

EDITORIAL FROM OUR NEW CHAIR



We can all do without years like the last one. It has, however, given us all a bit of time to think. Many of us in the Transition movement have realised that we need to pick up the pace. While governments are making some moves in the right direction, it all feels too little, too late. The scope of change they're proposing often falls short of what we believe is necessary to avert the worst consequences of man-made harm to the environment. Their timescales often seem far too relaxed, ill-suited to a "climate emergency".

Looking closer to home, though Transition Buxton has achieved a lot over the last few years, such as starting collections of various materials that are difficult to recycle, and the Repair Café, we need to increase the scale and speed of our work.

Easier said than done. Perhaps the easiest way to do what's needed is to harness a much wider group of people. They do seem to be out there, as demonstrated by the responses a range of people are getting to their calls for help or support when those asks are modest, realistic and pragmatic. We'll make much faster progress if we all take a few firm steps in the right direction than if a few rush on ahead. And we'll have more help and support along the way.

One specific change we're making to help is that our Awareness Raising Group is being re-focused as our Inform and Inspire Group. As the new Chair, I'm extremely pleased that Jean Ball, who is standing down as Chair, is staying so actively involved to lead this particular change. I'd like to record our thanks for all the work she's done on chairing the directors over recent years.

Ian Bowns

Dates For Your Diary

5 June Plant Stall on the Market

8 June 7:30pm Members Meeting zoom link
circulated via email

10 June Mini-Seminar 'Kiss the Ground' film
discussion – register [here](#) for the discussion and
receive the link to view the film free on your own
device prior to the discussion on 10th.

Tuesday 22 June 7.30pm, Plastic Clever meeting,
[contact plastic](#) for Zoom link

26 June, 10 -2 Repair Café Methodist Church on the
Market Place

Tuesday 27 July 7.30pm, Plastic Clever meeting,
[contact plastic](#) for Zoom link

No Seminar, Repair Café or Members Meeting in
July

25 September 'There is no Planet B' stall, The
Octagon

Next newsletter due out late August.



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THE BIG BUXTON CONVERSATION

On 24th April a group of 50 or so Buxtonians gathered online for a journey from 'What is' to 'What if' and 'What next'. Together we travelled forward in time to Buxton in 2030 to imagine the town we'd like to be living in. After returning to 2021 we came up with some 'delicious ideas' and lots of great 'What if' questions to help us create that place. For example:

What if we had a citizens' forum or town council?

What if we grew food in public spaces, green walls and roofs?

What if children could play safely in their neighbourhood streets?

What if there was a shared community hub in the town centre for local activities, pop ups, artisans, support groups, learning, lending, repairing, sharing?

Then we started looking at 'What next'. To identify priorities for change, we split the ideas into themes and voted for the themes we felt had with the most energy. The votes ranked the themes as follows:

