

Community Climate Action Email June 10

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.

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A. Local News

Online Community Group Profiles Deadline Approaching

All climate change-focused community groups in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire are entitled to a free online profile on the new Everybody's Talking website (www.everybodys-talking.org). **A profile will give your group an online presence without requiring you to create and maintain your own website.** It could help you to advertise your group and recruit new members.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer please fill in the form attached to this email and send it to cgan@mea.org.uk by **25th June 2010**. Please only submit one form per group.

Networking and Signposting Service

Marches Energy Agency's Networking and Signposting Service allows Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire-based community groups taking action on climate change to enquire about projects or activities they might want to set up or topics they would like to know more

about. We can help you to find other groups and organisations that you would like to work with, learn from and share with. We can also direct you to resources, websites and courses. **No question is too easy or too hard** and we aim to respond within 10 working days. So if your group is big on ideas but short on time to research those ideas let us know.

The service has been set up in direct response to the needs of local community groups as identified in a recent survey of those groups.

Email your question or enquiry to ccan@mea.org.uk or call 07748 508704.

Can EcoTeams Help You Achieve Your Goals?

Over 1,000 people in Nottingham have been part of an EcoTeam, a short-term group which meets six times to plan practical actions to reduce each household's impact on the environment. They look to reduce energy and water use, increase recycling and think about greener ways to travel. It's a practical way to get together with other local people and support each other to make changes. By taking simple measurements along the way you also get personal feedback on any savings you've made.

EcoTeams are completely free and there are plans to run an event to explain what they're all about if there is enough interest. To find out more about EcoTeams please contact Tom Veitch from Global Action Plan – tom.veitch@globalactionplan.org.uk.

B. Local Events

TONIGHT: Transition West Bridgford is Two

Test Match Pub, West Bridgford
7:30pm, Tuesday 15th June

Transition West Bridgford is celebrating its second birthday. Come along for a sociable evening, to find out about previous projects, sign up for current activities and to make suggestions for future projects.

Community-owned Wind Turbine Talk

Southwell Minster School, Nottingham Road, Southwell
7:30pm-10pm, Thursday 17th June
Free

Find out how a local community worked with a local farmer to install a community-owned turbine, and are now harvesting the wind and reaping the financial rewards to plough back into the community.

Coombs Village Community Energy Project Event

Coombs Village Hall (SK23 9UW), Coombs, Derbyshire
10:30am-12:30pm, Saturday 19th June
Buffet lunch provided

A chance to find out about the activities of Coombs Village Community Energy Project and to see their air source heat pump and solar hot water system. To book call Mike Evanson on 01298 815030 or Bill Purvis on 0845 129 777 (ext. 2127).

Peak Hydro Users Forum Consultation Event

Ashford Memorial Institute, Ashford in the Water – on the A6, north of Bakewell
2pm-5pm, Saturday 3rd July

If you want to develop a micro hydro site or have done already then this is the event for you! Organised by Friends of the Peak District (FPD) and Sustainable Bakewell it aims to form a Peak Hydro Users Forum (PHUF). The main topic for discussion will be what users want from the Forum. To register to attend you need to complete a questionnaire which can be found here: www.peakhf.org.uk/index.php. If you can't attend but are interested in the forum please also fill in the questionnaire.

Enquiries should be directed to Dan Zamoyski on 07790 818883 or at info@sustainablebakewell.org.uk.

C. National News

Government to Cut Its Emissions By 10%

David Cameron ordered a 10% cut in greenhouse gas emissions from the government estate within a year on 20th May, during his first visit to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). The 10% pledge fulfils a promise the Conservatives made in December and is in line with the aims of the 10:10 climate campaign that the Labour cabinet and all shadow cabinet ministers signed up to personally last year. Watch a video of the announcement: www.1010global.org/uk/2010/05/video-cameron-huhne-1010-interview.

Pose a Question to Chris Huhne

Tell the 1010 campaign what you think they should be talking to Chris Huhne, new Energy and Climate Minister, about at <http://www.1010global.org/uk/askchris>.

Low Carbon Building Programme (LCBP) Closes

The government closed the LCBP with no prior warning on 24th May. The popular scheme, which provided grants for the upfront cost of installing micro generation, had been expected to continue throughout 2010 before being closed to make way for the Renewable Heat Incentive – expected to be launched in 2011.

There was £3 million left in the scheme at the point it closed and this will go towards the savings of £6 billion the government has pledged to make in this financial year.

Read the government's announcement here:

www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/Microgeneration-for-your-home/Closure-of-the-Low-Carbon-Buildings-Programme

Read MEA's response to the announcement here:

<http://www.mea.org.uk/news/other/closure-lcbp-response>.

Find out more about the Renewable Heat Incentive, and Feed-in Tariffs, here:

<http://www.mea.org.uk/fact-sheets>.

Greenpeace Competition to Re-Brand BP

Greenpeace have launched a competition to re-brand BP in the wake of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. They are asking people to redesign the BP logo to reflect 'their dirty business'. The competition closes on 28th June. See entries here: www.greenpeace.co.uk.

Newsnight Examines Peak Oil

The oil spill prompted Newsnight to look at the issue of peak oil:
www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00sqc2j/Newsnight_09_06_2010/.

D. And Finally...

Having problems reducing your own terrible carbon footprint? Then take some time to play with the national carbon footprint with this fun (and slightly addictive!) tool:
www.guardian.co.uk/environment/interactive/2010/apr/21/national-carbon-calculator.

Also, read George Monbiot's revealing article on the tool and our nation's 'missing' carbon emissions: www.monbiot.com/archives/2010/05/05/carbon-graveyard/.

That's all for this month.

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:
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