



Transition Belper News Special Edition mid February 2012

Transition Belper win national funding bid

DECC support for community action on energy efficiency and renewable energy

On Monday 6th February, Transition Belper learnt they were one of dozens of community groups in the UK to win a share of the Local Energy Assessment Fund – seeding community energy action. Winning the bid will allow the Belper group to complete 6 major projects to help accelerate Belper's progress to becoming a lower carbon community, where energy supply is both secure and affordable.

Public meeting: Saving energy, reducing bills and The Green Deal; what is it, and can Transition Belper help you decide whether it's right for you?

Thu, 16 February, 19:30 – 21:30 at The Strutts Centre, Derby Road, Belper

Transition Belper are inviting local residents to a public meeting to:

- Give more details of the LEAF funding from DECC and the projects we'll be undertaking as a result,
- Give an overview of the Government's Green Deal plans for property based loans to be repaid through savings on energy bills and to outline the extra help that will be available through the energy companies. Nicky Swetnam from National Energy Action – a charity dedicated to reducing fuel poverty – will give this brief overview and answer questions,
- Inform residents of energy saving grants and schemes currently available to them – Amber Valley Borough Council and Apex Carbon Solutions will be on hand to explain schemes and answer questions,
- discuss Transition Belper's plans for a network of Energy Expert Neighbours and how we can assist our neighbours with energy saving advice. How do residents want us to interact with those companies who provide energy saving measures and how can we make sure we are on their side and completely impartial?

We'll also be recruiting volunteers and outlining our training plans. We'll have some displays in the room and plenty of time for looking around and informal chats.

Hand-spinning Yarns

**Saturday 18th February at St John's Chapel & Heritage Centre,
The Butts, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1HX from 10.00 - 1.00pm**

Exploring Hand-spinning of Yarns - How to make a simple drop spindle with a potato, a look at different types of fibre (wool, cotton, linen, animal hair etc.) learning to spin wool with your spindle, and moving on to having a go with a spinning wheel. Beginners and more experienced welcome. If you have some skill and a spinning wheel, you are welcome to come along and help or just loan your spinning wheel. The workshop is being organized by Ali Clark of [Stripeyline Stitchery](#) and is for up to 10 people.

The workshop is for all ages of 12yrs + and there is a small charge for materials and tea/coffee. Bookings are on a 'first come first served' basis; so to avoid disappointment ring 01773 827485 or e-mail info@transitionbelper.org asap.

Green Drinks

Cross Keys, Market Place, Belper from 7.30 where we'll be having an informal chat about setting up a food/growers group - and keeping up to date with the LEAF projects. All welcome.

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 new Facebook Group locally for exchanging tips and ideas for your garden and anything to do with growing fruit and veg. [Join the Forum here](#)

A warm welcome to those hardy new subscribers who braved the cold at the Farmer's Market on Saturday.

See www.transitionbelper.org for full details of all our plans and projects

Contact

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