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Transition meeting

- **Tuesday 6th March** at The Strutts Centre, Derby Road, Belper at 7.30pm. At the meeting we'll be discussing the options for a Community Garden, Amber Valley's waste consultation and giving an update of progress with the Local Energy Assessment Fund (LEAF) projects.

Fantastic Home at the Farmer's Market

- **Saturday, 10 Mar 2012 10:00 – 14:00**, Farmer's Market, Market Place, Belper. Fantastic Home is a mobile exhibition from Marches Energy Agency. It showcases energy efficient technology and techniques, behavioural changes and renewable technology. It will have interactive elements such as a carbon countdown game for children, the energy bike and interactive aspects throughout the display. It will signpost visitors to local information and grants as well as carry generic information on all aspects of energy saving and generation. It will also be able to sign people up for home visits from professional energy efficiency installers and possibly some free energy efficiency giveaways.



Thanks, Martin

Following our appeal for a volunteer to drive to Shrewsbury to collect the Marches Fantastic Home trailer, (see above), Martin from Ambergate stepped forward. In the end Marches found a driver from their own staff so the drive won't be needed. Thank you Martin for volunteering.

Green Drinks and Climate Change Quiz

- **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.

Bicycle Maintenance Skill Share Workshop

- **Sat, 17 March, 09:30 – 13:30**, St John's Chapel, The Butts, Belper DE56 1HX . Learning about your bicycle, making it safer and more efficient to ride. How to adjust and maintain it. A practical morning with lots of hands-on experience – be prepared to get dirty. For ages 12 plus – all tools and equipment provided – just bring a bike. The workshop is for up to 4 people so booking is essential. Phone 01773 827485 or email info@transitionbelper.org to book a place. Or for a chat phone Dave Price on 07733 377 818. There will be a small charge for refreshments.
- The first skill share workshop was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part. See the photo below. More photos will be added to the web site – see www.transitionbelper.org



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. 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.

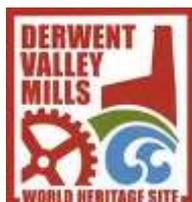
Belper Train Station Adoption Plans

A group of gardening enthusiasts met at the Belper Train Station on Sunday 26th March to explore the

possibility of adopting the green areas around the platform. This will be discussed further at the next Transition meeting, so if you have any ideas or would like to get involved, maybe you could have a look at the area and give your input. If you can't make the meeting, but would still like to get involved, please email [Kathy](#).

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 attended the session 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. A further full day's training is being organised for Tuesday 27th March to enable us to develop our own training programme. 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

378 Visitors

Since we added analysis tools to the web site on 15 January www.transitionbelper.org has had 378 different visitors making 778 visits. They have averaged 4.14 pages per visit and stayed with us for an average of 4 minutes 17 seconds and come from 19 countries across the world. The [home page](#) has been the most visited with 1,104 page views followed by the [Diary page](#) and [Energy Expert Neighbours](#). The latest updates include details and photos of the [public meeting](#) on 16th February and the [press coverage](#) of the LEAF funding award. In the next few days we'll be adding photos of the [skill-share workshop](#) and, after next Tuesday's meeting, an update on plans to 'adopt' the Station and possibly organise a community garden elsewhere.

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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