

Conference Report



Nottinghamshire's Community Climate Action Conference

Saturday 13th November 2010

Forever Green, Ransom Wood nr Mansfield

A Nottinghamshire Climate Change Partnership Initiative



www.everybodys-talking.org

1. Summary

Sincere thanks - well worth coming to and gained much understanding. – a delegate

Nottinghamshire Climate Change Partnership's Living For Tomorrow Conference for Community Groups tackling climate change was a great success. Delegates spent the day sharing their diverse experiences of working at community level and hearing from organisations which can support them.

The day included keynote speeches from community-group leaders from outside the county to provide inspiration. Mike Kinghan of Whittington and Fisherwick Environment Group, Staffordshire began the day by talking about the group's development of their own carbon footprinting tool which has seen significant reductions in the carbon footprint of local households. Helena Cooke and Nick Green of Incredible Edible Todmorden began the afternoon session by talking about their group's vegetable growing projects.

Community groups shared their knowledge and skills with each other through workshops run in the morning session. Workshop topics highlighted the diversity of work going on in communities in Nottinghamshire, ranging from 'Running an Eco Homes Open Day' to 'Setting up a Community Allotment.' In the afternoon Service Providers led workshops to demonstrate how their organisations could support the work already being done by community groups to reduce carbon emissions and move further towards a low carbon economy.

Conference delegates also had the opportunity to share with each other what they had learnt from the day and how they intend to apply it in their local context. Finally, they were invited to suggest messages that the Nottinghamshire Climate Change Partnership should take to the coalition government.

Feedback from the conference was positive with many people particularly appreciating the opportunity to network with others.

59% of delegates who answered the question 'What aspect of the conference will be most useful to you?' mentioned 'networking', 'contact with others' or 'meeting people' in their answer.

2. Overview

A. Audience

The Conference audience consisted of:

- Individuals or members of existing community groups interested in taking action or forming groups to tackle climate change.
- Representatives from existing low carbon community groups.
- Representatives from local authorities and third sector organisations which work with low carbon community groups.

The second group made up the largest sector represented at the conference and they clearly felt a need for this kind of event to support them in their work.

B. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Conference were:

- To inspire low carbon community groups. For example, by encouraging them to have a more ambitious or focussed vision or to improve knowledge of tools or techniques to be more effective.
- To enable existing low carbon community groups to take further steps to reduce carbon emissions within their communities.
- To help local authorities and other service providers to engage with, and better understand, low carbon community groups and ascertain what support they need from the public sector.
- To share the good practice which already exists within low carbon community groups in Derbyshire and celebrate their achievements.
- To improve communication and relationships between community groups and 'service providers', amongst community groups, and amongst service providers.

3. Structure of the Day

Given the audience, the day was designed to be **informal** and **inspirational**. It offered lots of opportunities for community groups from Nottinghamshire to input their own knowledge and skills and network with each other and with service providers. There was also the chance to be inspired by speakers from outside of Nottinghamshire who have successfully implemented projects within their communities.

A. Keynote speeches

The day began with a welcome and introduction to the Conference from **Rob Crowder**, Chief Executive of Rural Community Action Network Nottinghamshire (**RCAN**). This was followed by an inspiring keynote speech from **Mike Kinghan** of **Whittington and Fisherwick Environmental Group** (WFEG). WFEG's achievements include:

- Creating their own online carbon footprint tool and asking people living in the area to fill it in once a year. Those who have completed it three years running have, on average, reduced their footprint by 18% and those who have done it two years running have reduced it by 8.5%. The most recent year people have completed it included the winter of 2009-10, which was very cold, making the figures all the more impressive.
- Completing 121 Home Energy Checks in 120 homes – just under 10% of all the homes in their area, as well Energy Checks in a number of small businesses and community buildings. Each householder was left with a bespoke action plan showing current energy use and CO₂ emissions, a list of recommendations and information on where to go to implement that recommendation.
- 80 of these homes have gone on to install cavity wall and/ or loft insulation, and 15 of them have also installed solar hot water systems.
- Recommendations from community building surveys have also been implemented where low energy lighting and insulation measures have gone in. Measures have also been added to the local pub and funding options explored around biomass boilers and electricity generation at the primary school and air source heat pumps at the sports pavilion.

In the afternoon **Nick Green** and **Helena Cooke** of **Incredible Edible Todmorden** talked about their group's aspiration to make their town self-sustaining in vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat and dairy by 2018. This has led to them growing vegetables in a number of public spaces ranging from community allotments to supermarket car parks and the grounds of disused buildings. Their achievements to date suggest that might achieve their aim of self-sufficiency.

When asked to rate the afternoon Keynote Speakers out of ten on a feedback form five answers included: '12', '11', '10++', '14' and '10+!'

B. Workshops



Most of the day was given over to carousel-style workshops run by community groups and service providers.

In the morning seven community groups from around Nottinghamshire each provided a workshop which explained an initiative they have undertaken within their community group. Each workshop lasted 25 minutes and ran three times in a row, allowing delegates to choose three of the workshops to attend. Workshops leaders had free reign to run their workshop as they chose, but it was suggested that they begin with a ten minute presentation explaining where the idea for the initiative came from, how it was implemented and lessons that the group had learnt from running the initiative. This was then followed by fifteen minutes of questions and group discussion about how the initiative might be repeated and/or adapted by other groups.

'Thank-you – it's wonderful to be recognised and invited to share our experience with others at this level. We hope to have inspired others to try to do the same.' –
Netherfield Eco Action

'Really, really engaging and inspiring speaker' – a delegate commenting on the
Low Carbon Communities workshop

Afternoon workshops were run by representatives from a range of service providers which can offer help and advice to community groups. They followed the same carousel format as the morning workshops.

Workshop topics and the organisations which provided them are listed on the next page.

