



As is usual at the beginning of every year, many of us wonder what 2013 will bring. Volunteering, climate change, community and social cohesion are subjects that have been in the public eye in the last few days. For an interesting and inspiring presentation on what we hope the next 10 years will bring to Transition Towns, please watch Rob Hopkins' *Vision for the Next Ten Years* at <http://transitionculture.org/2013/01/03/welcome-back-and-a-vision-for-2013/>

Next Transition Meeting

Tue, 8th January 2013, 19:30 – 21:30 at The Strutt Centre,
Derby Road, Belper.

We would like to see as many new and old faces as possible at our meeting on Tuesday night to help us develop our plans for events, projects, workshops and meetings through what looks like being a very exciting 2013. Let us know what you think we should be achieving this year. Please come along and help us plan some of the exciting projects for 2013. There is a great range - something to suit everyone; your ideas and energy are needed to help make our activities relevant for a sustainable and resilient Belper. The following are just a few of the activities Transition Belper will be involved in:

- Energy descent planning
- Energy advice

- Hydro energy projects
- Transport
- Community gardening
- Totally Locally launch
- Teenage market planning
- Ideas for skills workshops and talks
- Ideas for pop-up shops
- Possibility of an eco festival
- Social events planning

Transition Belper Membership

As Transition Belper grows and develops as a community group, we want to make sure as many people who care about our aspirations as possible are involved in future decision making to help develop a more sustainable and resilient Belper. At the Annual General meeting in November 2012 the members agreed to introduce an annual membership fee which will help Transition Belper become a more sustainable organisation. All members will have an equal say in the development of Transition Belper at our general meetings and will receive benefits throughout the year such as discounted entrance fees to social events.

All meetings, events and projects will be open to all, members or not, but we are hoping people who want to be part of a growing Transition Belper will support us and pay a £5 membership fee. If you would like to become a member of Transition Belper we will be able to take you 2013 membership fee of £5 at our open meeting on Tuesday 8th January at the Strutt Centre.

Travel and Transport Group- New Transition Belper Group!

How we can travel more sustainably in and around Belper

During our meeting on 8th January, we will be discussing the formation of a new group which will focus on improving the sustainable way of travelling in our area. Some of the issues to be discussed will be:

- How will we travel more sustainably in Belper by the year 2030?
- What is your vision for travel and transport?
- How would you like to get around?

If you can't make next Tuesday's meeting, but would like to get involved, please contact Jennie: 07724560827/
jenniemcgeoch@hotmail.com

Energy Descent Action Plan



At the November meeting David George gave us a presentation setting the scene for starting to develop an Energy Descent Action Plan for Belper and the wider DE56 postal area and inviting everyone to get involved in the process. David's presentation is now available on the web site –

see: <http://www.transitionbelper.org/presentation.html> or <http://www.slideserve.com/DavidGeorge/planning-an-energy-descent-action-plan-for-belper>

If you would like to be involved in organising activities to feed into the process there will be an initial EDAP Committee meeting on Monday 14 January at the Old Kings Head, Days Lane, Belper at 8.00. At this meeting we'll try and come up with something a bit more snappy than "Energy Descent Action Plan" and work out how we are going to get the whole community involved.

To do so we are going to have to explain the science and data around climate change and peak oil and ask people to work out the likely scenarios if we fail to respond to these challenges. We're calling this the Domsday Scenario. Then we need to collectively imagine how brilliant life could be in 2030 or 2040 if we take action now to build resilience, reduce carbon emissions and live more simply with much less reliance on burning fossil fuels. Then we work out how to get there. We'll need to draw on our past and particularly times of shortage and hardship to help inspire solutions for the future. We'll also need to be inventive and creative in how we present the plan and then begin to put the words into practice.

If you'd like to be involved please contact David: d.george349@btinternet.com or phone him on 01773 821349 or simply turn up on 14 January. Note that if anyone who wants to be involved has any objection to meeting in licensed premises we'll move the meeting to another venue.

Totally Locally Planning

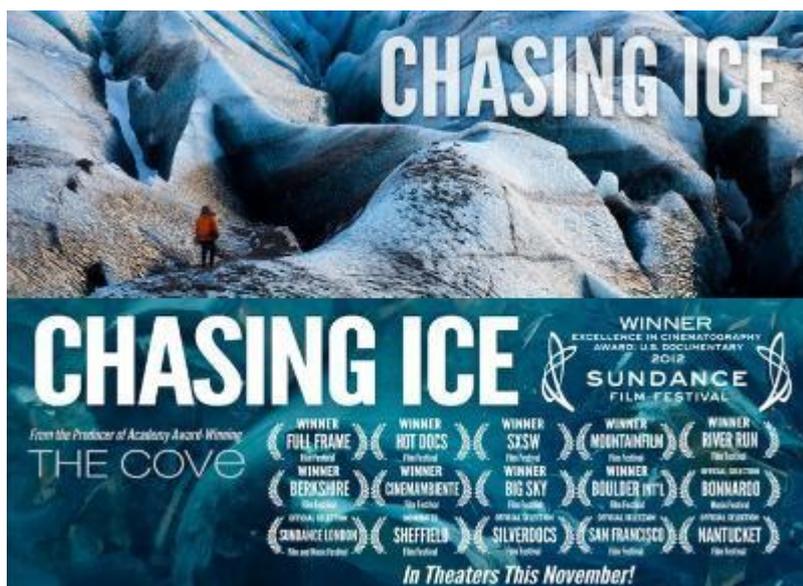
**Totally[®]
Locally**
invest in your town - invest in your future

If you are a local independent shop owner and would like to get involved in this exciting project, please come along to the meeting at St John's Chapel Heritage Centre on 15th January 2013 from 5pm to 7pm. The following is a brief introduction to what this scheme is all about:

"Totally Locally gives your town an award-winning marketing and branding campaign, just like the big multinationals have (and spend thousands of pounds on!). The only difference is that it's free for any town or village to use. That's because we're a bottom-up campaign... rapidly becoming a properly awesome social movement. Totally Locally gives you a shiny kit of marketing and branding stuff, and a good old fashioned plan. You'll need a team of committed people, your town's Totally Locally Champions, to use this stuff to change your town. It costs nothing except some passion, some drive, a bit of elbow grease and determination to get things done. Totally Locally is more than a shop local campaign. It's about working together to lift your whole town."

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.



Good News

We have great pleasure in announcing that Transition Belper are now a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee; the application for us to become a registered charity is also underway.

Free Skillshare workshops and Training

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, as the photos below demonstrate. Past workshops have included: spinning wool, bike maintenance, energy saving, willow weaving, tool sharpening, bread making 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 [Ali](#)**

We would love to find out the type of workshops you would like to see in 2013, so we have created a survey. Please follow the link on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/119516118070116/>





Transition Belper Facebook Group

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:

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Treasurer - Adrian Rochford

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

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Trustee - Mick Hepworth

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Or you can contact us via the Transition Belper email address: info@transitionbelper.org