

Community Climate Action Email July 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

'Like' Us? Want to 'Follow' us?

The Community Climate Action Network (CCAN) has entered the world of Social Media! We now have our own Twitter account and Facebook page:

- www.facebook.com/ccan.network
- www.twitter.com/ccannetwork

We've set these up following a survey many of you responded to earlier this year. Many of you indicated that you're very happy with receiving a monthly e-newsletter straight to your email inbox, so we're not going to be changing the frequency or format of this e-bulletin. For those of you who indicated that you would like news more often, we update the news section of www.everybodys-talking.org regularly and will be doing the same with our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd us to include in the next e-newsletter you need to send it to us **by Friday 27th July: ccan@mea.org.uk.**

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A. Local Events

Free Paint on Offer in Nottinghamshire

Calverton: July 26th, August 30th, Sept 27th, Oct 25th

Worksop: July 19th, Sept 20th

Nottinghamshire County Council are running some one off events at Calverton and Worksop Household Waste Recycling Centres this summer where Nottinghamshire residents can pick up some free paint from our Community RePaint schemes.

Unwanted/surplus paint is accepted at both of these sites and site staff open each tin to check each donation. Any tins that are at least half full of reusable paint are stored separately in our shelved reuse container and are given away for free. We give this paint to community groups who are registered on our scheme throughout the year but as we have an excess of reusable paint, we're opening the scheme up to members of the public.

To book a timeslot, residents should call Veolia Environmental Services on 0115 8505900.

Community groups wishing to register on the scheme to access free paint throughout the year should visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/communityrepaint to download an application form.

Wildflower Identification Course

4th July 2012, first of five sessions

6:50pm-9:30pm

Rolliston Forestry Centre, Swadlincote, DE12 8JX

Cost: £45

Organised by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

This five-week course provides a detailed guide to how to identify wild flowers using botanical keys. The sessions will be led by Nick Law and will provide an introduction to botanical keys, an introduction to the structure of flowers and the terminology used in keys and a look at some important flower families and how to use keys to identify them.

Book by phone: 01773 881188 or email:

<mailto:enquiries@derbyshirewt.co.uk>

Spruce Up the Lea Brook Valley

7th July, 9:30-3:30pm

Organised by Dronfield Green Team

An opportunity to help with a variety of conservation tasks in the Lea Brook Valley. Meet at the green recycling bins.

Harvesting the Wind Workshop

12th July 2012

Half price places available for community group members

Organised by Hockerton Housing Project

If you're interested in owning a wind turbine then this one day course is for you.

E.ON Cycle Live Nottingham

13th - 15th July.

Victoria Embankment, Nottingham

E.ON Cycle Live Nottingham is a new concept for 2012, building on 30 years success of the Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride, encompassing a full weekend of cycling activity. The event will consist of a new city leisure ride and schools challenge, a new elite circuit race and festival of cycling and the already established Great Notts Bike Ride, offering something for everyone, from grass roots to elite participation.

www.cyclelivenottingham.co.uk

Fantastic Home Visits Summer Events

The sun will hopefully be shining when Marches Energy Agency's mobile exhibition visits the following events, in conjunction with a number of local authorities in the two counties. We will be offering advice on energy efficiency and domestic renewables, as well giving away free energy saving items. Come and find us and have a go on our Watt Bike or play Giant Low Carbon Snakes and Ladders.

- 7th July 2012: Awwsworth's annual 'Party on the Rec'. www.partyontherec.com
- 8th July: Rush4Health, Rushcliffe Country Park in Ruddington. www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rush4health
- 8th July – our Energy Bike will be visiting Oakwood Gala in Derby
- 12th July - Chesterfield Lower Market Square.
- 14th July – Keyworth Show. www.keyworthshow.org
- 21st July – Stainsby Folk Festival. www.stainsbyfestival.org.uk
- 1st August – Lark in the Park, West Bridgford. www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/larkinthePark

Carbon Footprint Stalls in Chesterfield Area

4th August, Rykneld Square, Chesterfield

11th August, Staveley

Organised by Marches Energy Agency and Chesterfield BC

An opportunity to find out how much carbon dioxide your lifestyle produces and how you can reduce this, and lower your energy bills at the same time. Our footprinting tool covers energy, food, transport and waste.