Morning Workshops

	Community Group & Facilitator	Topic
A	2020 Green Vision, Collingham Bob Imries	Running Regular Volunteer-led Markets with Local Produce www.2020greenvision.org.uk
B	Greening Ruddington Barbara Breakwell	Running a Successful Greening Campaign http://ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/?page_id=1481
C	Netherfield Eco Action Team Kay Brennan, Kevin Price, Claire Quiqley	Going Plastic Bag Free: cotton shopping bag project
D	Transition West Bridgford Tina Holt	Running an Eco Homes Open Day www.wbecohouses.co.uk
E	Transition West Bridgford Karina Wells & Mike Finn	Setting up and running a Skills Exchange scheme http://transitionwb.co.uk/
F	Pedals Hugh McClintock	The Campaign to Re-open Wilford Suspension Bridge www.pedals.org.uk
G	Transition Wollaton & Bramcote Charlotte Grimley	Setting up a Community Allotment http://transitionwollaton.weebly.com

Afternoon Workshops

	Service Provider & Facilitator	Topic
1	Global Action Plan Tom Veitch	EcoTeams www.globalactionplan.org.uk http://ecoteams.org.uk
2	Energy Saving Trust Teresa Jackson	Feed-in-Tariffs: How Community Buildings can Benefit. www.est.org.uk
3	Energy 4 All Jon Halle	Support for Community-owned Renewables www.energy4all.co.uk
4	Marches Energy Agency Simon Ross	Low Carbon Communities www.mea.org.uk / www.lowcarboncommunity.org
5	RCAN Rob Crowder	Support for Rural Communities www.rcan.org.uk
6	Greening Campaign Terena Plowright	Greening Campaigns in Nottinghamshire www.greening-campaign.co.uk
7	Nottingham Energy Partnership Jerome Badley	Meadows Ozone Community Esco project: Community-owned wind power www.nottenergy.com
8	Caroline Harmon	Gaining Positive Media Coverage

C. Lunchtime Marketplace

The Marketplace offered community groups and service providers the chance to showcase their work and learn what service providers could offer them. There was also an informal opportunity to network with others over a buffet lunch.

D. Summary/Feedback Sessions

Both the morning and the afternoon ended with a chance for delegates to reflect on what they had learnt and how they might apply this learning in their community group and/or local context. Thoughts were recorded on flipchart, with a selection below, and all comments in the appendices.

Don't be afraid to contact service providers / organisations. They're there to help

know your audience

Keep inviting people to join you and shout about how it's going.

Start with something achievable. Then move to bigger things.

Get your language right and give people positive opportunities and ideas

How can we join all good thing been done in the room together to make a difference/change things a higher level?

Sharing is important

Keep a list of key contacts and keep them informed.

Community feeling – “big picture” - might be faltering but local actions make a difference

Using local examples of good practice

Make contact with existing organisations

Within the final feedback session of the day people were also asked to say what message they thought the Nottinghamshire Climate Change Partnership should take to the coalition government. All answers recorded on flipchart are included in the appendices. A selection are shown here:

Fund green energy

*Make
consumption hurt*

*Listen to
communities*

Read 'Zero Carbon
2030'

***Remove the
obstacles – get out
of our way!***

E. Guided Cycle Ride

The day began and ended with guided cycle ride from Mansfield Train Station to the conference venue, led by Rob Murray from Pedals, a local cycling group. The aim was to allow people who wouldn't feel confident cycling to a place they hadn't been before the chance to cycle there with a guide. The route was mostly on cycle paths.



A poem provided by Dave Wood, a conference delegate, at the end of the day

the metaphors of tomorrow - today

tomorrow's living should be living today
what starts at the bottom starts spreading around
what footprints get counted will soon melt away
we're finding more hope and feeling less down

and what starts at the bottom starts spreading around
so let's gossip - keep chatting - and heat up the greens
we're digging more local and out of the ground
what we find is the clay - which seems rather mean

but what footprints get counted will soon melt away
and our spades will turn swifter as the soil comes alive
it's metaphors we're talking about changing today
for today is tomorrow - with investment in time

we're finding more hope and feeling less down
what begins at the bottom starts spreading around

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*Thanks for an
interesting and
informative day
– a delegate*

*Fantastic energy
– a delegate*

4. Resources Available Post-Conference

A) www.everybodys-talking.org

This website is the Climate Change portal for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. It includes a community section.

B) Community Climate Action Network

This network offers a range of **free** services to climate change-focused community groups in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire including:

- **Regular E-Newsletters** packed full of the latest local and national climate change news and events. To subscribe, email 'subscribe', your name and the name of any climate action group you belong to, to: ccan@mea.org.uk.
- **Online Community Group Profiles** at www.everybodys-talking.org. An easy way to give your group an online presence. Email ccan@mea.org.uk to receive a form.
- **An Online Space to Advertise Your Group's Events**. Simply fill in a form at www.everybodys-talking.org/community-events and your event will be added within five working days.

- **Networking and Signposting Service** for groups that are big on ideas but short on time to research those ideas. Send us an enquiry about a project you want to set up or a topic you want to learn more about. We will do the research and signpost you to resources, websites and courses as well as other community groups you might want to work with or learn from. **No question is too easy or too hard** and we aim to respond within 10 working days. Email your question or enquiry to ccan@mea.org.uk or call 07748 508704.

C) Planning Aid England provides free, independent and professional planning advice to communities and individuals who cannot afford to pay professional fees.
www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk.

Anyone can contact the East Midlands Planning Aid Advice Line on: 0870 850 9802 to be given independent advice. Their website states: 'We give some advice to all callers. If you meet our eligibility criteria you may be given extra help by one of our professional planning staff or volunteers.'

