



Transition Belper News – August 2012

The last few weeks have been rather quiet with so many people being away either for their summer holidays or giving their full attention to the Olympics, just like Ian (our chair) and his wife Helen who spent 3 glorious weeks volunteering at the Olympics. Their delight at being there is evident from the photo below. But, as summer is approaching to an end, numerous activities and events are beginning to surface. This newsletter is packed with lots of news and details of forthcoming events. I hope there is something in here for everyone.



Next Transition Meeting - Tuesday 4th September at the Strutt Centre Belper from 19:30

Meetings are quite informal and very friendly, last about 2 hours with a break for tea/coffee and often move on to the Tavern next door once the business is over. During the September meeting, there will be a film showing of 'In Transition 2.0' which is the new film from Transition Network, capturing inspiring stories of Transition initiatives around the world, responding to uncertain times with creativity, solutions and 'engaged optimism'. It would be lovely to see and meet as many Transitioners there as possible.

Skillshare workshops

Workshops are usually held on the third Saturday of the month. They are run on a voluntary basis and 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, and an opportunity to meet people from our neighbourhood. Past workshops include; spinning wool, bike maintenance, energy saving, willow weaving. There may be a small charge for some workshops, to cover the cost of materials.

- **Saturday September 15th** 10am to 1pm - Tool sharpening and care with Adrian Rochford at St Johns Chapel
- **Saturday October 20th** Evening- Bread making in terracotta flower pots with Rob Lindop - Venue to be confirmed
- **Saturday November 17th** 10am to 1pm - Eco Art with Julie Clare Marshall at St Johns Chapel

It is essential that you book onto a workshop as places are limited. To book call 01773 827485, leaving your name and contact details. To find further details of these and other workshops, visit the Transition Belper website at www.transitionbelper.org. We are very grateful to Belper Town Council for the free use of St. Johns Chapel.

Draft Supplementary Planning Document Draft Development Brief for Land Between The A6 and the River Derwent, Belper.

Amber Valley have produced a draft SPD which "outlines how land between the A6 and the River Derwent, Belper should be developed as part of a sustainable master planning process. This SPD will become part of the Local Development Framework for the Borough Amber Valley Council." This document is "intended to provide guidance and further detail as to the use and development of land located between the A6 and the River Derwent at Belper."

Responses to consultation draft have to be received by Monday 3 September 2012. People can respond individually and in whatever form they like (letter, report style, bullet points etc) – and responses can be by email or post or by hand to the Ripley offices. For further information, please follow the link below:

[http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/community-planning/local-development-framework-\(ldf\)/supplementary-planning-documents.aspx](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/community-planning/local-development-framework-(ldf)/supplementary-planning-documents.aspx)

Leaflet delivery volunteers needed – please help.

As part of a scheme being funded by British Gas free solid wall insulation is being offered to off gas properties where householders use electricity or coal to heat their homes and are claiming one or more of a range of benefits. For various reasons the offer is only open until the end of September and the work needs completing by the end of the year.

We have put together a package of offers that also includes free loft and cavity wall insulation via Apex Carbon Solutions (working with Amber valley Council), the Rural Action Derbyshire oil buying scheme and air source heat pumps from Hybrid Heating that work alongside existing boilers to deliver efficient heating. For off gas properties Government incentives are available. We've been given envelopes and labels so we just need to put them all together and deliver them.

Around 470 houses in Idridgehay, Shottle, Alderwasley, Whatstandwell, Ambergate and Coxbench have been identified as being without mains gas and we already have volunteers to deliver most of them. We do, however, need more volunteers to deliver to a total of around 180 houses in Whatstandwell and around 40 in Ambergate. If you can help out the envelopes should be ready for delivery by next weekend – 1st September. Please call David George on 01773 821349 or email him at d.george349@btinternet.com to volunteer. It is important they are delivered in week commencing 1st September as the accompanying letter gives details of the Energy Advice Surgery we are holding on Saturday 8th September at St John's Chapel.

Energy Advice Surgery – Saturday 8th September 9.00 – 1.00 – please help

We also need help on the day of the Energy Advice Surgery especially as so many of the Energy Group are away on holiday. The Marches Energy Agency Fantastic Home trailer will be at the Farmer's Market giving out energy advice and drumming up support. We need people to be at the trailer on the Market Place to direct people up the hill to St John's Chapel. At the Chapel we'll have a large Transition display and British Gas, Apex Carbon Solutions and Hybrid Heating will be available to explain what they have to offer and how they can save people money. We need volunteers at the Market Place and at St John's Chapel – you don't need to be an expert as we need friendly faces to greet people, direct them and to sort out refreshments. Again, if you can help out please contact David. With an eye to the future it is quite important that this event is well attended. Even if you can't help out or deliver leaflets we'd ask as many supporters as possible to come and spend 10 minutes or so with us on the day at St John's Chapel.

