

Belper Goes Green – our first ever ECO festival held on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 was a huge success. The weather was kind and somewhere between 1,500 and 3,500 people (guestimates vary!) enjoyed tasty local beer, food and entertainment, visited the stalls, joined the workshops, tried the electric bikes, swapped clothes and books, were inspired by creative upcycling ideas and gave their opinions on transport, energy, food, the future and what to do with the Meadows Edge area.

There were smiles everywhere as visitors relaxed in the lovely sunny setting and early summer ambience. Here's what we ended up with:

- **Beer Festival** in the clubhouse with 25 real ales, many of them from local brewers.
- **Entertainment** from **QHQ**, a four part harmony choir, Wirksworth favourites, [Fathom](#) with their gentle acoustic covers, an acoustic set from Belper rockers, [Riptide](#) followed by [Beeker and the Temperance Society Blues band](#). On Sunday we were treated to the Belper youth talent showcase; another opportunity for young talented Belper musicians to shine.
- Generous sponsors, [Glow-worm](#) showcased boilers, heat pumps, hybrid systems and solar thermal,
- [Marches Energy Agency's](#) Fantastic Home showed how to save energy in your home,
- **Transition Belper's** stall with details of all our activities and projects
- [Derbyshire ECO Centre](#) brought details of all their forthcoming courses and activities as well as their wonderful hand-powered Scalextrics set for us all to play with,
- [Fresh Basil](#) including their famous paella pan,
- [Sage Green Cuisine's](#) vegetarian and vegan deli ,
- Gluten and wheat free cakes and desserts from [Cooper Cakes](#),
- Fresh organic vegetables from [Green Health](#) plus their bicycle powered smoothie maker and cooking on an open fire,
- [Sound Bites](#) from Derby with their local organic fair trade food ,
- Cooking with leftovers - Sunday afternoon demonstrations with **Fresh Basil** and Greg Broadbent of [Godfrey's Cafe Bistro](#) in Duffield,
- Young businesswoman, Emmy Nazaruk, brought us '**The Cakery**',
- **Transition Belper Recycling** stall with amazingly creative ideas for turning trash into treasure with Lynne Henley,
- [Derbyshire County Council Recycling Roadshow](#) with great giveaways and ideas,
- **Clothes Swap** in the geodesic dome,
- [Christine Gray's](#) mosaic hearts workshops,
- [Karen Williams'](#) sculptures made from recycled material,
- Emma Parkins held her [Junky Monkey](#) puppet making workshop,
- Ali Clark and [Stripey Line Stitchery](#) will have items made from reclaimed fabric on display and for sale,
- [Carole Beavis](#) lead a willow sculpture workshop and eventually ended up with a huge figure that is now sitting in the George and dragon garden.

- David Webley does tree work and garden maintenance but doesn't like to see trees and branches go to waste so his [Rustic Wood Craft](#) skills are used to create all sorts of useful and saleable items from the cuttings,
- Hatty Bett - another young entrepreneur fresh from the Youth Market will have her hand made gift tags and accessories available under the [Kitty Bea](#) brand,
- Fabric nappy advice with [Lisa Israel](#),
- Indian head massage, Dorn treatments and reiki with [Annette Steele](#),
- [Weleda](#) 'in harmony with you group',
- The [Green Emporium](#) with their ethical, green, natural and organic health, beauty and cleaning products
- The fun bike course - supervised by Belper Guides,
- Bike puncture repair workshop and maintenance advice,
- [Juicy Bike](#) had several electric bikes for people to try – watch out for the video,
- **India 2014** - a wonderful group of young people were selling all sorts of things to raise funds to take them to India to take part in a community project next year. They will either be working in an orphanage or helping to build an ECO dome for a community in the Himalayan foothills,
- **Belper Civic Forum** had their model of Belper Town centre and were asking your views on what to do with the old Thorntons site and Belper Meadows,
- **Amnesty International**,
- **Greenpeace**,
- **Oxfam shop**,
- **Friends of the Earth**.

### **Help us make Belper Goes Green 2014 even better**

We want to keep what worked well and improve those areas that didn't work so well but we need your views to help us. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey – it's completely anonymous (unless you want to volunteer) and we really do value your opinion.