D) Funding Advice

A number of delegates expressed a need for advice on funding in feedback forms. We would advise approaching your local **Community Voluntary Service**:

Nottingham: www.nottinghamcvcs.co.uk

Newark and Sherwood: www.nandscvs.org

Volunteer Centre Rushcliffe: www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk

Ashfield Volunteering – Hucknall Volunteer Centre: 0115 968 0420

Eastwood Volunteer Bureau: www.eastwoodvolunteerbureau.org.uk

Mansfield Volunteering Centre: www.mansfieldcvcs.org

Voluntary Action Broxtowe: www.vcb.org.uk

Gedling CVS: www.gedlingcvcs.org.uk

Erewash Volunteer Action CVS: www.erewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk

'Funding is an issue'
- a comment made on
flipchart paper during
a feedback session

Appendix One

Summary of Community Group and Service Provider Workshops

2020 Green Vision, Collingham

www.2020greenvision.org.uk

Running Regular Volunteer-led Markets with Local Produce

Led by Bob Imries

- We wished to encourage local trade (within 12 miles of Collingham)
- Quarterly events are self-funding and profitable (although first one's refreshments sponsored by Lincolnshire Co-operative Society)
- Generally, we sell 25 stalls at £5 each, provide catering (£120) and raffle (£70). We count around 250 visitors per event.
- Outcomes - we can market special concerns, and put money into other activities, e.g. community orchards, walks leaflets, carbon foot-printing, swift nesting boxes
- Downsides - set up and take down is difficult for ageing group, because hall is badly configured (heavy tables kept at stage level, rather than floor level)

Greening Ruddington

greeningruddington@ntlworld.com

http://ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/?page_id=1481

How to Run A Successful Greening Campaign Led by Barbara Breakwell

- The Greening Campaign started in Petersfield, Hampshire. It was introduced to Nottinghamshire by Rushcliffe Borough Council in 2009. Ruddington was the first community to participate in it.
- It is a structured programme with three phases. The first phase encourages a community to audit their lifestyles and celebrate their "greenness".
- The community agree a list of 10 simple actions and, via a launch event, promote them. Households then receive a challenge card with the actions on. They then tick the ones they do or plan to do and once five are ticked they display their challenge card in their window.
- The cards are counted and a calculation is done by the "Greening Campaign" which quantifies the collective amount of CO2 and water that will be saved in a year along with a financial forecast of the potential money saved by the community.
- It raises awareness of climate issues in an informal "fun" way and the programme has the potential to build on the initial response by considering other possible actions through phases two and three.

Going Plastic Bag Free: Cotton Shopping Bag Project

Led by Kay Brennan, Kevin Price, Claire Quiqley

Key steps



If only we'd known...

- 😊 Flexible approach to project, adapting to community needs
- 😊 Getting local kids involved
- 😊 Funding: setting up formal group

Transition West Bridgford

www.wbecohouses.co.uk

email: info@wbecohouses.co.uk

Running an Eco Homes Open Day Led by Tina Holt

The Eco House Open Day was a chance for local people to visit houses in West Bridgford which displayed one or more eco features in the house or garden.

- A few members of Transition West Bridgford approached seven local home owners. The Energy Saving Trust, Rushcliffe Borough Council and a Lib Dem councillor also provided support and a £100 grant to cover expenses.
- Publicity was carefully controlled – only people visiting the EST stall and other renewable energy stalls at the local summer fair were invited. The insurers of the fair also covered the Open Day as a linked event.
- Home owners were advised to mention the event to their home insurers, to put valuables out of site, and to have plenty of helpers on the day to assist and guide visitors. Installers of technologies were present at some homes to provide technical information.
- Visitors signed up with the EST and were given a ticket for each house. Home owners were sent a list of their visitors before the open day. Each home was open for just two hours.

Pedals

www.pedals.org.uk

The Campaign to Re-open Wilford Suspension Bridge

Led by Hugh McClintock

- When campaigning, know which are the key people / organisations you need to influence
- Take care to seek out potential allies to help raise the profile of your case, make it more credible and build-up your support, with appropriate media coverage
- Show persistence (don't be fobbed off!)
- Keep your supporters / allies informed of progress and setbacks
- Make sure that you give those you are lobbying reasonable time to act but also make clear that you will organise further campaigning (protest) if they still do not

Global Action Plan

www.globalactionplan.org.uk / <http://ecoteams.org.uk>

EcoTeams led by Tom Veitch

- We looked at the free EcoTeams programme from Global Action Plan and how it helps groups of people work together to reduce their household environmental impact
- A number of community groups have used EcoTeams as a springboard to other environmental projects, or to involve other people in their community
- We looked at the “Energy Appliance Game” which helps people explore what uses most electricity in the home and the “Water game” which compares different water-using activities in a down to earth way
- You can find out more about EcoTeams and how to get involved at www.ecoteams.org.uk or by contacting Tom: tom.veitch@globalactionplan.org.uk.

Energy 4 All

www.energy4all.co.uk

Support for Community-owned Renewables led by Jon Halle

- Think Big. Real community-owned renewables are possible: Westmill co-op raised nearly £5m! See <http://westmill.coop> for inspiration.
- Start with what you have. Get the maps out and apply some common sense. There will be opportunities somewhere in your area
- Renewable energy is a goal in itself. Unless you get a big grant or find an amazing opportunity you will not make a large income for your organisation.
- Think like a developer. We have a different bottom line from commercial developers. But we need to be as professional and realistic as they are - more so! sustainability and social justice are more important than money.
- Join our network of community energy activists working on real hydro, wind, solar, biomass and biogas projects by going to <http://shareenergy.coop/network>.