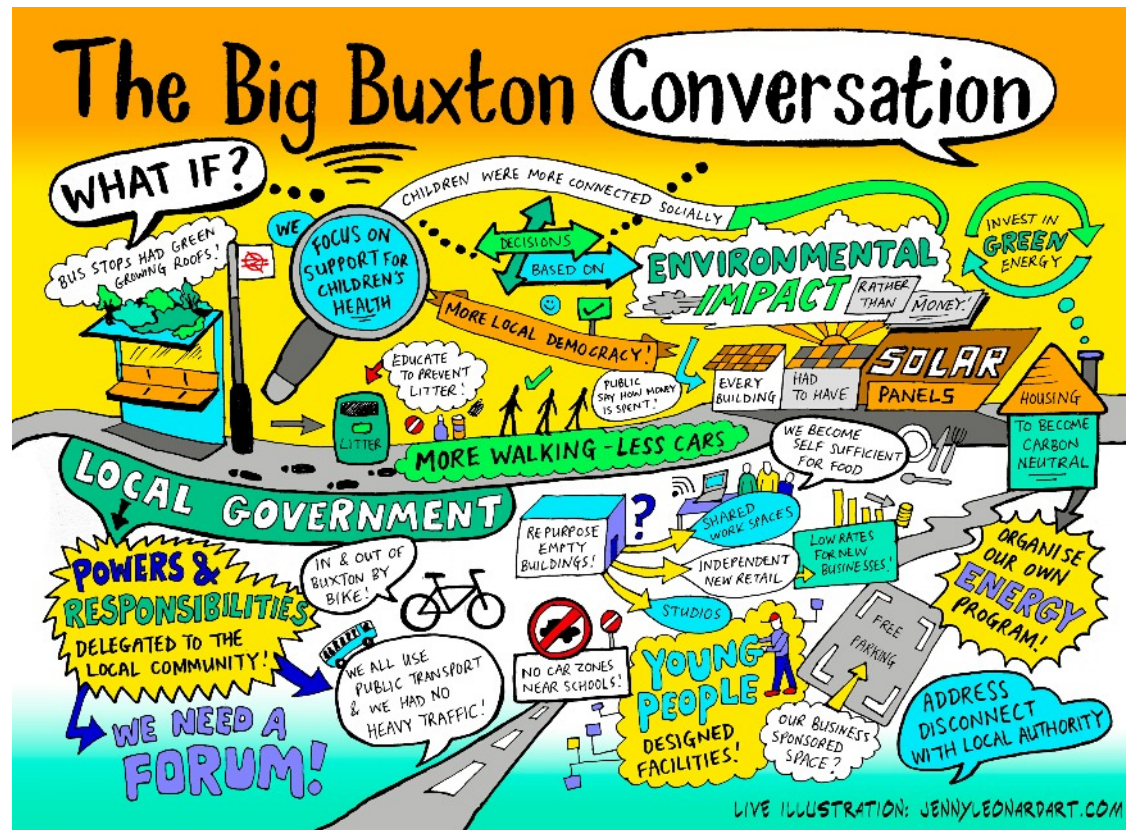
1. Local Government and Public Transport tied for 1st place
2. Empty Buildings & the Built Environment
3. Energy and Business tied for 3rd place

After that came; Nature, Provision for Young People, Waste & Resources, Parking / Private transport, Housing, Food, Leisure & Tourism and lastly Health.

Now, the real work begins to make the positive changes needed to create the Buxton we've imagined, and Transition Buxton is not alone on this journey. Representatives of a long list of local groups and organisations joined in the Big Buxton Conversation, and it is through the power of the local community that our ambitions will progress. Over the next months we will be talking and working with colleagues to start turning ideas into actions; then in October we will host a second Big Buxton Conversation, face to face this time (hopefully). We'll gather more views, and generate more energy, leading to more actions and collaborations to make Buxton in 2030 an even more fabulous place to live, work, study, or run a business. Details of the October event will appear in our August newsletter.

Notes of the Big Buxton Conversation proceedings can be found on our website [Here](#).

If you'd like to help in any way or learn more just drop us a line at conversation@transitionbuxton.co.uk.



WE NEED CHAMPIONS!



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We cannot do it without you!

We are on a mission to reduce single use plastic in Buxton, and we need your help!

To achieve our goal we need to get as many businesses and organisations as possible to sign a Pledge to eliminate at least 3 items of single use plastic from their operations (things already eliminated count toward the 3). Multiplied across the town this would make a real difference to the amount of waste we generate, and also help us to qualify for Plastic Free Community status. Chesterfield has done it, so this is achievable with your support. If you, or a friend or family member, are involved with a business or community group, please speak to your colleagues and take the pledge.

Go to the Transition Buxton website for details of the pledge and hints on what “single use plastic” to give up/replace. [Plastic Free Buxton – Transition Buxton](#)

Each business or group signing up will get a tasteful plaque (plastic free of course!) to display. We want to see them everywhere around Buxton.

Plant Swap Stall - Saturday 5th June

We're all very excited that it is only a short time to our plant swap stall on Buxton Market.

