



Transition Belper News - Mid March 2012 - Issue no 10

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Green Drinks and Climate Change Quiz

On Thursday 15th March at the Greyhound, Whitemoor Lane, Belper from 7.30. There will be a small entry fee per person to go towards prizes for the winners. Other transition Groups in Derbyshire have been invited to come along and take part. So, a real Derbyshire transition get-together. We'll also have a prize for the winning non-transition team. This should be great fun and an opportunity to meet other members, so please come and support the event.

Fantastic Home at the Farmer's Market

- Marches Energy Agency brought their 'Fantastic Home' exhibition to the Belper Farmer's Market on Saturday 10th March, which was a success. Volunteers from the Transition Belper group helped the MEA experts hand out free energy and water saving devices as well as giving advice on insulating homes. The challenges of keeping solid wall homes warm and installing external insulation and some renewable energy technologies in the Belper heritage conservation area were also discussed. It was nice to see so many Transition Belper members come to support this event. A number of people, just like Janie Belhaven in the photo below, had fun pedalling the bike to see how much energy it takes to power appliances at home.



Belper Train Station Adoption Plans

- At the Transition Belper meeting of last Tuesday, 6th March, we discussed the possibility of adopting Belper Train Station. There was great enthusiasm about the possibility of developing the green areas at the station and making them into a community project with a focus on sustainable and wildlife friendly planting. We also discussed two more possible projects – namely, developing two community gardens which would focus on organic edible planting, one situated behind St John's chapel and the other on a piece of land at the bottom of Derwent street. If you would like to get involved with any of these projects, please email [Kathy](mailto:kathy@transitionbelper.org).



Bicycle Maintenance Skill Share Workshop

- **Sat, 17 March, 09:30 – 13:30**, St John's Chapel, The Butts, Belper DE56 1HX. This workshop is now full, but it will hopefully run soon again. If you are interested in attending the next workshop, please email a core group member. If you have any skills you would like to share with the group, we would love to hear from you; please contact a core group member.

Take the Green Deal survey

- As part of the Green Deal and Affordable Warmth support programme National Energy Action and DECC would like to gauge local views on insulation and renewable energy measures and find out how much people know about the forthcoming Green Deal. 35 people have already completed the survey – it would be really good if a few more expressed their views. The survey is anonymous – we only ask for your postcode so that we can summarise results from Belper residents rather than those from further afield. Click [here](#) to take part in the survey.

Belper Food Fairs

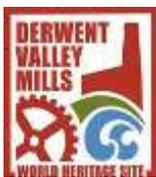
Once again, Transition Belper will have a stand at the two Belper food fairs (for dates see below) with the view of promoting the group. These two events are always great fun and are usually (weather permitting) well supported. We aim to sell little pots of organic herbs at the summer fair, so could the keen gardeners please take some herb cuttings to be sold on the Transition Belper stand.

Belper Food, Real Ale and Craft Festival on Sunday 15th July.

Christmas Food Fair on Sunday 2nd December.

Energy advice training underway

- A series of five two hour training sessions for the Energy Expert Neighbour network got underway on Monday 27th February. Nine volunteers are attending the sessions run by Caroline Harmon from Marches Energy Agency at St John's Chapel. The training is part of the funding from DECC for the Local Energy Assessment Fund. If you would like to be involved please contact [David George](#).



Derwent Valley Mills survey

- Derbyshire has the only World Heritage Site in the East Midlands. Stretching from Matlock Bath to Derby, the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site was designated by UNESCO as it is the site of the world's earliest modern factories and workers housing. The Board is currently in the process of revising its 5 year management plan and would welcome your thoughts on current aspects of the Site as well as any ideas that you have for the future. Would you, please, take a little time to complete the online survey (see link below) and also to ask your friends and colleagues to do likewise. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Derwent_Valley_Mills

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](#)

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