



Transition Belper News - Early November 2011 - Issue no 3

Welcome

Welcome to the early November e-newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Don't forget to forward to friends who may be interested - they then get the opportunity to subscribe if they wish.

We have received 13 responses so far to our supporter's survey. We'd like to know more about your interests and what you can contribute to our aims – or indeed whether you just wish to be kept informed – so have devised a simple survey to help us plan meetings and activities around your interests. We invite all subscribers, old or new, to complete our [survey](#). We'll put together a summary of responses for the next newsletter and to hand out at the meeting on 1st December.

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BBC Countryfile

Sunday 13th November – evening. This week's Countryfile has a feature on the Derwent Valley and hydro power projects

Rag Rugging

Tuesday 15th November - 7.30 at 93 Sandbed Lane. Would you like to join in Rag Rugging sessions on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm?

Let [Barbara Goodall](#) know if you will be coming this Tuesday, 15th November. Bring your own or help with my Big Rug... Barbara is happy to give guidance.

Green Drinks

Wednesday 16th November is Green Drinks night at the Tavern, Derby Road from 7.30. Come and join us for some informal discussions and a pint. We'll have some energy forms with us for you to complete – from the information we can work out your energy related carbon emissions, what your increased bills might be, what you can do to save energy, how much it might cost and an estimated payback period. Don't forget to bring details of your gas and electric use and costs.

Training for Groundworks 'off gas' help scheme

Thursday 17th November, Strutts, Derby Road, Belper 1.00pm – 5.00pm. We need more volunteers for the scheme to help households, with no access to mains gas, with energy saving tips and fitting basic measures such as draught proofing and reflective radiator panels. Training is free but if you can't make it you can still volunteer to 'buddy up' and help a trained volunteer – and we'll cascade the training in an evening session. Please contact [David George](#) for details. We are doing everything we can to identify suitable 'off gas' house – if you know of anyone who would qualify for help please do get in touch.

Transition Meeting

Thursday 1st December, Strutts, Derby Road at 7.30. We are planning on 'Talking a Load of Rubbish' at this meeting; looking at waste and recycling and we want your ideas for reusing 'waste' in your own homes. We'll also be finalising plans for the Christmas Fair on Sunday 4th December.

Christmas Fair

Sunday 4th December, King Street/Market Place. Transition will be having a stall in King Street as part of Belper's Christmas Fair. We'll have more details about how you can help and get involved in the next newsletter.

Transition Chesterfield Potato Day

Order deadline - 10th December. Transition Chesterfield will be selling seed potatoes, garlic, onions, and shallots at unbeatable prices once again, on 28 January 2012. This year they have 44 varieties of potatoes, 4 types of onions, 2 garlics, and eschalote grise, a gourmet shallot. If you pre-order before 10 December, you get everything even cheaper, and you're more likely to get the varieties you want. Last year it was a real scrum and they sold out in less than two hours, so we strongly recommend that you pre-order. Let us know if you order anything and we'll try and organise a single collection to save on transport. Contact [Ian Jackson](#).

Energy Group's first meeting

Eight people attended the first Energy Group meeting at the Cottage Project on Thursday 10th November. We carried out an exercise to see how much energy and carbon emission reductions we could achieve - if money was no object - with some interesting results. As well as those attending the figures and information from those who have completed the online energy survey form were added and each person has received a summary of their results. You can still complete our [energy survey](#) or bring your consumption details to Green Drinks and we'll take it from there. David George also took the group through a presentation detailing Belper's energy use and carbon emissions, what is

known about current insulation levels and what needs to be done if Belper is to achieve a proportional share of the UK's 2020 Carbon reduction targets. We also watched a short film 'Winds of Change' about how communities can make big and small changes.

Street light switch off consultation

Derbyshire County Council are considering switching off up to 40,000 of their 89,000 street light between midnight and 5.30am - but they would like your views before making any decision. See their [web page](#) for details.

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](#)

Contact

The trustees of Transition Belper are:

Chair – [Ian Jackson](#)

Secretary – [Richard Keighley](#)

Treasurer - Alan Foord

Core Group - Craig Scott

Core Group - [David George](#)

Trustee - Mick Hepworth

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