



**Notes from Transition Buxton Monthly Members' Meeting,
8th November, 7:30pm
at The School Room, Poole's Cavern**

Present: Jean Ball, Ben Evens, Peter Burgess-Allen, Veronica Hawthorn, Iain Hawthorn

Apologies: Charles Jolly, Jean Todd

Transition Buxton currently has about 80 members, plus 220 supporters on our mailing list. There was a suggestion that we could send members the meeting notes shortly after meetings and a separate reminder with an agenda a week or so before the next one to encourage attendance. Most attendees did not feel this was too frequent or intrusive.

Funds are tight. We are working on donation forms (regular and one off). These will go on the website shortly and we can then encourage those willing and able to voluntarily contribute more than the £1 lifetime membership fee. See 'What else could we do' below for other fundraising ideas.

Things We have Been Up To Recently - Project Updates:

1. Waterswallows – Nothing specific to report on the solar array project which is progressing well. However, it was recently reported that the council had approved the building of a National Grid power backup plant in the Waterswallows area. There was no time to lodge objections. It is likely to be diesel powered but could be gas powered. There is unlikely no impact on our project but once again illustrates the need for renewables infrastructure.
2. Talk about Technology and Climate Change by Paul Beers on 19 October.
This was a wide ranging update of technology options available to reduce fossil fuel usage. About 20 people attended. Interesting speakers always welcome – if you know someone please speak up.
3. Infrared imaging camera to see heat loss from houses. Trial survey could be in January as a part of an awareness raising campaign to encourage improvements to reduce domestic energy demand. We have been offered training for volunteers to undertake Energy Efficiency Surveys on buildings. The training would be free or a nominal cost (tbc). If we can recruit and enthuse sufficient volunteers this would then be a service we can offer our community. There may also be value in compiling a list of suitable local trades people who could then undertake insulation and similar work if home owners don't wish to go DIY, although it was suggested that the Council's 'Trusted Traders' scheme may be sufficient. We will make energy efficiency the focus of the January members' meeting and if there is sufficient interest the training could be a Saturday in March. PB-A
4. Transition stall at the market on 5 November with Connie as the main attraction.
A cold day but useful opportunity to publicise the 19 November event.

What Else Could We Be Doing - Ideas, Proposals & Opportunities:

1. We have been offered the use of the Cavern café for a fundraising event. A music gig is possible (courtesy of JB's relatives) but cavern café probably not big enough for this. The Scout Hut was

suggested as possible venue for the band. JB to follow up.

2. Other ideas for using the Cavern café: repair café - people can bring items in to be repaired; films, talks, Ben's slideshow; quiz night with food...Ideas to be explored at future meetings.
3. Carol H is researching films to show. National Transition is looking for venues to promote transition films via mini film festivals.
4. We are reminded that Transition Buxton has a Facebook page and group, also Twitter and Flickr which members may wish to like / follow. A volunteer to coordinate, sort and manage our photo library on Flickr (or another format) would be very welcome if anyone feels inclined.

National Transition & Topical News & Discussion:

Members are encouraged to sign up for the National Transition newsletter:
newsletter@transitionnetwork.org

Dates for your diary:

Green Drinks

Thursday 17 November & 17th of the month every month, 8pm – 10pm,
at The Old Sun Inn, High Street, Buxton

Make Your Own Christmas Goodies, Saturday 19 November, 1 – 4pm, St Anne's Church Hall,
Hardwick Square West - volunteers needed to provide food for the 'café' and crafty
activities – contact **Charles.Jolly13@btopenworld.com**

Transition Buxton Awareness Raising Group Meetings

Thursday 24 November, 4pm – at Ben Even's house, Darwin Ave
then

Friday 13 January 2017, Carol Huff's house, 19 Green Lane
then roughly monthly on dates to suit.

Monthly Open Members meetings

Tuesday 13 December & 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 – 9pm, Poole's Cavern School
Room. This meeting will be a bit of a Christmas social.
Please bring some food to share. Suitable games and silly things to do also welcome.

The meeting closed with PB-A volunteering to take notes on the 13 December.

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