



Transition Belper Newsletter October 2012



It was fantastic to see so many members and supporters turn out to the AGM and take part in the 'Belper Visioning' exercise. The energy and enthusiasm in the room were fabulous and so many great ideas emerged, designed to make our town a much more sustainable, viable and fun place to live in.

The trustees were elected and are as follows:

- Ian Jackson – Chair
- Richard Keighly – Secretary
- Mick Hepworth - Membership Secretary
- David George
- Craig Scott
- Kathy Fairweather
- Julie Marshall

The position of Treasurer is still available; should you be interested in this highly valued voluntary position, or if you know somebody that would be interested, please email [ian](mailto:ian@transitionbelper.org).

NEWSFLASH!!!

Belper has been crowned the winner of the large town category in the Britain In Bloom contest, run by the Royal Horticultural Society. Although more than 1,200 cities, town and villages entered the competition earlier this year, Belper was considered to be the best amongst the best!!! Transition Belper are extremely proud to have been involved; both in the pre-judging preparations and during the judging process.

To read the full story, see <http://www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/Best-blooming-town-title-great-reward-25-years/story-17050620-detail/story.html>



Free 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 have included: spinning wool, bike maintenance, energy saving, willow weaving, tool sharpening etc. There may be a small charge for some workshops, to cover the cost of materials.

- **Saturday October 20th** Evening 18:00 - 21:00 at Rob's House - Bread making in terracotta flower pots with Rob Lindop - We'll be making a simple bread recipe and baking it in flower pots! Various herbs etc available too if people want to flavour the bread. All ingredients will be provided, but if you have one please bring your own mixing bowl, that would be a big help! Rob will also be showing people how to make a Butter Bean, Lemon & Coriander Pate while we're waiting for the bread to prove/bake. Bring a donation for the cost of materials. Booking is essential as there are only a few spaces on this workshop. To book call 01773 827485 or contact info@transitionbelper.org



- **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.

An Economy for the 99% event in Derby

An Economy For The 99%

DATE: Saturday 13th October 2012
 TIME: 9.45 for 10am - 4pm
 VENUE: St. Peter's Church, 11 Pelham Street, DE1 2AR
 (The entrance with brown double bus stop signs)

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 Kitchens, available from:
 Sound Bites, 11 Morledge, Derby, DE1 2AW, or online at: www.soundbitesderby.org.uk
 For more information call: 01332 600612 / 07876590993

Supported by:

- Alliance for Jobs and Climate
- Derby Trades Council (TSC)
- Derby City
- Derby Education Body
- Derby Climate Coalition
- Derby Climate Justice & Peace group
- Derby Climate Coalition
- Derby Trades Council (TSC)
- Derby City
- Derby Education Body
- Midlands Co-operative
- Midlands Climate Jobs Campaign
- River For Money
- Transition Budget
- Transition Derby
- Sound Bites Derby
- Waste Development Movement (Derby group)

Around 90 people attended this event in Derby on Saturday 13th October, organised by the Derby Climate Coalition. Throughout the day a number of Transition Belper members listened to a wide variety of speakers and were involved in interesting workshops. In the afternoon Ian Jackson led a workshop to discuss the plans for a Community Hydro scheme to be developed on the River Derwent with 15 delegates from different groups and areas. The wide variety of knowledge and experience in the workshop led to an interesting and informative debate and very positive support for Transition Belper and the idea of a community owned hydro project.

Social activities

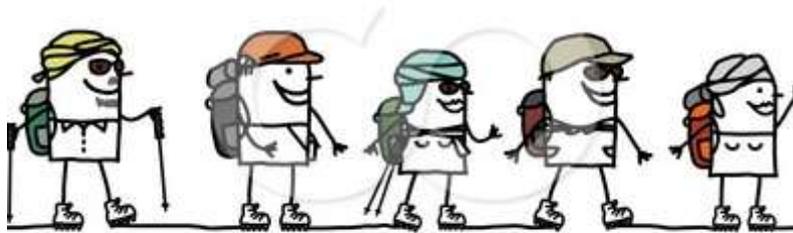


The next social event is the Green Drinks at The Thorn Tree, Chesterfield Road, Belper DE56 1FF from 7.30 on Thursday 18th October. Come and join us for a drink and a chat - we'll be in the top bar. There's usually a range of beers available including something from Shottle Farm.

Badminton & Walking



There are 2 possibilities, where times are concerned, for our weekly group badminton games (fun only - not seriously competitive!). One is Wednesday evenings 8-9 or Sunday mornings 10-11. Please let Kathy know which times would be better for you. Our first monthly guided walk will be on Saturday 10th November. Meet us by the bandstand in the Rivergardens at 1:30 for an easy guided walk. If you'd like to guide a local (and not too strenuous) walk, please email [Kathy](#)



Bulb Planting at the Train Station



Please come and join us on Sunday 4th November from 10:30 and help make Belper an even more beautiful place. We need help to plant hundreds of bulbs, so bring your trowels and enthusiasm along.

