



## Transition Belper News - Mid March 2012 - Issue no 11

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### FREE ADVICE

**Sat 14th April 9.30 - 2.00**  
**St John's Chapel, The Butts, Belper**

Transition Belper's trained volunteers will be on hand to talk to you about how you can reduce your energy bills and save money. Please bring all your energy bills for the last year with you.

We'll also be explaining what a difference adding wall insulation can make.

Booking is not required - just turn up.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day and will be organising a short training session a few days before the event. If you'd like to get involved please contact [David](#)

### Sundry information:

- Next Transition Belper meeting is on Tuesday, 3rd April at 19:30 at the Strutts Centre, Derby Road Belper.
- Ian is looking for a copy of the Belper Express from a few weeks ago that had the TB LEAF bid win on the front page. If you have a copy, please bring it along to the meeting on the 3rd April.

- Next Green Drinks are to be held on Monday 23rd April at the newly refurbished White Hart in Bargate, Belper from 19:30. Please join us for a drink and a natter.

**Interactive Heritage Map added to web site** - Transition Belper have put together a Heritage Map of Belper which shows the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site core and buffer zones, the Belper and Milford Conservation Area and all listed buildings. See <http://www.transitionbelper.org/heritagemap.html>



### **Skills Share Workshops.**

We are looking for more enthusiasts from a wide range of backgrounds and interests to share their skills and interest with the rest of us. If you have a skill you would like to share, we would love to hear from you; please email [Kathy](mailto:kathy@transitionbelper.org). The last workshop on bike maintenance was a great success, many thanks to Dave for running it. It was a popular workshop and we hope it will run again soon. If you are interested in attending the next one, please let us know.



### **LEAF Projects Update**

As we approach the 31<sup>st</sup> March deadline Richard, David and Ian have been very busy completing the projects. We will give a brief update on the projects at our meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Unfortunately due to the good weather we have not been able to carry out the Aerial Thermal Survey but we are using some of the funds allocated to support Transition Belper energy group projects in the future, some of which are:

- A Flir thermal imaging camera
- 10 house energy monitors
- 10 appliance monitor



### Earth Hour

**Hundreds of millions of people, businesses and governments around the world unite each year to support the largest environmental event in history – Earth Hour.**

More than 5,200 cities and towns in 135 countries worldwide switched off their lights for Earth Hour 2011 alone, sending a powerful message for action on climate change. It also ushered in a new era with members going Beyond the Hour to commit to lasting action for the planet. Without a doubt, it's shown how great things can be achieved when people come together for a common cause.



### Belper Community gardening Schemes.

You may be aware that the issue of community gardening in Belper has raised some interest both within the council and Belper News. We are still hoping that the projects will happen and that the community will support us first in the acquisition of social gardening spaces and afterwards with manual labour and advice/support. Community gardening is a great way of promoting civic pride, alleviating social exclusion, learning gardening skills and getting fitter! The issue will be raised at the next Council meeting on 17th April, where we hope to have our point of view heard, so please support us, as we are really keen to get this off the ground. Watch this space!

## **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

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