If you have spare plants you are prepared to give us, bring them along. You might find something to swap it for that will fill a gap that you have. If you are new to gardening come along and see what there might be to help you make a great start to a fantastic, enjoyable and often delicious hobby.

We need volunteers to help run the stall – all Covid safe. So, if you are a Transition Buxton Member and can spare an hour on 5th, please drop an email to awareness@transitionbuxton.co.uk to let us know. You don't need to be a gardener, there will be others who can help answer questions.

If you've got plants to swap but can't bring them down, drop us an email to awareness@transitionbuxton.co.uk and we can arrange a pickup on Friday 4th June.



HARD TO RECYCLE UPDATE

Our 'Hard to Recycle' work continues apace. This table lists the different types of packaging, together with amounts collected to date and over the last couple of months.

Scheme	Total collected (kg)	
	To date	Since last newsletter
Crisp packets	186	27
Writing instruments	32	4
Dental products	31	4
Ella food pouches	26	2
Biscuit wrappers	14	2
Confectionary wrappers	9	2
Pringles cans	4.5	1
Cheese wrappers	2.5	1
Hygiene packaging	0.2	0.2

There are several collection points around the town. Visit our website [here](#) for details about the locations and the items recycled. We have also reinstated our recycling bins at the Green Man Gallery. The 'Hygiene Home' scheme is new since our last newsletter. It allows any brand of dishwashing, cleaning and fragrance flexible packaging to be recycled, see [here](#) for details of the items that can and cannot be recycled. We appreciate all your efforts in taking your items to our collecting points, but please remember only to deposit clean items and those included as part of the various schemes.

If you have any questions get in touch via plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk.



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THERE'S A BUZZ AROUND BUXTON!



We have a new Transition Buxton Member - a wonderful Bee Sculpture, a stray from the 'Bee in the City' trail in Manchester in 2018, has been generously donated by Wild in Art in Whaley Bridge www.wildinart.co.uk who organise "public art events that *entertain, enrich and inform*" and we know our Bee will fulfil this ambition in Buxton.

We have set up a partnership, 'Team Bee' to manage our Bee in Buxton with Friends of Buxton Station and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Our bee is now being painted by a local artist, Pam Smart and, once painted, will be securely homed at Buxton Station in the Japanese Garden so residents and visitor can enjoy it every day.

There is already lots of information at the Station on the [Bilberry Bumblebee](#). This Bee is local to Buxton and High Peak but sadly declining in numbers. Our Bee wants to fly around Buxton, so we'll make sure that it joins events and activities around town. In Transition Buxton we will use it as a symbol of Climate Change and the impact of the destruction of our wildlife habitats. It is also a beautiful symbol of hope as we contribute to the preservation of the bees.

There is a chance she might join us for our plant stall on 5 June, come say hello.

For more info, or to get involved contact education@transitionbuxton.co.uk.

BUXTON'S NEW VOICE - CLIMATE PATHFINDERS YOUTH FORUM

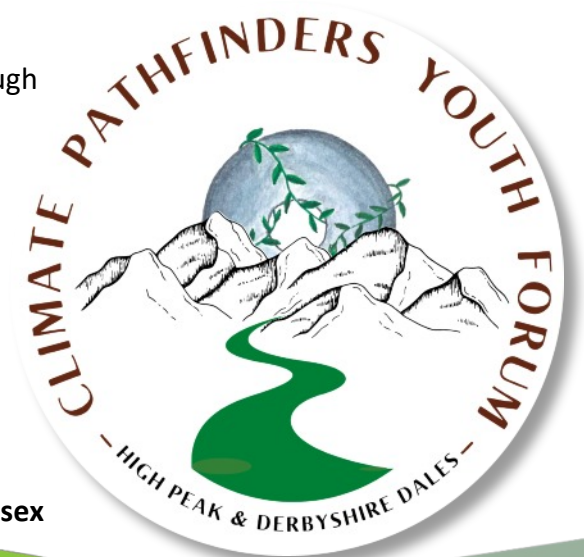
Your **High Peak and North Derbyshire Dales Youth Forum for Climate, Environment and Nature** has continued to meet regularly on Zoom. After deciding their name as a group they have created a CPYF Logo which they will launch soon through their Instagram account and website. They had great feedback after delivering a presentation to Tideswell and District Environment Groups Climate Action group last month (on Zoom) and have been invited back for their AGM at the end of June. They shared their **priorities to:**

- **Take Action** to improve the environment for nature and promote eco-friendly lifestyles
- **Tell Decision-Makers** about the future world they want and persuade them to make pro-environmental decisions
- **Spread the Word** for others to join them and inspire others to take positive action for the climate.