Marches Energy Agency

www.mea.org.uk / www.lowcarboncommunity.org

Low Carbon Communities led by Simon Ross

- Low Carbon Communities is a programme seeking to inspire a step change in responding to climate change and fuel security at a community level.
- It provides sustainable energy tools and knowledge directly into homes, schools, businesses and community buildings.
- MEA offers a range of options as part of your Low Carbon Communities Project, including energy surveys for homes, community buildings and small businesses, workshops for homeowners, online energy monitoring, work in schools, volunteer training, help and advice on funding opportunities and project coordination.
- LCC provides access to resources including energy display monitors and light bulb libraries.
- It is a shared journey that builds momentum so that taking action becomes the norm and people feel empowered and supported to do so.

Gaining Positive Media Coverage led by Caroline Harmon

- Your local media (newspapers, radio, regional news) can provide you with free publicity, in the form of press coverage, if you approach them in the right way.
- When communicating with the media, whether by press release, letter or in a media interview have a **maximum of three points** you want to make and stick to them: you will be able to remember this many and it will make your message clearer.
- Remember to think of a **human angle** of hook for the media. Stories about people are what the media want. They also like **time hooks**: can you tie your story to a national event or something that is happening **now**?
- **Press releases** are a good way to contact the media, but always follow them up with a phonecall. Assume the media will only use the first paragraph of your release and sum up your whole story in this paragraph: the **how, who, what, when, where, why and how** of your story should be there.
- The Environmental Trainers Network offer one day courses in working with the media, specifically designed with environmental organisations in mind:
<http://shop.btcv.org.uk/etn>.

Appendix Two: The Conference Programme

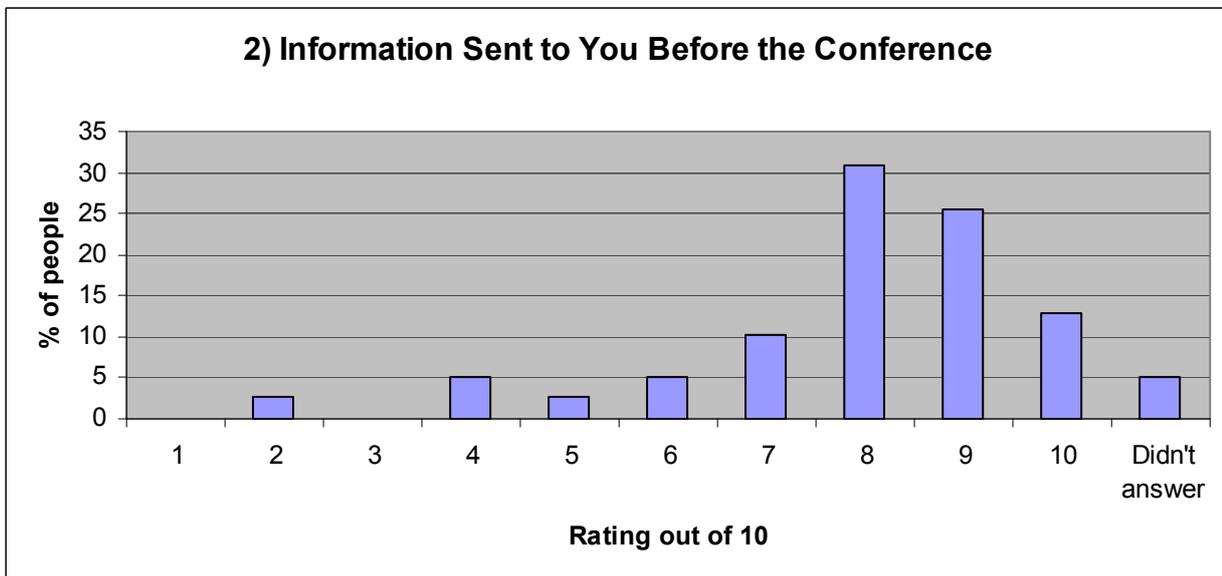
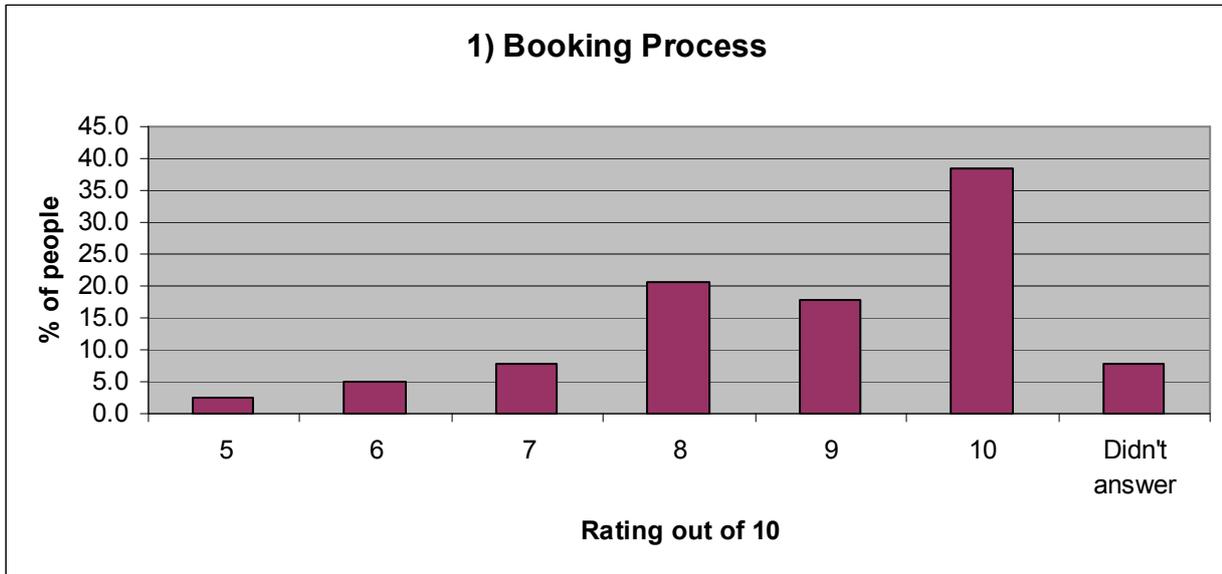
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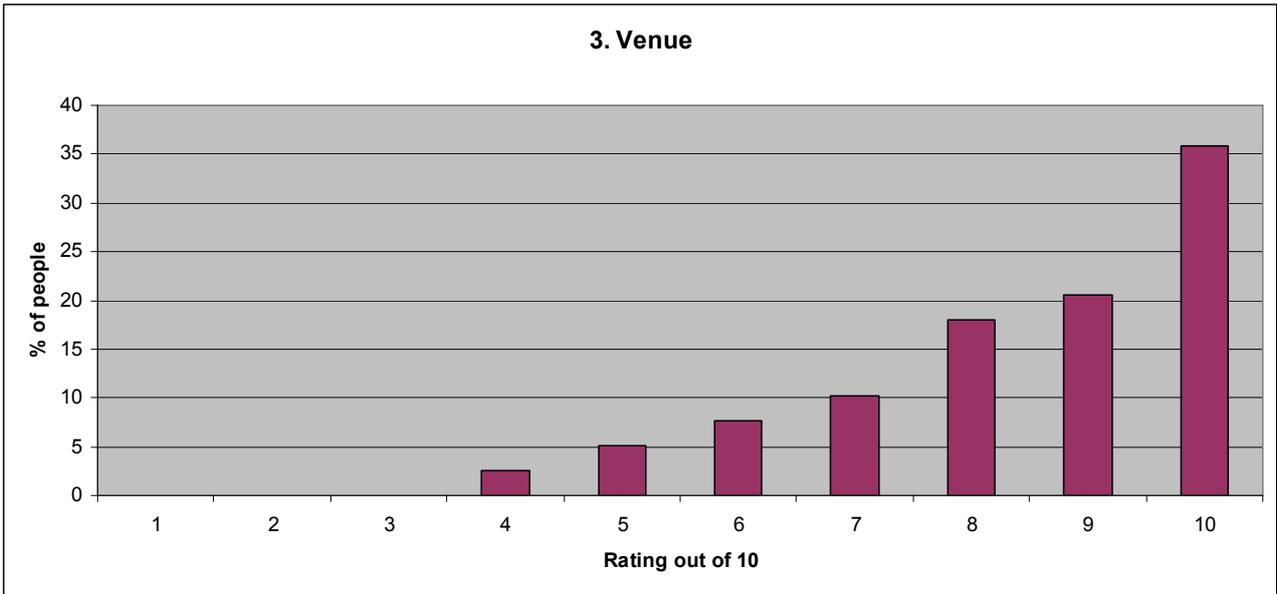
- 9:30 **Registration and Refreshments**
- 10:00 **Introduction from the Conference Chair**
- 10:05 **Keynote Speaker**
Mike Kinghan, Whittington and Fisherwick Environmental Group
www.wfeg.org.uk
- 10:30 **Introduction to the Morning Workshops**
- 10:40 **Carousel Workshops facilitated by Community Groups**
Including a refreshment break.
You will be able to attend three workshops. Please see the next page for a list of topics.
- 12:25 **Morning Feedback and Summary**
- 12:40 **Lunch**
There will be a **Marketplace** in The Glades, close to the main entrance downstairs.
Claim your free TV Powerdown at the MEA stall (limited no. available – first come, first served!)
Please also take the opportunity to **Network** with other delegates.
- 13:25 **Afternoon Keynote Speaker**
Helena Cook & Nick Green, Incredible Edible Todmorden
www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk
- 13:50 **Introduction to the Afternoon Workshops**
- 14:00 **Carousel Workshops facilitated by Service Providers**
Including a refreshment break
You will be able to attend three workshops. Please see the next page for a list of topics.
- 15:45 **Afternoon Feedback and Summary**
- 15:55 **Next Steps / Closing Remarks**
- 16:15 **Finish**

