



## **OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

*Welcome to the Autumn edition of your quarterly Transition Newsletter.*

*Transition Buxton was constituted primarily to encourage and enable our local community to work together in taking practical steps to reduce our carbon footprint and to reduce our reliance on oil and other fossil fuels. While that remains our core objective, our broader vision is for us, the folk of Buxton, to be part of the solution to the global environmental crisis.*

*This Autumn, we join the widespread concern for the oceans by taking an in-depth look (pardon the pun) at how to cut our use of plastic. There are no 'simple solutions'. Single-use plastic film helps reduce the scourge of food-waste. Should we campaign against waste plastic being shipped to developing countries? Should we support the local re-cycling of plastic?*

*We aren't a 'talking shop'! But do come to the film on 24<sup>th</sup> October and the talk by Susan MacFarlane on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov about her experience of living without plastic. Let's work out the practical steps we can all take. And why not try the monthly 'Green Drinks' and Meeting for Members & intending Members!*

***Read on: Transition Buxton needs you! Help with a market stall. Make Your Own Traditional Christmas. Help decorate Buxton for Christmas with recycled and natural materials. And for that special Christmas present why not give a Community Orchard fruit tree? Remember as well that we need more people to train as energy assessors and as tree wardens!***

### **Saturday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Transition Market Stall with Connie Consumersaurus**

We are running a Market Stall on **Saturday 13th October**. We hope to have Connie Consumasaurus in attendance as an added attraction. If you would like to offer your time for at least an hour please get in touch with Ben Evens; we need at least two volunteers at a time. We'll need 5 people to haul Connie from Janet's yard at 8.30 am and 5 of us to trundle her home after 3 pm. If you could volunteer please get in touch with Ben on [benjevans@outlook.com](mailto:benjevans@outlook.com) or leave a message on 01298 71303.

### **Sunday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: 11 am to 3 pm Apple Day at Serpentine Community Farm**

Join our friends at the Serpentine Community Farm. Everyone welcome.

### **Wednesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm for 7.30 pm The acclaimed film, A Plastic Ocean**

Buxton United Reformed Church, Hardwick Square East. Suggested donation £4.

## **Wednesday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm for 7.30 pm 'Living Without Plastic' Susan MacFarlane**

Talk and discussion at Buxton United Reformed Church, Hardwick Square East.

## **Saturday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>: 1.30 pm to 4 pm. Make Your Own Traditional Christmas**

St Anne's Community Centre, Hardwick Square West.

Our Christmas 'Workshop' for all the family. Learn new skills and help save the planet by reusing and recycling decorations, cards and presents. Donations please towards costs.

## **OTHER MEETINGS, GATHERINGS AND NEWS**

### **MEMBERS' MEETINGS:**

***Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October (this will be preceded by a very short General Meeting)***

***Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November***

***Tuesday 11th December, Christmas Social.***

***Details to be arranged and announced. See our web-site or December mailing.***

***Transition Buxton Members Meetings: Second Tuesday each month at Poole's Cavern School Room, 7.30 – 9 pm. For Members and intending Members. If you are not already a Member come along and 'sign up'. It costs £1 for life!***

### **GREEN DRINKS:**

***At the Old Sun Inn. 8 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month.***

***Blue skies Green thinking! And don't worry – the drinks are the normal colours. And no pressure to become a Member.***

### **HOME ENERGY CHECK TRAINING SESSION SATURDAY JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> 2019:**

As you know, Transition Buxton is offering Home Energy checks to local residents so that we can recommend any changes to their home or their lifestyle that could benefit their fuel bills.

This one day training session, which is free, is mainly intended to show our members how to conduct these home energy checks. It could, however, also be useful for anyone who is concerned about their own fuel efficiency.

If you would like to learn how to carry out energy checks you will be more than welcome to join us. Please drop an email to [charles@welldrawn.co.uk](mailto:charles@welldrawn.co.uk).