Spreading the word

We'll have about 500 British Gas leaflets and flyers advertising the Energy Advice Surgery that we need to get out into libraries, chip shops, community centres, shops and offices etc. around Belper. We'll have them available at the Transition Belper meeting on 4th September but if you can help get these out before then please contact David.

Consultation for Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan



Derbyshire County Council are inviting the public to take part in a consultation concerning 'Rights of Way' :

"We are asking for people's views on our latest proposals for improving the network of paths and trails across Derbyshire over the next five years, including those in the Peak District National Park. We produced our first Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) in 2007, based on what people told us were the most important issues and what our priorities should be for meeting the needs of both local residents and visitors to the area. It included a statement of the action we proposed to take for the period from 2007 to 2012. We are now revising that statement of action to take us through the next five years to 2017. We would like your views on what we are trying to achieve and whether you, or the organisation that you represent, agree with the way that we have prioritised the aims and identified needs in the draft statement of action or if there are any proposed actions that are missing. We are producing this new document during a challenging time for local authorities in the face of continuing spending cuts. It is therefore even more important than ever to get your comments on how we can strike the right balance between being realistic about what can be achieved against the need to be aspirational." If you'd like to be involved, please follow the link below:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say/consultation_search/Consultation_search_index/rights_of_way_improvement_plan.asp

Belper Train Station green spaces - planning meeting

All the green areas at the train station have now been cleared of weeds and rubble (to some extent) and we are ready to proceed to the next stage - that of planning and planting. If you would like to be involved, please come along to the Cross Keys pub at the Market Place on Thursday 13th September at 19:30.

'On Your Bike' Pedal Power Party – Interdependence Day – Sunday 9 September

2012 – Market Place, Derby 4.00pm to 6.00pm



ON YOUR BIKE NEEDS YOUR PEDAL POWER

THREE EVENTS IN MARKET PLACE POWERED BY YOU
Saturday 18 Aug
Film Day
Swashbuckling & Charlie Chaplin boxing
Saturday 25 Aug
Sports Day
Demonstrations, info & have a go
Sunday 9 Sept
On Your Bike Day
Live Performances & DJ Sets from Derby Artists, Street Performers, Theatre & Community Groups
A flamboyant celebration of Derby communities and what we can do to empower each other.

ON YOUR BIKE

Please Pledge Your Pedal Power

Set aside ten minutes, keep the celebrations going
Dress up, down or fancy - but dress to pedal
What's in it for me?
We're all in this together!
The performers need YOUR energy for them to play.
Get fit, have fun! Come with friends, family or why not get a team together?
Pedal pledges will be an important part of our planning and will enable us to make a fantastic experience for all

PLEDGE YOUR PEDAL POWER HERE
jules@charityshopdj.com including contact details

We are looking for **Artists / Performers** to take part and **Volunteers** to get involved and help out.
If you are interested contact: jules@charityshopdj.com
Find the event on Facebook: <http://is.gd/OnYourBike>
or visit www.charityshopdj.com
We'll be in touch later in the summer with more information

 Derby LIVE OUTDOOR EVENTS
UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
Derby City Council
winforlife
charity shop dj

Charity Shop DJ bring their unique world record holder event to the Market Place powered by the efforts of local community groups. This is an opportunity to share with others those records that mean something to you and at the same time provide electricity that runs the turn-table. Expect an eclectic mix of music and some quirky takes on the Olympics. There will also be a broadcast of the Paralympics' closing ceremony from the Big Screen.

If you are interested please get in touch, your legs or arms are needed (there are hand cranked bikes too). To get involved please contact Jules@charityshopdj.com or mobile 07753662612. For further information, visit <http://www.derby.gov.uk/whats-happening-in-derby/events/interdependence-day/>

An Economy for the 99% day event, Derby - 13 October

An Economy For The 99%

DATE: Saturday 13th October 2012
TIME: 9.45 for 10am -- 4pm
VENUE:
St. Peters Centre, St Peters Street, DE1 2AB
(five minutes walk from Derby bus station)

SHARE IDEAS & TOOLS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!