Appendix C: Feedback Form Results

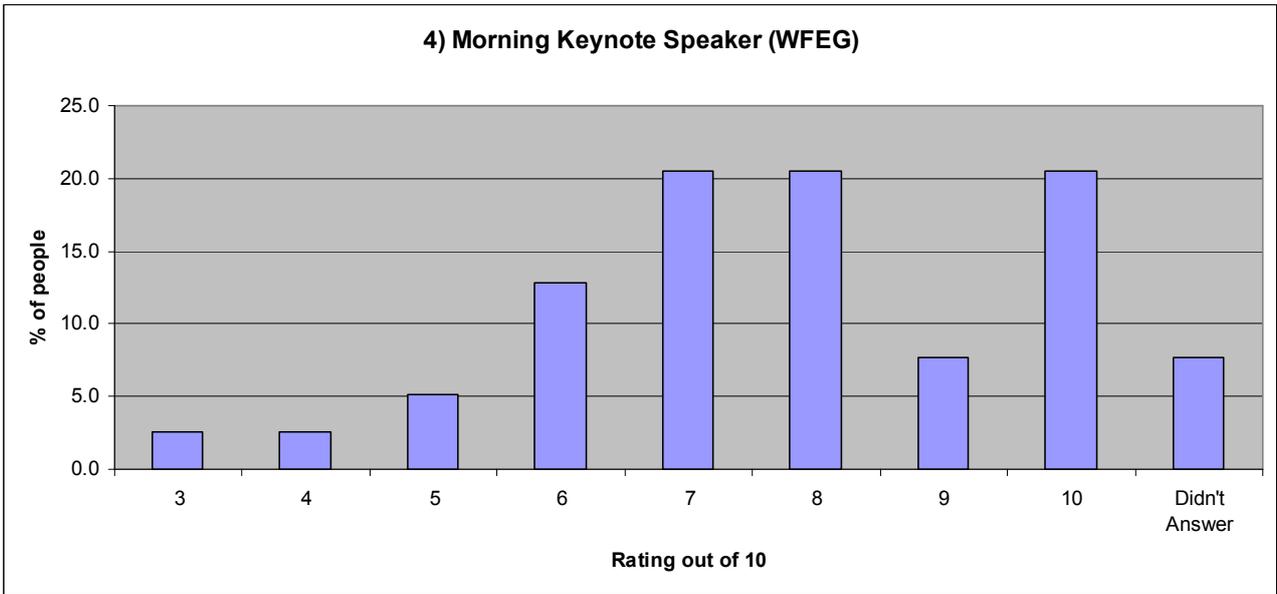
39 of the delegates filled out a feedback form at the end of the day.

