



## Next Transition Meeting

Tue, 5th February 2013, 19:30 – 21:30 at The Strutt Centre, Derby Road, Belper.

We hope to see many old and new faces at our regular monthly meeting, which this month welcomes two fascinating speakers. The first talk will be by Freda Raphael whose topic is entitled: *'Bullbridge and Sawmills: Why a community grew out of having to move heavy things.'* This will be followed by a talk from Pippa and George Mansell about their community plans for the Salvation Army building on the marketplace.

## Green Drinks



Mon, 21 January, 19:30 – 22:30  
Black Swan, Market Place, Belper DE56 1FD  
Come and join us for a relaxed, friendly get together in a lovely pub.

## Skillshare Workshop

The next workshop will take place in March and is entitled "**Taking cuttings and sewing seeds**" This will be a practical workshop which will help us prepare herb plants for the

summer food fair. To book a place email [Kathy](#)

## Events Co-ordinator Needed

Are you a good organiser? Do you have 4-5 hours a month spare? **We are looking for an events co-ordinator** who will oversee the administration of the skills workshops and any public events we are organising. It is a very rewarding role and full support will be given by the rest of the core group. The role would involve:

- booking venues,
- checking the organisers have complete risk assessments,
- checking insurance documents have been handed in,
- distribute posters and help promote events
- help organise skillshare workshops

Our past co-ordinator Ali has had to give her workshop co-ordinator role up due to other commitments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her wonderful work in the past. We have had some great workshops organised by her and we will miss her in this role.

Workshops are a great way of learning new skills and meeting new people whilst creating something useful. They are usually held on the third Saturday of the month and are run on a voluntary basis. Anyone can offer to run a workshop, to share a skill that will help us to become less dependent on oil and to reduce carbon emissions. They are fun and informal. Past workshops have included: spinning wool, bike maintenance, energy saving, willow weaving, tool sharpening, bread making, knitting etc. There may be a small charge for some workshops, to cover the cost of materials. **If you have a skill that you would like to share, please contact [Kathy](#)**

## Energy Descent Planning underway



The first meeting of the Energy Descent Action Plan Group was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January and work is underway. In kicking off the process of planning for a low carbon future for the DE56 postal area we've decided to take a different approach from those other towns who have tackled the task. Whereas others have looked at an ideal scenario at some point in the future – usually 2030 – and then tried to work out how to get there we'd like to plan the ideal future and see how long it will take to get there.

### **Name that plan**

Energy Descent Action Plan is a bit of a mouthful – ideally we'd like something that sounds a bit more exciting and gives some idea of what we are trying to do as well as the area we're covering. So, we're throwing it open to everyone to chip in with suggestions. Please email [David George](mailto:David.George@belper.gov.uk) with your ideas and we'll organise some sort of online poll.

### **Transition training**

We'll be looking at the idea of organising some Transition Training in Belper that would be open to other Transition Groups from across the Midlands. This will help us be prepared for interacting with and involving all sections of our communities in coming up with the ideas that will shape our future.

Part of preparing to reach out will be making sure we're on top of the latest scientific findings around climate change and declining oil production. Then we need to adjust what we'll be saying to our audience which could range from junior school children to WI to U3A to the Civic Forum. Of course we won't just be talking science and future scenarios as we'll also need to show how our natural resources have been used to shape our past and work out whether we can learn some lessons from our local pioneers and innovators. We also need to quantify our communities using the latest available data – if we are to think about reducing carbon emissions by, say, 80% then we need to know how many tonnes we are aiming at.

### **Next meeting**

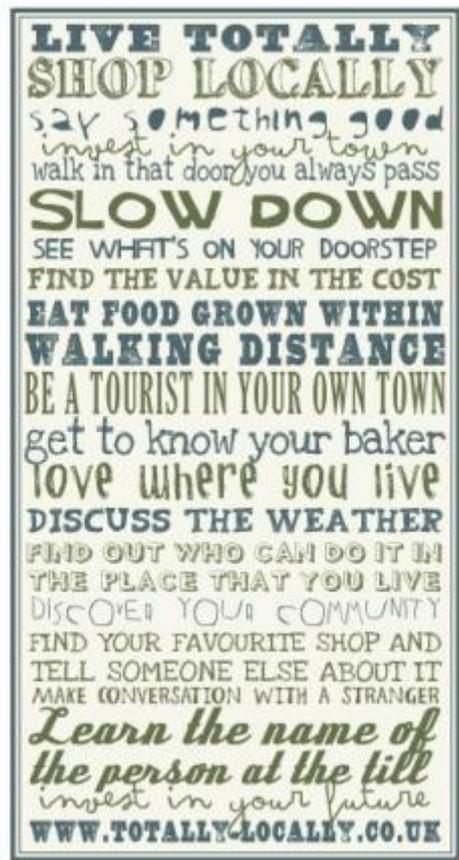
The next meeting is at 8.00pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Old King's Head, Days Lane, Belper – please do come along if you're interested in getting involved. We'll be starting to think about what we can come up with for display material for schools, libraries, empty shop windows etc and how we can involve the many local arts and history groups in providing some valuable input.