They are keen to start working together (they haven't actually met yet outside of Zoom!). Please consider them in your Transition Buxton or other organisation's activities so that they can join in Buxton environmental activities.

If you know young people (11years+) who would like to join, please get in touch.

Frances Sussex



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COULD YOU HELP?

Transition Buxton is a not-for-profit community organisation entirely run by volunteers. If you would like to contribute to our efforts to build our local resilience, arrest the damage we cause to our natural environment and increase our ability to live sustainably please get in touch. Below we describe a few ongoing roles we seek to fill, but there are plenty more including ad hoc tasks and jobs, many of which can be done from home. Could you help?

Webmaster takes a lead role on the look and feel as well as the structure and management of our Wordpress-based website. Our current Webmaster would like to step into a different role for Transition Buxton, so a fresh new person to manage the site would be very welcome. Several other people help with updating different parts of the site.

Newsletter Coordinator to pull together and publish these bi-monthly e-newsletters (actually only 5 a year) as part of the Inform & Inspire team. We have a routine established, a template, and support from the existing team.

Neighbourhood Plan Liaison to represent Transition Buxton on the Buxton Neighbourhood Forum to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Buxton. Ideally someone with a working knowledge of the planning system who could get passionate about working with others to devise a plan that will ensure the built environment supports our ambitions for sustainable living. There are some free interactive webinars available to bring you up to speed on planning. It is likely there will be one Forum meeting per month plus liaison with Transition colleagues, and some work between meetings.

Hard to Recycle Collectors to empty the stack of bins in one or more of the 4 public locations: Sainsburys, Morrisons, Iceland and Green Man once a week and take them to our collections hub (a mini shed at a private home in Burbage). You'd be joining an existing team, who now need new members to cope with the success of the bins, which now need emptying twice a week. It's mostly fairly clean crisp packets, so not heavy or difficult, but can be a bit big if walking far. Collectors will also be invited to monthly packing parties to sort and pack up the recycled packaging ready for dispatch.

Plastic Clever Business Survey Team to visit an agreed group of businesses in central Buxton with a short business survey about the use of single use plastics, encourage the business representative to fill it in, and to collect completed surveys and pass them on to the project lead.

My name is Jasper, I am 14 years old and in year 10 at St. Thomas More School in Buxton. Recently I started my Duke of Edinburgh award at my school. We were tasked with completing three sections where we could choose what topic to fill that section. The sections were skills, physical and volunteering.

For my skills section I decided to make a pair of shoes with my dad and for my physical section I decided to do some weekly runs up to the top of Lightwood reservoir and back to my house on Darwin Avenue near Hardwick Square. Finally, for my volunteering section I decided to sign up to part of Transition Buxton for the next 3 months or so and help out on

the Community orchards as directed by my assessor, Ben.

We started at Ashwood Close Orchard and worked around there for a little bit, digging out the weeds around the trees and laying out bark to suppress weeds. Then I was invited one morning to help out in a section near Gadley Lane near the Serpentine Park and got to plant some trees there, with Robin.

After that we went into lockdown and I was unable to continue work for some time. Fortunately, I was able to continue with my other sections: physical and skills. I was very busy with home-schooling and wasn't able to go out or continue with much of my DofE work. After

lockdown I was able to go back to school and continue working with Transition Buxton. We continue to work at Cote Heath Park and finish some work there on the trees. It has been a great experience since I had never done it before. But I will be proud when I have finished.



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