Delegates were asked to rate the following things on a scale of 1 (terrible) to 10 (wonderful). They weren't, at this stage, asked for further comment but some provided it anyway and this is listed below each table.



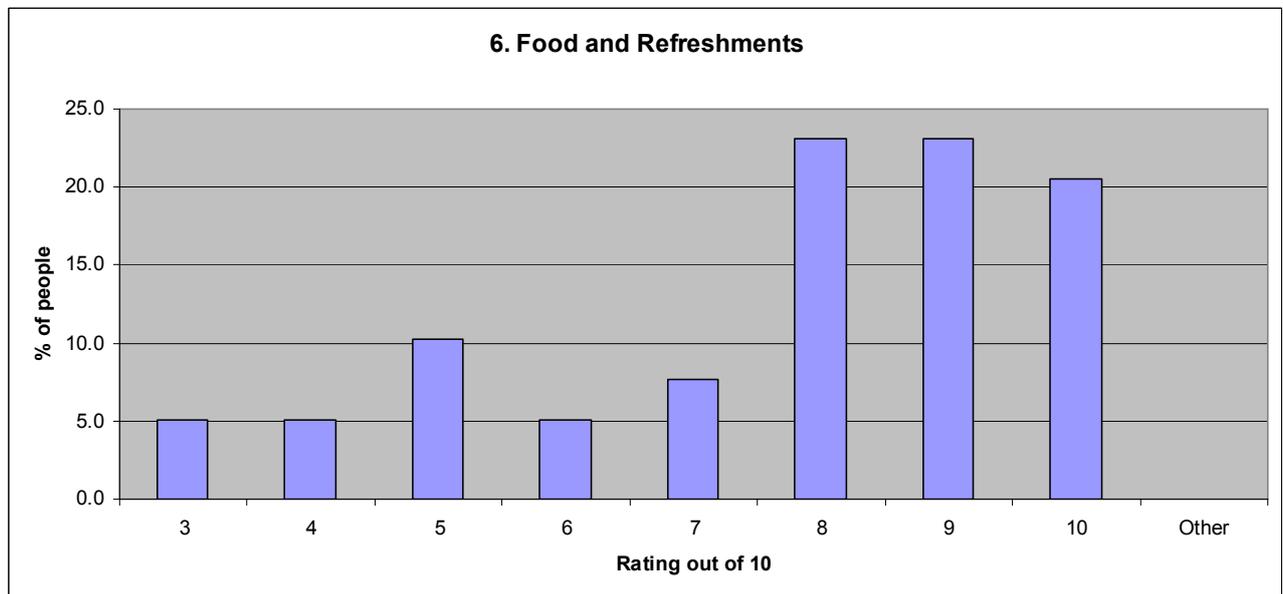


Too stuffy.
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 Not easily accessible to other than cards
 No Lift!
 Too Hot!



