



Progress so far

The site – arrangements are being made to borrow Belper Town Council's market stalls and the gazebos they store for Amber Valley Council. Marquees can be hired from between £300 and £500 depending on size and discussions are on-going to try to secure sponsorship to help fund having some weather protection. There are toilets in the Clubhouse and changing rooms can be designated as additional female WCs. Derbyshire County Council may have some portable disabled toilets that can be borrowed. Recycling and waste generated during the event will be dealt with by the Rugby Club. The Rugby Club will provide evidence of public liability and equipment insurance as well as all the required food, drink, entertainment and event licences. The police will be informed and the Fire Officer will be invited to make a safety inspection and check risk assessments. The Midlands Co-op have very generously offered £300 towards costs.

Food zone – we will invite local churches, charities and community groups to provide hot and cold food and drink (non-alcoholic). There will be no stall charge for these organisations but they may have to provide evidence of food hygiene standards. Other food - cakes, ice cream and the like - may be provided by local farmers or small businesses and local food to take home may be offered by local businesses and social enterprises such as DE4 and Soundbites. Charges for stalls generating an income are £20 for a day or £30 for the weekend. This compares well with Farmer's Market stall charges. We will also invite local chefs to demonstrate their skill by bringing the leftovers from the previous day and cooking something up in demonstration sessions. **We need someone to take on the organisation of all the food aspects of the weekend.**

Entertainment zone – this is open to any local musicians, poets, choirs, dance groups or other performers to come and entertain us. Dick Watson will be co-ordinating the entertainment so if you'd like to perform please contact him (contacts below). We are looking to find a solar powered public address system but with back up – just in case! Entertainment will be strictly acoustic – so no electric guitars or keyboards. **Contact [Dick Watson](#) to discuss the Entertainment Zone**

Home Energy zone – we are looking to arrange displays and demonstrations of insulation and renewable energy products as well as energy

efficient products such as boilers and lighting. Glow-worm will be bringing a range of their products to show and may have local installers on hand to talk through the details. Marches Energy Agency have offered their newly revamped 'Fantastic Home' for the weekend but there is a large cost attached. We'll need some additional sponsorship approaching £800 if we are to take up their offer. We will be talking to the Energy Group to see what energy advice and carbon footprint calculation service we can offer. **Contact [David George](#) to discuss the Home Energy Zone**

Recycling zone – this has the potential to be an amazing display of what can be done. Lynne Henley is organising this and is gathering material for interactive sessions. She has a pair of shop mannequins (Mr and Mrs Green) to be clothed in who knows what. We also have a local artist interested in displaying clothes made from recycled bike parts and both Oxfam and the British Red Cross are taking stalls. Please save glossy magazines, buttons, haberdashery and corks in particular and let Lynne know if you have any recycled or upcycled item you're particularly proud of and are willing to lend for display. We are trying to involve other groups who lead activities making things with unwanted material in very creative ways. There are also local artists and makers who are upcyclers who may have stalls in the area between the crafts zone and the recycling zone. We also have access to a paper brick maker but its owner may be away – can anyone offer to help the public make paper bricks for the weekend? Perhaps we can see how big a wall we can make before we give the resulting bricks to a worthy cause. Lynne also want to make flags and banners for the event from scrap material, buttons, haberdashery etc. and will be organising some very sociable sewing sessions for anyone interested in helping out. More ideas welcome! **Contact [Lynne Henley](#) to discuss the Recycling Zone**

Bike zone – this might be expanded to look at other aspects of transport locally. Ideas include a bike maintenance workshop, proficiency testing, ownership marking and interesting obstacle courses. We need to involve the local cycling groups and bike shops. **We need someone to take on organising the Bike Zone.**

Craft zone – we're looking to craftspeople to come and give demonstrations and let people have a go where it's safe to do so. We'll probably have a display from the ECO Centre in Wirksworth and may have a two day project to build a giant wicker man. Local artists and makers will be encouraged to have a stall to sell their wares. **The Craft Zone needs an organiser.**

Garden zone – we'll be asking local garden centre nurseries to bring their stock of fruit, herb and vegetable plants that are ready for planting out and also to give a garden growing advice surgery. It would also be great to have some bird box and bug hotel making sessions and have some locally made compost for sale. **The Garden Zone needs an organiser.**

Local zone – ideas include promoting Fair Trade and our local shops and businesses through the Totally Locally campaign. This could also provide a second opportunity for young people involved in the Youth Market to sell their wares. Another aspect of the zone could be local clubs and societies, local history groups, Derwent Valley Mills, other transition groups etc. **We need someone to take on organising the Local Zone.**

Kids zone – this should be fun activities for kids of all ages. Ideas include parachute games, face painting, hair braiding, bug hunts and tree identification. All other ideas welcome. **We need a big kid to organise this and to make sure those leading activities are vetted to required standards.**

Well-being zone – for stalls and demonstrations of natural and organic remedies and anything else promoting health and wellbeing such as aromatherapy, massage, homeopathic remedies, yoga etc. We may have a volunteer to organise this zone – watch this space.

Campaign zone – Transition is a 'doing' movement rather than a 'campaigning' group but there are others whose campaigns may be worthy of being aired at least. These may include Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and the like. We need someone to organise stalls by such groups in a neutral, unbiased way but bearing in mind our commitment to equalities. Any volunteers?

Belper's future – we may also have a zone to allow the public to take part in a number of exercises to get their views of how we'll be living in 20 years' time. From where our energy will come from to how we'll get around, work, play and eat. This will be a great opportunity for the

Energy Descent Action Plan group to start engaging local people in the process.

How can I help?

- If you have some time over the next couple of months to help organise a 'zone' please get in touch or come along to Green Drinks at the Talbot, Bridgefoot from 7.30 on Wednesday 20th March
- If you can help out on either day or in setting up and taking down on the Friday/Monday please email your contact details to David George and include the days and times you will be available
- We may need a van to collect from addresses around the area on Friday 31 May and deliver to the Rugby Club first thing next morning
- We need to hope for hot sunny days and prepare for the norm – if anyone has a gazebo or large tent (with a high enough roof) that we can borrow please get in touch
- If you'd like a stall or to participate in any way by selling, displaying, demonstrating, entertaining or doing please get in touch
- If you have any ideas not mentioned above we'd like to hear them

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