



## *Transition Belper Newsletter - Late May 2013*

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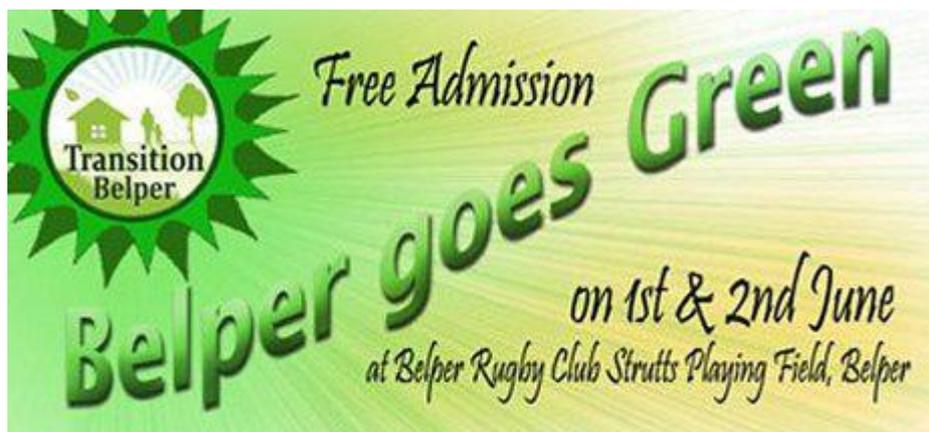
## **Transition Belper Goes from Strength to Strength**

Transition Belper continues to grow and break new milestones all the time. This week we will see the number of supporters for the group going above the 500 level, something the 5 guys who sat together in December 2009 and said 'should we get involved in this new Transition movement' should be very proud of.

From a practical point of view work continues on the green spaces of the **Belper Train Station**, adopted in April 2012, we have just held the first **Youth Market** in Derbyshire, we have seen the launch of **Totally Locally Belper** and this weekend sees the first **Eco festival** to be held in Belper, all organised by Transition Belper.

We now have a unique opportunity to shape the future of the town with the development of the former Thornton's site. At Belper Goes Green we will be running a number of exercises to see how we can improve Belper, reducing our impact on the environment, and Belper Civic Forum will have their 3D model of the town to look at ideas and opportunities for improvement for Belper.

We hope to see all of you, your friends, families and work colleagues this weekend to come and have a great time at the Rugby Club and help 'make a difference' at Belper Goes Green.



Fine weather has been ordered, the beer is settling nicely, the publicity has gone brilliantly and behind the scenes the last minute preparations are in full swing. All we need now is for you all to come on down to the Rugby Club at the weekend and help make Belper Goes Green an event to remember. We're trying to make the weekend as interactive as possible so here's what to bring with you:

- **unwanted clothes** in good condition – change your wardrobe in the clothes swap dome
- **your bicycle** – try out the skills trail course and learn how to mend a puncture
- **unwanted or excess plants** – we'll put a table aside for a plant swap
- **books** – we'll also have a table for book swaps
- **a big smile**

*If you feel like getting involved and helping out you'll be more than welcome. Ian Jackson has set up a [doodle event](#) where you can add your volunteering - or simply contact David George on 07812 300311. This will help us plan but isn't essential - you can simply turn up at the Transition Belper stall and ask what needs doing.*

## Transition Belper Meeting

**Tuesday 4 June at 7.30** at Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper – we'll be talking about the key 'Ingredients' of Transition how Transition Belper is developing as a group, an opportunity to review the past and plan for the future. Graham Truscott of Transition Melbourne will facilitate the meeting.

## Midsummer BBQ – Friday 21st June from 7.00pm

June's 'Green Drinks' takes us back to the Rugby Club for our midsummer BBQ. The Rugby Club bar will be open and entertainment is being arranged. All you need to do is bring along whatever you want to cook up on the grill – and some bread or salad if you're up for sharing. We'll keep the veggie cooking separate.

## 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](#)

## HelpReUpcycleDE56

A Local group to advertise for Recycling, Upcycling, Neighbourly Help & Advice, Lending & Borrowing in the DE56 Area. [Join us here](#)

## Contact

The trustees of Transition Belper are:

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