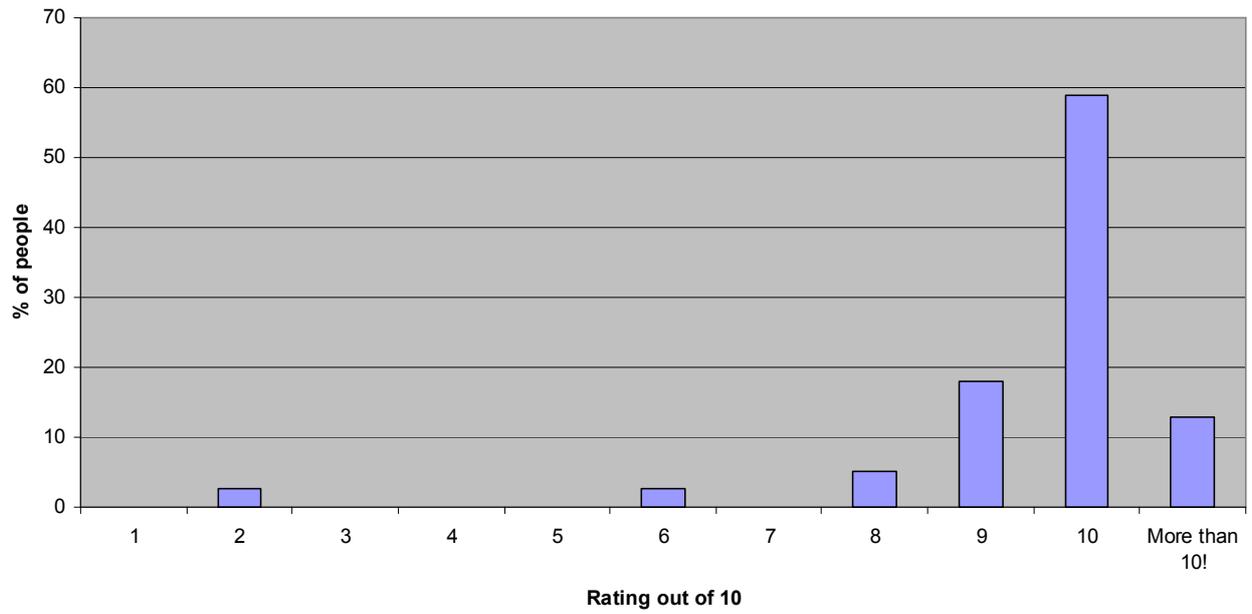


Most people who didn't answer this question were workshop leaders

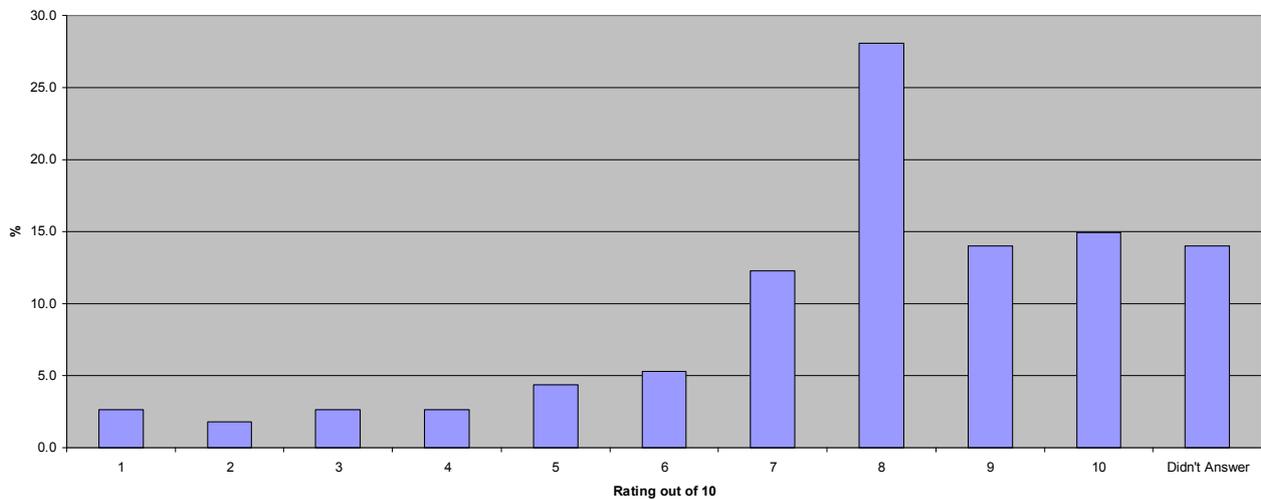


- Not big range and not labelled
- No fresh food, vegetables or fruit
- No fruit!
- Great but would have liked some green
- No labelling for veggies
- Local?
- Vege food not labelled, confusing
- Please label veg/began and separate

7. Afternoon Keynote Speakers (Incredible Edible Todmorden)



8. Afternoon Workshops



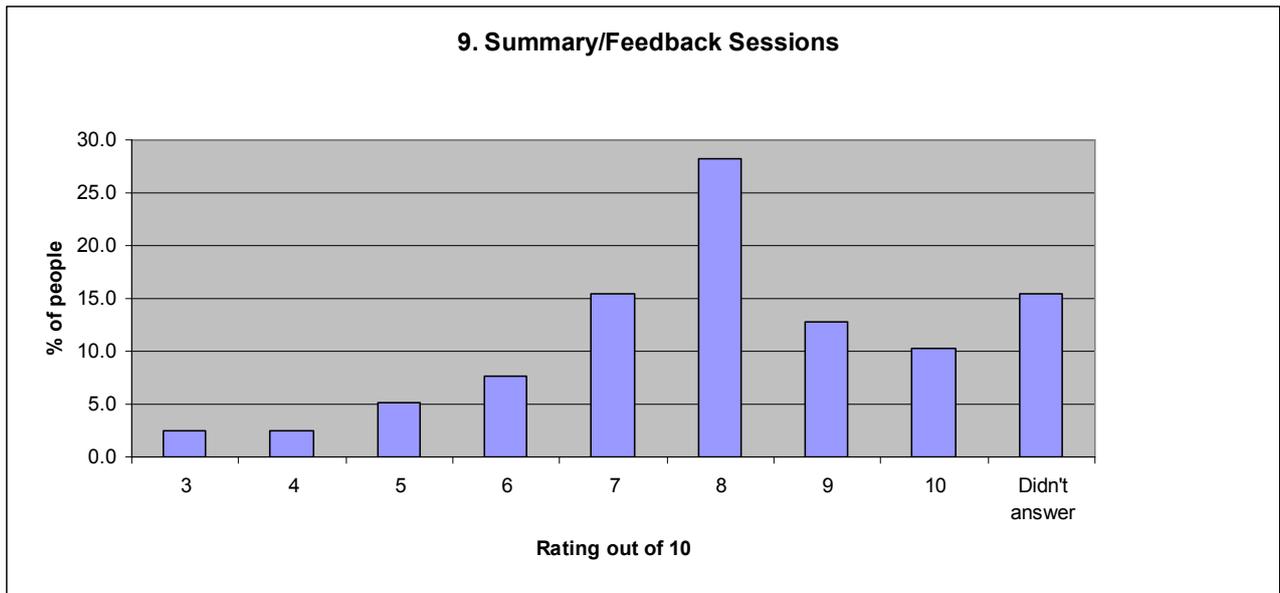
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On Low carbon Communities Workshop:

- Inspiring.
- Really, really engaging and inspiring speaker.

On Gaining Positive Media Coverage Workshop:

- Good, but I'd done it before.
- Not long enough!



Delegates were also asked to provide written answers to three questions. All answers are given here:

What aspect of the conference will be most useful to you?