B. Local News

Transition Belper Wins 'Community Energy Challenge' Funding

Transition Belper in Derbyshire has won a share of £200,000 worth of support to help develop community-owned renewable energy projects. The group is one of just seven in the UK to win a national competition, set up by the Co-operative and the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE). The aim is to energise the community-owned energy sector and bring about a clean energy revolution across the UK.

The Co-operative wants to see a dramatic increase in community owned renewable energy generation and hope that the winning communities will demonstrate replicable

technologies and the benefits of community ownership that can leave a lasting legacy for the next generation.

The expertise and support, which will include specialist mentoring, enterprise development and technical advice, will help the group to explore and develop community-owned and run hydro power projects in the Derwent Valley world heritage corridor between Cromford and Derby. The Community Energy Challenge will nurture community projects until they are ready for further investment and build. They will then be eligible for other assistance from The Co-operative including The Co-operative Enterprise Hub's revolving £400,000 fund to underwrite community share offers, and finance from The Co-operative Bank which has ear-marked £100 million for community renewables.

www.transitionbelper.org

www.co-operative.coop/enterprisehub

Green Power Team Volunteers Needed

The Partnership Council are looking for unemployed Nottingham City residents who want to take part in an exciting and comprehensive volunteering package designed to help them back into work and support them while they are out of work. Their next project begins on 3rd July and the commitment required is two days per week.

The package includes practical work outdoors under the supervision of an experienced team leader, accredited training course in horticulture (Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture and option of City & Guilds) and career advice sessions. Places are available to people who are unemployed, over 18 but not yet retired, and resident within the boundaries of Nottingham City. Please note that places on this project are for volunteers and are not work placements.

To take part in this exciting project you need to be able to commit yourself to two days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00am – 4.00pm) for two months (unless you go into paid work before the two months ends or need to attend job interviews, etc). To find out more please call Dori on 0115 970 8200 or email dori@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk/index.php?/projects/green_power_team

Live Data Feed for Local Community-Owned Wind Turbine Up and Running

The community owned Vestas V29 turbine in Hockerton now has a live feed of data to the web site. Here you can see the current rotational speed, power output and wind speed.

<http://ftp.romaxtech.com/>

C. National News

Insulation Installations to Plummet Under Green Deal

The government's own assessment of the Green Deal, its new green policy to make homes more energy efficient, suggests that it looks set to fail. The Department for Energy and Climate Change have estimated that once the scheme is launched in the autumn of this year installations of loft insulation will plummet by 83% and cavity walls by a similar

amount. Only insulation of solid walls is expected to rise, due to government grants that will be available.

Department of Energy and Climate Change (Decc) statistics show that 10 million (43%) of all lofts require more insulation and that 8 million home with cavity walls (42%) have yet to be insulated.

Currently loft and cavity wall insulation can be installed in homes for free, or at a highly subsidised cost. This will end in December 2012. To find out more about offers in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire visit: www.everybodys-talking.org/insulation-offers.

Shares Available in Community Owned Large Solar Farm

Westmill Solar Farm, which is based on the Oxfordshire/Wiltshire border is offering shares in the only large solar farm in Britain aiming for community ownership. The farm was completed last July, so benefit from the highest level of FITS.

Register your interest: www.westmillsolar.coop/shareoffer.asp.

Opportunity to Buy Shares in a Woodheat Community Co-operative

Woolhope Woodheat is a Community Co-operative which installs wood fuel boilers free of charge to hard-to heat buildings. The Co-operative then supplies heat at a reduced price over fossil fuel, with woodchip from local, sustainable woodlands. You can join the co-operative and get a return on your investment while doing something real to reduce carbon emissions and save neglected woodland from decay.

www.woolhopewoodheat.org.uk

D. And Finally...

Jess Gold and the Animated Earth Concert Tour

Big Green Machine presents Jess Gold's Animate Earth Concert Tour, a 15 date September extravaganza. Jess and her band will launch her new album 'Project Earth Rock' by playing the first ever UK concert tour of unashamedly eco-focused songs performed with the intention of... making people feel good. During the show cartoonist Danny Fenster will bring to life audience offerings with the creation of a unique satirical cartoon.

Community groups are invited to book the tour to come to their town. More information: www.animatedearth.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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