- Finding new economic solutions
- Securing investment in climate jobs & renewable energies
- Challenging local and global inequalities
- Scaling up what is already happening locally
- Hear from national speakers & local projects
- Explore ideas in discussions & debates
- Take action with like-minded people

TICKETS £3/£6 including basic lunch by the People's Kitchen, available from:
Sound Bites, 11 Morledge, Derby, DE1 2AW, or online at: www.soundbitesderby.org.uk
For more information call: 01332 600612 / 07876595993

Supported by:

- Alliance for Jobs and Climate
- City-Zen
- Derby Carbon Initiative
- Derby Churches Justice & Peace group
- Derby Climate Coalition
- Derby Trades Council (TBC)
- Derby 50k
- Global Education Derby
- Midlands Co-operative
- Millions Climate Jobs Campaign
- Move Your Money
- Transition Belper
- Transition Derby
- Sound Bites Derby
- World Development Movement (Derby group)

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Belper on Youtube!!!

This is a link to a video produced by Amber Valley Council to promote Belper. The video was viewed and approved by the Belper Cluster Group yesterday afternoon and is now free to be distribute:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfVctRHpFfo&feature=youtu.be>

If you would like a DVD of the film you can email Joanne Bamford at Amber Valley Borough Council on joanne.bamford@ambervalley.gov.uk

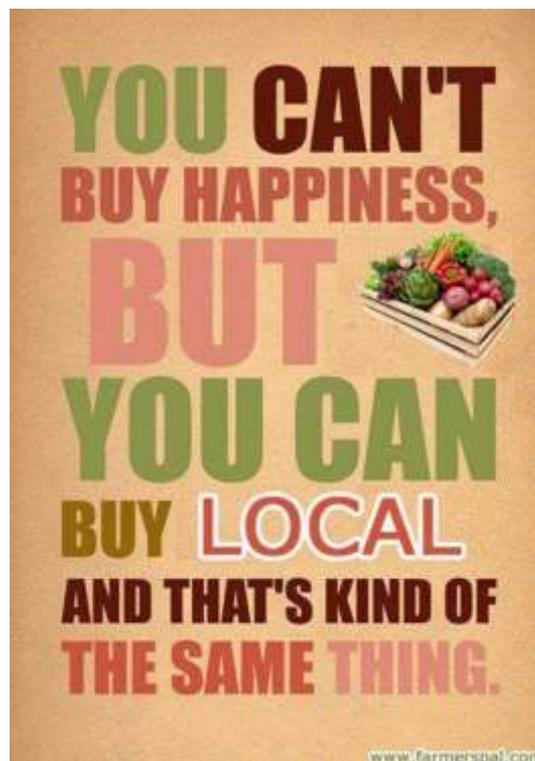
Radical Routes



Radical Routes is a network of radical co-ops whose members are committed to working for positive social change. The network is made up mainly of housing co-ops of various sizes (none with more than 17 members), a few workers co-ops and a couple of social centres.

Two months ago Wild Peak (a radical routes housing co-op) bought Lawn cottage-a stone cottage and selection of outbuildings at the end of Wyver Lane, on the outskirts of Belper, Derbyshire. The house comes with management of 39 acres of meadow, is adjacent to a Derbyshire Wildlife trust wetland reserve and is two fields away from the Derwent River. The site has lots of sky, wetland birds and views of woods and hills. They are now in need of help with making the main house liveable and to begin work on the land. If you are interested, follow the link: <http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk/add-a-newsflash/181-come-visit-wild-peak.html>

A great poster uploaded onto Facebook by Bess Purser:



August Social at the Shottle Brewery - a great time was had by all, even those who do not like beer!



The next social event is the Green Drinks at the Grapes, High Street, Belper from 7.30 on Monday 17th September. Come and join us for a drink and a chat at one of Belper's friendliest little pubs.

Brecon Beacons electric cars Twizys powered by elements



Tourists to Brecon Beacons National Park are being encouraged to hire electric cars to explore beauty spots. A fleet of low energy quadricycles, called Twizys, have been launched, which are powered by electricity gathered from sun, rain and wind. For further information, see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-mid-wales-18857246>

NW Bicester 'eco-town' gets go-ahead



Construction is expected to start later in the year and will include a school and an Eco Business Centre. The houses are designed to be "zero-carbon" and all have photovoltaic panels and significant levels of insulation. For further information, visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-18923358>

Sustainable diets for the future: can we contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by eating a healthy diet?



IT'S the dietary plan that could both cut the nation's weight and help save the planet. Scottish scientists have for the first time created a new menu plan that is healthy and nutritious as well as being good for the environment. The researchers compiled a shopping list of 52 foods arranged in categories according to how much climate-changing greenhouse gases are produced to make and transport them. To read the full article, go to: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/102667302/Sustainable-diets-for-the-future-can-we-contribute-to-reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-eating-a-healthy-diet>

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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Secretary - [Richard Keighley](#)

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

Core Group and Community Gardens organiser - Kathy Fairweather

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