local authority Eco Schools Officers. New resources and links will be added over the coming weeks.

[www.everybodys-talking.org/schools-area](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/schools-area)

## **C. National News**

### **Zero Carbon Britain Day**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Community groups are being invited to organise events as part of Zero Carbon Britain Day. Zero Carbon Britain is a publication by the Centre for Alternative Technology which presents one scenario for how the UK could thrive whilst having a zero-carbon economy by 2030. Suggested ideas for action include organising a publicity photo stunt and lobbying your MP. For more information: [www.campaigncc.org/zcbd](http://www.campaigncc.org/zcbd).

### **Deadline Extended for Energysahre**

In the April edition of this e-newsletter we mentioned Energysahre – an opportunity for community projects to apply for up to £100,000 for schemes which will save energy and/or generate energy. The deadline to apply has now been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June, giving you an extra month to get people in your area to log on to the website and show their support for your project: [www.energysahre.com](http://www.energysahre.com).

### **Make Your Community Bulb-Friendly**

When I installed my first energy saving light bulb about seven years ago I didn't really think about disposal – after all they're supposed to last around seven years! Now, of course they're starting to need to be replaced and the old bulbs are classed as hazardous waste.

Which makes Cobra a timely discovery! Cobra is a scheme to promote safe disposal of fluorescent light bulbs which is spreading rapidly around the UK. Community groups are invited to take part in Cobra by following their simple program to set up light bulb recycling schemes in their area, to ensure that energy saving light bulbs are safely disposed of. Visit: [www.recolight.cobrascheme.com/](http://www.recolight.cobrascheme.com/).

### **Local Action on Food Network**

The Local Action on Food Network is a network of people and projects from across the UK that are working towards creating a strong and healthy sustainable food system. Members

include individuals and community groups, all of whom receive a wide range of support including an e-newsletter and online articles, a chance to attend regional and national networking events, a regular round-up of the latest funding news and discounts on useful products and services. To find out more, see the website here: <http://www.sustainweb.org/localactiononfood>.

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

This month's 'and finally' is brought to you by one of my colleagues:

#### **'Can you cut CO2 by 80% by 2050?'**

Have a go at achieving the government's target by using this excellent tool on the DECC website. It's really hard to balance the carbon books – so how will you do it? Design your own virtual 2050 future by going to <http://my2050.decc.gov.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 me the details: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk). You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

If you would like to read this e-newsletter as a pdf please visit: [www.everybodys-talking.org/communities-area/community-bulletins](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/communities-area/community-bulletins).

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The Everybody's Talking Website is the climate change portal for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire: [www.everybodys-talking.org](http://www.everybodys-talking.org).