### **COMMUNITY ORCHARD:**

We hope to identify some new sites this Autumn and to plant more trees. However, this depends upon funds! The trees make a wonderful present at £25 each. Your recipient will get a nice certificate giving the location of "their" tree. So when you are thinking about a present for "someone who has everything" here is a great unusual gift. See web-site for details: [www.transitionbuxton.co.uk](http://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk)

We need volunteers to assist Ben and Derek with some of the admin, following up new sites or raising funds for new trees – you can take your pick of the jobs! Just tell us how you would like to help. Contact: [benjevans@outlook.com](mailto:benjevans@outlook.com) or tel 01298 71303.

## **SERPENTINE COMMUNITY FARM:**

You have probably heard that the licence has been extended. The terms of an interim lease to 31 Dec 2019 are under discussion and discussions, brokered by Council Officers, on the long-term future will start once this has been signed.

If you have not seen the super video: 'Give Peas a Chance', do visit the Serpentine Farm web-site and click the link. You can get the latest news on S.C.F. by clicking 'campaign'. <https://www.serpentinecommunityfarm.org/>

## **UPDATE ON PROJECTS:**

### **Solar Energy Projects:**

Sadly it is not good news about either the Rugby Club or Waterswallows Projects. After a great deal of hard work, negotiation and patient waiting neither appears financially viable. In the case of the Rugby Club the problem is the withdrawal of Feed in Tariffs by the Government. In the case of Waterswallows the problem is the additional cost of floats. This is very disappointing for us and for the owners of the sites. There is still a possibility that one of the Green Energy producers or the Quarry might be interested in a floating solar array at Waterswallows, but we ourselves will now be looking at the potential for smaller solar array installations in Buxton.

### **Home Energy Survey Scheme:**

Anyone can now ask for a free Domestic Energy Check. How efficient is your house? *Our trained volunteer energy inspectors are ready to arrange to visit you so that they can check what insulation you already have (if any), look at your energy utility bills, suggest what could be improved and draw your attention to any grants that might be available. The whole visit will take about an hour. There is no obligation to follow up any suggested actions. For details of how to apply go to: 'Home Energy Survey Scheme' on our web site (an explanatory leaflet is available). Please make this free service widely known to friends, neighbours, colleagues . . . . .*

### **Repair & Reuse Cafe:**

Together with the other local Transition and Sustainability groups we are continuing to research ways in which something along the lines of a Repair Cafe could be run in Buxton. There are many successful examples across Europe and this is a key way to promote the R's: refuse, reuse, repair, recycle.

### **Raising money for Buxton Christmas Tree Lights:**

There's a crowd-funding appeal to help Buxton sparkle for Christmas. This runs until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Buxton Town Team, Sparkles and Buxton W.I. are launching a campaign to replace the white lights on the six town Christmas trees with coloured ones. The white lights will be reused: strung up either side of the avenue on The Slopes and elsewhere. You can find the campaign by going to [www.crowdfunder.co.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk) and then searching for: 'Buxton'. Donations Start at £1.

### **Help decorate Buxton for Christmas:**

We hope to decorate the railings by the river near Waitrose with recycled decorations again this December. More details will follow in the December Mailing.

### **Reusing your unwanted items:**

We are planning a 'Bring and Swap' Day in the Spring. Remember that Freegle is a good way of passing on unwanted usable items. [www.ilovefreegle.org/explore/buxton-freegle](http://www.ilovefreegle.org/explore/buxton-freegle)

# Remember that we're in this together!

Until the December Newsletter, Happy Transitioning! Remember: it's about working together to ensure that our lovely town thrives despite climate change and soaring prices - to be a resilient, relaxed, low-impact community where people care for the environment and for each other and have time to enjoy and protect this wonderful planet that we share with 7½ billion people and countless other amazing species.

Transition Buxton Awareness Raising Group: Jean Todd, Jane Reynolds, Ben Evens, Charles Jolly

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