## **Totally Locally Planning**





Over the Christmas holiday period we invited over 50 independent retailers and cafe owners in Belper Town Centre to a meeting which took place on 15th January in St John's Chapel to ask if we should launch Totally Locally Belper. Following the meeting we now have 5 very enthusiastic 'town champions' who will be meeting in early February to start planning the launch of Totally Locally Belper. More information about the Totally Locally idea and details of towns who have already launched can be found on <http://www.totally-locally.co.uk/>



## YOUTH MARKET

Be part of an exciting pioneering project - Derbyshire's First ever Youth Market.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013**



Transition Belper are organising a **Youth Market**, a pioneering event created to encourage young people to experience the world of business. This will be an exceptional marketplace and creative space for young people to connect, gain entrepreneurial experience and showcase their creative and organisational skills. This event will feature stalls and social areas where young people can:

- sell their creations/produce/service
- perform and entertain
- provide refreshments and showcase their catering skills

We expect a large number of creative young minds to showcase their innovative designs, creations and performances, such as handmade jewellery and clothes; vintage and second hand clothing, music, films and books; original artwork, photographic art; quirky craft items; designer stationery; soft furnishings; homemade food and refreshments; home grown fruit and vegetables, flower arrangements; music performances; story telling; dancing; comedy shows; face painting; nail art; hair and beauty advice and makeovers.

We aim to involve two distinct groups of young people who would like to use their skills to help us bring about a new generation of young entrepreneurs. Those who have exceptional organisational, business and marketing skills will be engaged to help organise the event. Others, who are creative or love to entertain, will showcase their talents by either selling their products or entertaining the visitors. We already have a number of students from the University of Derby involved in helping organise the day.

**This is an exceptional opportunity for young people to experience the world of business, gain entrepreneurial experience and to improve their CVs or University Application Forms, whilst making money too.** Therefore, if you know any young people aged 14-25 who would like to get involved, please spread the word.

Also, we need funds to help us set this exciting project up, so if you would like to sponsor this event or make a contribution, please contact us. All sponsors will be gratefully acknowledged.

For further information, contact Kathy on [kathyf100@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyf100@hotmail.com) or ring her on 07779412702

## Chasing Ice Film to be shown in Belper

The award winning film 'Chasing the Ice' is to be shown in Belper during February. Keep an eye out on the Transition Belper facebook page and website for the exclusive announcement of the location, date and time of the film showing. The Co-operative are presenting this film nationwide as part of its ongoing commitment to combat climate change. The Midlands Co-operative have a few free tickets left for Coop members and concessions. Please contact Member Relations on 01332 293653 or email [derby.members@midlands.coop](mailto:derby.members@midlands.coop). The Co-operatives Climate Change Campaign Manager, Colin Baines, will be coming along to the showing at the Ritz in Belper and will join us for discussions in Fresh Ground cafe after the showing.

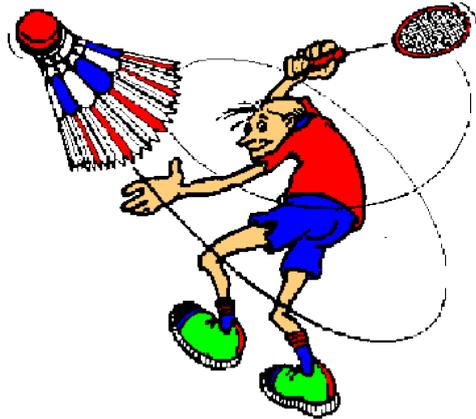


## Renewable Heat Premium Payment project (RHPP 2)

A not for profit organisation who Transition Belper work with have contacted us to let us know they have a limited number of Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP 2) vouchers, up to a value of £2,500, to help householders switch from Oil Boilers to renewable Biomass Boilers. If you might be interested in taking advantage of this offer please contact [Ian](#) and he will put you in touch with the coordinator who is arranging the surveys.

## **Energy Group helping The Cottage Project**

The Energy Group are giving a helping hand to the Cottage Project in trying to save energy and reduce costs. So far an energy monitor has been fitted so that electricity usage can be tracked and in the next week or so a socket monitor will be used to work out how much each electrical appliance is costing to run. Then we'll see if other low cost measures such as draught-proofing, radiator reflector panels, heavier curtains etc can be used to make a difference. We'll also see what the thermal camera says about heat losses and explore the potential for additional insulation.



Come and join us for some badminton fun every Sunday morning at The Belper Sports Centre from 10:00 am. Keep fit, have fun and don't take yourself seriously. We are of mixed ability and ages and have had some really good laughs over the last 3 weeks.