Belper Christmas Food Festival Sunday, 2nd December 2012

Following the success of last year's inaugural Christmas Food Festival the Town Council are organising another event this year.



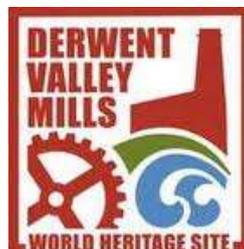
Transition Belper Christmas Social



Tue, 18 December, 19:30 – 23:00 at The Queen's Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper.

Come and join us for the annual Christmas party. We're looking at having some entertainment - folk songs inspired by Belper - and a fuddle so bring something to eat and share. There'll be a small cost - probably around £2 or £3.

Discovery Days – Hydro Openings



We are now making final arrangements for the Hydro opening which Transition Belper are organising during the 'Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Discovery Days' week. If you are able to help out at any of the events can you please let [Ian](#) know.

Saturday 27th October – Milford Opening (11:30am – 1:00pm). We will be setting up a gazebo in the Mill House beer garden.

Sunday 28th October – Belper Opening (2:00pm – 3:30pm), a couple of people to talk to the people queuing to see the turbine and, if required, help manage the queue.

Belper Waterways (2:15pm), a second person to help control the group would be helpful.

Belper River Gardens (11:00am – 4:00pm), a transition gazebo/stall in the river gardens. The more the merrier, to let people get involved in the many events taking place in Belper on the Sunday.

Monday 29th October - Derby Opening (12:00 – 3:00pm), we may need a couple of helpers to accompany groups of visitors across the building site that has recently been set up between the bus station and the hydro site.

Wednesday 31st Oct - Derby Opening (12:00 – 3:00pm), we may need a couple of helpers to accompany groups of visitors across the building site that has recently been set up between the bus station and the hydro site.

Belper Calendars

We have a number of the delightful 2012 Belper Calendars for Sale. If you would like to buy one (or a few) please come to the November meeting or email lan

Other Local News and Events

The following are a list of events we have been asked to publicise.

Please note: whilst we are happy to publicise other not-for-profit community organisations' events, this does not necessarily mean that we promote, support or approve them, nor does it mean that we are involved in their organisation.

Sound Bites Real Food Fair - Saturday October 20th 10:00 - 16:00 in St. Peter's Centre on St.Peter's Street, Derby. The event will feature stalls, talks, films and food and drink with highlights so far confirmed including children's activities and a bike powered smoothy maker. It is also an opportunity to find out local growing and producing opportunities, food cooperatives, fair trade and healthy eating – amongst other food-related issues. For more information, visit www.soundbitesderby.org.uk



Visit to Biogen Greenfinch in Northamptonshire

Presentation on how anaerobic digestion produces renewable energy, reduces carbon emissions and prevents pollution. Wednesday 24th October 2012



For further details and to Book your free place, email tanya.noon@midlands.coop or post MCS Ltd., Member Relations, c/o Derby Dept Store, Exchange Street, Derby. DE1 2PS Tel: 01332 293653. [If you would like to share a lift from Belper to Littleover, please ring Dick Watson on 01773 826750](#)



Co-operatives United is an inspiring global festival of events and exhibitions set in Manchester, UK, to mark the close of the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives. With 1 world premiere, 3 exhibitions, 10 conferences, 45 countries, 150 workshops, 200 exhibitors and 10,000 people, Co-operatives United will inform and inspire everyone building an ethical economy and a better world. **Monday, October 29 2012 to Saturday, November 3, 2012.** There is a group going from Belper on Wednesday 31st October and the total cost for the day including transport is £3.00 each. To book a place, ring 01332 293653. For further information, see <http://www.uk.coop/2012/event/co-operative-world-festival-and-expo-2012>



POTATO DAY 2013: January 26th, in The Pavements (we hope). We are now taking orders for our next potato day, offering 41 varieties of potato, plus onions, shallots and garlic - you can download the order form [here](#). However, we have been warned by our suppliers that their harvest is quite poor, and to expect fairly substantial price rises - this will be the same for all sources, and we still expect our prices to be very competitive. For potatoes our pre-order price will be 12p per tuber - remember you can buy as few or as many as you like - and we hope to sell them at 14p per tuber on the day itself, although this might rise, depending on the final price we have to pay. For more details, email: food@transitionchesterfield.org.uk



The Governing Body of Belper School and Sixth Form Centre is seeking nominations for a Partnership Governor to serve for a period of 4 years. Nominations should be sent to the school office marked for the attention of the Head Teacher by 19 October 2012 for consideration by the Governing Body. A short statement of around 100 words should support your application giving your reasons for wishing to become a governor.

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:

Chair - [Ian Jackson](#)

Secretary - [Richard Keighley](#)

Treasurer –

Core Group - Craig Scott

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

Trustee, Newsletter Editor and Community Gardens organiser - [Kathy Fairweather](#)

Trustee - Mick Hepworth

Trustee and Core Group - Julie Marshall

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