

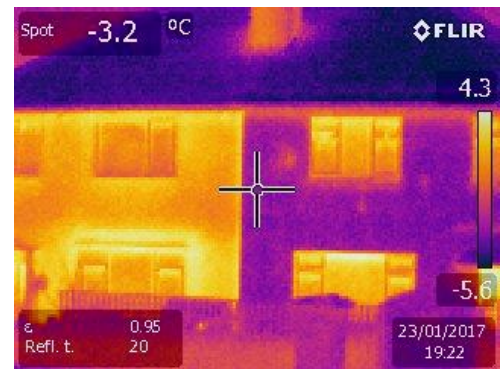
Present: Jean Ball, Ann Evens, Ben Evens, Peter Crook, Annie Osborne, Iain Hawthorn, Veronica Hawthorn, Helen Jagger.

As this was **Valentine's Day** the theme for the evening was "Love and Passion". So, we started the evening with a little 3 minute video called 'A Love Song for Planet Earth'

<https://youtu.be/zD3YxrZdyzo> from the Climate Coalition as part of the #ShowTheLove campaign.

Those present were asked to share briefly about the things they were **passionate** about with particular emphasis on Climate Change issues. Most folks agreed that the effect on our children and grandchildren was a notable concern. One thought was *"that it didn't seem fair that it is us that are messing the world up"* and another *"get down and do things"*. A thoughtful point was *"that it is probably up to the 'privileged' (us) to do the stuff"*.

Peter demonstrated his little gadget, an infra-red thermometer for measuring the temperature of surfaces, but without taking a picture of them. This may be an affordable (approx. £18) tool that our soon to be trained Home Energy Volunteer Surveyors (see below for details of training) might find useful. Peter will bring it along to the training day. The cost of a thermal imaging camera is also being looked into. The images captured with the borrowed camera are now being used to promote the Energy Surveyor Training. This picture of a pair of semi-detached houses in Fairfield clearly illustrates the difference in heat loss between an insulated and an uninsulated home.



Things We have Been Up To Recently - Project Updates:

1. **Waterswallows Floating Solar array Project** – no changes to report, still awaiting resolution of the land ownership glitch, but seems to be getting nearer.
2. **Buxton Rugby Club** has expressed interested in developing a solar array on spare land at their Buxton ground. Transition Buxton is providing advice and support at this early stage.
3. **Domestic Energy Volunteer Surveyor Training** Still room for a few more people to join the Training Day on 11th March at Poole's Cavern - (not the schoolroom). Once trained the Surveyors will be supported to undertake at least 12 surveys in 12 months. Please contact Peter Burgess-Allen for more information or to sign up for the whole day course. Contact Peter on p.burgess-allen@virgin.net
4. The **Market Stall** today had been fairly quiet - between 0900 and 1500 with a few folks taking an interest in our activities. Two apple tree sponsorships were obtained. It was good for TB volunteers to work together and get to know each other a little better. This was a short notice opportunity for a free stall and we are grateful to our members for responding so positively and swiftly to the call to 'man' the stall.

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

1. We watched another short video, this time about Earth Hour <https://youtu.be/FNsMn2yJCGw?list=PL1IKihDJbCCEAbdTjCZDtfvLrdX5w87Q> then spent some time considering how we might engage in "Earth Hour" from 8pm to 9pm on 25th March 2017. This involves turning off electrical appliances and lights etc for one hour. The idea is not just

about saving energy but about making folk aware of climate issues. An approach to Derbyshire County Council Highways about the possibility of selective street lamps being turned off has had a disappointing response. The University was sympathetic in principal but has a big function on in the Dome that evening so they will not be turning the lights off. Might shops reduce their lighting? Etc. We can certainly all participate at home, or even invite friends round for a candle lit meal. It was suggested that other organisations might have plans in hand.

www.earthhour.org

2. **Awareness Raising Ideas:** Showing films was suggested - but which films, how to pay for them, and finding a venue gave pause for thought. Might “older” films be cheaper to hire? If we did show films would be mainly preaching to the converted? How can we draw in new audiences?
3. Following the publication by Transition Buxton of the Buxton Economic Resilience Study (see <http://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/what-we-do/the-local-economy/buxton-economic-resilience-study-2/>) a couple of years ago there had been a hope that Buxton & Leek College might **run a course on “Insulating Older Homes”** but this has not materialised. Does anyone have any contacts in the appropriate section of the College?
4. Helen Jagger spoke passionately about “upskilling” with particular reference to Textiles and the Environment. She has run classes in the past to show folk how to mend and upcycle old clothes. This discussion narrowed down to the idea of running an **“Insulate your Curtains Workshop”**. This was done successfully quite some years ago and it was suggested that it might be a good idea to run a similar workshop again, but no further plans were made.
5. **The Buxton Spring Fair TB Stall** Monday 1st May was discussed briefly. There was a strong plea for lots of imaginative ideas on how to get our message across and not to just persist with “the sameoldsameold”. (Still luvya Connie!).
6. **The Serpentine Community Farm project** always welcomes new volunteers to work on the site. Every Wednesday from about 1100 until 1500 and every other Sunday. Next working Sunday will be 26th February. **Contact Janine 07752 368358** for more details.

During the meeting those attending were encouraged to make little paper windmills -pinwheels – as part of the 10:10 #ShowTheLove for wind action <https://1010uk.org/articles/show-the-love-for-wind-diy-pinwheels> with materials provided by Jean. At the end of the meeting these were arranged in the shape of a heart and photographed for sharing on social media. Check out our Facebook Page or Group or @TransitionBux on Twitter to see photos.
https://www.facebook.com/TransitionBuxton/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Dates for your diary:

Orchards Group. tree planting at Hogshaw Drive 10:00 Saturday 25th February. Good to have you along.

Tuesday 14th March & 2nd Tuesday of every month, Monthly Open Members meetings, 7:30 – 9pm, Pooles Cavern School Room. Volunteer *scribe* needed for March Meeting. This job rotates. We have drinks and this time we hope to enjoy Ann’s flapjack(s).

Green Drinks every 17th of the month 8pm onwards at The Old Sun Inn on High Street. Relaxed chatting with like-minded folk.