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## Photographs of Belper Required

Joanne Bamford, the Tourism & Culture Co-ordinator of Amber Valley Borough Council is building a photo library and requires good quality images to use in publications and websites to promote the Belper businesses, events, independent traders, and to encourage people to appreciate the town. She is looking for attractive images of the town centre, landmarks, countryside, town centre events and shops and businesses. If you would like to donate/allow your photos to be potentially used in promotional material (as long as you have copyright of the images, permission to photograph any people included and be happy for us to use the image in a variety of ways) please send them to [avbctemp@googlemail.com](mailto:avbctemp@googlemail.com) marked clearly FAO Joanne Bamford.

Please ensure you provide your name and the location of where the photograph was taken. **Please note, by sending your photographs, you are giving AVBC permission to use them on their website, and other websites and publications associated with Amber Valley Borough Council.**

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The Midlands Co-Operative Society have asked if we would publicise the following event. If you need any further information, please contact Dick Watson on 01773 826750.

***MIDLANDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED MEMBER  
RELATIONS***

# VISIT TO ROCHDALE & SALFORD QUAYS

*Thursday, 7th February, 2013*

In the morning we will visit the birthplace of the Co-operative Movement at the Pioneers Museum, Toad Lane, Rochdale. The Museum is now fully refurbished and due to the huge makeover during 2011/12, provides more room for memorabilia to be on show and access has been provided for people with disabilities. The Museum showcases where the Pioneers opened their first shop in 1844 and started a revolution in retailing. In the afternoon we will travel to Salford Quays where you will have free time to visit the Lowry Museum, the Imperial War Museum, Manchester United Football Ground or shop.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REPLY SLIP TO THE MEMBER RELATIONS OFFICE:

MCS Ltd., Member Relations, c/o Derby Department Store, 3rd Floor, Exchange Street, Derby, DE1 2PS (Tel: 01332 293653)

£10 PER PERSON

(Coach and complimentary coffee/tea/biscuits at the Baum Restaurant, Rochdale)

(Cheques made payable to MCS Ltd)

As you will be away from home for a long period of time, please ensure you have a list of medication, your medication with you or a contact name and telephone number in case of accidents.

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## MEMBERS' VISIT TO ROCHDALE & SALFORD QUAYS

**THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 2013**

PICK UP POINTS (please tick appropriate box)

Belper (outside Co-op)      8.00 a.m.            Derby Full Street 8.30 a.m.     

Littleover (outside Co-op)      8.45 a.m.     

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of passengers: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Final Reminder - Belper Literature Festival short story competition



The best story will be published and will receive a prize of £ 200. Second prize is a £50 book voucher kindly donated by Scarthin Books. The entry for the short story competition closes on 1st March. If you would like an entry form, please email [Kathy](mailto:Kathy)

## Beth de Lange, Belper Community Musician has asked us to promote this visiting American vocal ensemble

A decorative poster for the Northern Harmony vocal ensemble. At the top is a stylized sunburst graphic with a circular center containing a star-like pattern. Below the graphic, the title 'NORTHERN HARMONY.' is written in a large, hand-drawn, blackletter-style font. The text on the poster provides details about the ensemble's performance: 'Acclaimed vocal ensemble from Vermont, USA returns to Derby, presenting thrilling harmony singing from across the world: South African songs and dances, traditional music from Georgia, Corsica and the Balkans, American shape-note singing and jubilee gospel quartets, and more.' The performance is on Sunday, 10 February at The Voicebox, Forman Street, Derby DE1 1JQ. It includes a Singing Workshop from 2:30-5:30 and a Concert starting at 7:30. Ticket prices are listed as Workshop: £18, £12 concessions; Concert: £10, £6 concessions; and Workshop+Concert: £25, £15 concessions. Contact information for information or bookings is provided at the bottom: 07532 355 879 or email: derby\_sings@kaleidoscope-music.org.uk.

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New Facebook Group set up by Lynne



Do you hate waste and would like to upcycle, recycle or re-use? HelpReUpcycleDE56 connects people who would like to offer items, advice, ideas etc to like minded people. Please log onto <http://www.facebook.com/settings/?tab=applications#!/groups/HelpReUpcycleDE56/doc/322857937818250/> to join. We would also like to remind you that there are another 2 great social networking websites with offer discussion, exchange of ideas and information. Transition Belper's facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/groups/119516118070116/> and Belper Fruit and Veg Forum <http://www.facebook.com/groups/108911675805234/>



**Transition Chesterfield ran their Potato Day last Saturday but due to the poor weather it was a poor turn out. They will be selling off their remaining seed potatoes next Saturday in The Pavements shopping centre next Saturday for 10am until 2pm.**

Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and join any discussions on Facebook. [Join us here](#)

Belper's fruit and veg grower's forum

There is a Facebook Group locally for exchanging tips and ideas for your garden and anything to do with growing fruit and veg. [Join the Forum here](#)

Contact

The trustees of Transition Belper are:

Chair - [Ian Jackson](#)

Secretary - [Richard Keighley](#)

Treasurer - Adrian Rochford

Core Group - Craig Scott

Core Group and Energy Group leader- [David George](#)

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Trustee - Mick Hepworth

Or you can contact us via the Transition Belper email address: [info@transitionbelper.org](mailto:info@transitionbelper.org)