- ‘Networking –finding people who have already tackled an issue and have found a solution’
- ‘Networking’
- ‘All!’
- ‘Networking opportunities
- ‘Chats. Greening Campaign experience’
- ‘Connecting/networking’
- ‘Message of ‘Keep it simple’
- Contacts
- Promoting our project. Finding out about other projects
- Learning about what is going on in the county in terms of environmental action in communities
- Finding information which is available if you know where to look
- Chance to network. Opportunities to talk to support agencies/services.
- 1) Networking. 2) Reminder of important messages.
- Everything!
- The second keynote speaker and the Energy 4 All
- Networking and finding out about what others have achieved. The chance to learn about related projects or projects I can learn from.
- Too much too soon to know. Probably Marches
- Eco Teams and greening opportunities
- Specific ideas from people ... what they’re doing.
- Positive Approach
- Networking
- Networking, finding out what’s out there.
- Range of practical ideas. Contacts local and wider organisations.

- Networking
- Networking – sharing of ideas
- Todmorden project. Caroline's work.
- Networks and inspiration
- The contact with other like minded people. The knowledge that small steps are ok too.
- Positive invitation to do something locally.
- Networking
- Knowledge of services available. Inspiration.
- Networking as always.
- Who to contact for advice and ideas for future use.
- Networking
- Meeting new people and exchanging ideas.
- Contacts
- I found many aspects inspiring.
- The information was extremely useful and the networking was an interesting concept with local people.

What aspect of the conference will be least useful?

- 'Microphone/ powerpoint overkill
- None
- Feedback
- As my areas of research is historical climate and weather no one seemed to be looking much to history and learning from the past.
- Cycle parking at venue relatively poor.
- Too many stats and too focus
- The polemics (more suitable to e.g.: WI group)
- Would have liked to attend more workshops – couldn't bring any friends to spread the work. Not knowing exactly what workshops were beforehand so could plan with group which to go to.
- Greening Campaign – dictatorial approach
- Public transport links
- Not having food labelled

If we were to run a further activity for community focused groups what would you like us to cover?

- More of the same!
- Unsure
- Mansfield and District
- Perhaps include community groups who observe (and record) weather and weather-related events to see how climate change is impacting on local communities.
- Access to Forest Footpaths/cycleways
- Sustainable transport
- Biodiesel
- In the energy context, something on insulation (to cut energy use) to balance out the emphasis on renewables (i.e.: generation)
- Group and size geographically

- Recycling. Litter. Transport.
- Funding. What others are up to, how to do it.
- Keeping the network going without the NCC lead.
- Try and involve Key Decision Makers, i.e., Politicians with Power.
- Seeking funding – from more local councils, who have sustainable depts.. – what are they doing?
- Trips to inspirational projects.
- More about voluntary and community development because that is where it all comes from.
- Action days and inspirational projects.
- Car fuels
- Climate change, recycling perhaps with Eco-Churches to have a stall. Invite NCC portfolio holder the environment to this event, for NCC support.

Any other comments:

- 'Thanks'
- 'Thanks for an interesting and informative day'
- Catering was minimal for vegetarians
- Not enough veggie options for lunch (and unclear which were)
- Excellent
- Please label food!
- The schedule for the day could have been sent around before the event.
- Too stuffy.
- Room too hot and stuffy in the afternoon!
- Very impressive place. Upstairs loos would be helpful.
- Water on tables poorly thought out. People needed to keep their glass! (and why not tap water).
- Thanks-you. Food should have been labelled for vegetarians and non veggies. Only found 'non coffee' drinks at the end.
- Sincere thanks - well worth coming to and gained much understanding.
- Ironic that this is 'Living for Tomorrow' which has been made redundant, 'Living for Yesterday'
- Well done! Why weren't the vegetarian options labelled and not much variety. That was surprising,
- Fantastic energy
- Thank-you – it's wonderful to be recognised and invited to share our experience with others at this level. We hope to have inspired others to try to same.
- Really good venue – thank you.
- Great event, thank you

Appendix D: Thoughts Recorded on Flipchart in Summary / Feedback Sessions

Living for Tomorrow Conference: Feedback on Flipchart

- How can we join all good things that have been done in the room together to make a difference/change things to a higher level?
- Something like Change4 Life with national funding.
- Just do it! (yes you can)
- Keep inviting people to join you (and shout about how it's going.)
- Start with something achievable. Then move to bigger things.
Too big = failure = Despondency = No action
- Find local gossip!
- Community use of stuff.
- Social impact on community
- Keep catchment area local
- Coming together to bring about desired aim
- Planting trees at church school
- Don't be afraid to contact organisations like MEA and NEP. They're there to help.
- Sharing is important
- Sell on £ savings and mention CO2.
- Get your language right and give people positive opportunities and ideas.
- There are a lot of positives around
- How do we overcome resentment from local workmen at loss of trade.
- Success if 10% of people being onboard
- People need to adapt their presentation to their audience – know your audience
- We can't be too dependent on funding – find way to do it without funding!
- We can be anal about insurance and H&S. Often they're easier to sort out than we think, but also sometimes they're just not needed.
- Before you create energy consider how much you need. If you need more then only produce what you will use.
- Intrigue people : 'What's going on?'
- Community starts with schools
- Recycled clothing fashion – link with charity shops
- Growing schemes are a good idea
- Community feeling – "big picture" might be faltering but local actions make a difference. Local creativity.
- LFT Magazine and a website (as a stop gap) must continue
- Impressed by MEA.
- We're not done
- Funding is an issue
- A greening fund is available for Newark
- Provide sustainable conference food and tap water
- Join up our thinking
- Make contact with existing organisations
- Keep as list of key contacts and keep them informed.
- Using local examples of good practice³

Things the NCCP should tell the Coalition Government:

- Listen to communities
- Remove the obstacles – get out of our way!
- The country's resources belong to the country, not government. Referring to selling off of forests.
- Fund green energy
- Organise meetings locally in neutral environments
- Read Zero carbon 2030
- Make consumption hurt