



DIARY DATES

Tues 5 May, 7.30pm

HFoE meeting, *The Yard*, 204 Newland Avenue

Mon 11 May 7.45pm

Electric Car talk, Boulevard Village Hall

Thurs 21 May 6.45pm

Thorium Power talk, Tranby Room Staff House Hull University

Tues 2 June, 7.30pm

HFoE meeting, *The Yard*, 204 Newland Avenue

Tues 7 July, 7.30pm

HFoE meeting, *The Yard*, 204 Newland Avenue.

Tues 4 August, 7.30pm

HFoE meeting, *The Yard*, 204 Newland Avenue

Lots more events inside

Whatever happened to...

Thorium Power

Hull Friends of the Earth and Transition Hull present the first in a series of talks and discussions looking at low-carbon energy possibilities for the future: *Whatever happened to... Thorium Power*

Thorium is more abundant in nature than uranium and has some safety advantages. Its use as an energy source has been in development for many years. But it has not received the investment of other nuclear fuels. Why not? China and India are now leading research and development. With climate change creating an urgent need to meet our energy needs with lower carbon emissions, are there lessons for this country?

Professor Bob Cywinski

Dean of Applied Sciences at University of Huddersfield
will put it in layman's terms for us

at Tranby Room, Staff House, Hull University HU6 7RX

on

Thursday 21 May 2015

at **6.45pm**

Admission free; all welcome

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ECO CHIT CHAT



Community Gardens

The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing. It's time to get busy in those community gardens, orchards and city farms. See our centre spread for some volunteering opportunities; I'm sure there will be lots more, so tell us about your project.



We can talk to you!

Leeann and I gave an illustrated talk on Hull FoE Past and Present to Anlaby Park Methodist Ladies in March. It went down well, so let me know if your organisation wants to book us. (Hilary's details on back page).



Renewable power trip

We are looking at making a visit to Whit Moor in Selby, a new power plant said to be the first of its type in the world. The firm collects used cooking oil from household waste recycling centres, schools, businesses and food processing plants. They filter the oil with a process that uses no heat or chemicals, and then use the filtered oil to generate clean, renewable energy. If you are interested in coming with us, contact Sue (details back page). If you are on our email contact list we will keep you posted of the date.



Come and pick litter

We are also looking at doing litter picks in Queen's Gardens, involving the College students, and in East Park. Again, be on the email list so you can get further information.



The Big Lunch is back

Join the Big Lunch! The Big Lunch is perfect for having fun with your neighbours and helping to build stronger neighbourhood. It's time to dig out the bunting and start planning your Big Lunch on Sunday 7 June.

Visit thebiglunch.com/join-in/register-2015 or call 0845 850 8181 to request a free pack, full of useful tips and resources like invites and salad seeds. Send us some pics if you go ahead!



EU helps restore peatlands

If you ever wondered what the EU does for us, you will be pleased to learn that it has given £2.3m to help restore Humberhead Peatlands

(Thorne and Hatfield Moors Special Areas of Conservation) a unique lowland raised bog habitat. Peat extraction between 1870 and 2004 has left only a shallow depth of peat. Careful management of water levels and clearing of scrub will restore boggy conditions and provide a long term future for rare plants, birds and insects. The work will also help manage flooding.



Flood protection starts

I notice flood protection works have now started along the North Ferriby shoreline.



Biomass plans refused

Planning permission has been refused for amendments to a biomass wood fuelled renewable energy plant at King George Dock to allow energy to also be generated from general waste-derived fuel.

Hilary



Electric car charge point: Woodall Services

Transition Hull & Hull Friends of the Earth present a look at an

ELECTRIC CAR

Monday 11 May 2015

7.45 pm at Boulevard Village Hall

A short talk will be given by Iain Hyndman of Nissan, there will be the chance to see a current vehicle and an opportunity to ask questions.

All welcome

Lots of events for us to join in!

'Eat Your Weeds': *Thursday 23 April, 6.30* at Bude Road allotments, Kingswood.

Find out which weeds you can eat, which have medicinal properties, and enjoy nettle soup!

Organised by Down to Earth community group.

Booking essential: phone or text Andy on 07936006452 or email: down-2-earth@outlook.com

Mayday Celebrations: *Monday 4 May noon* at Pickering Road Community Orchard, Cranberry Way off Pickering Road. Appreciate the trees in all their blossom and dance round the maypole with the Raving Maes morris dancers. Parking on Pickering Road only please. There will be some refreshments, or bring a picnic.

Sue Goddard: 01482 329369; 07799692102; sue@wheelbarrow5.karoo.co.uk

Beach clean-ups: organised by the Marine Conservation Society take place at Hornsea on *Friday 8 May* and Cleethorpes on *Sat 9 May*.

Further details on www.mcsuk.org/foreverfish

Day of Action on Climate Change: *Wednesday 17 June*. Lobbying in Westminster. Look out for anything local.

Lord Mayor's Parade: *Saturday 20 June*. City Centre.

Look out for foody and growing events around the Wilson Centre Garden.

Run on Sun Day of Action: *Sunday 21 June*. Again look out for news of anything local. There was a very good response from local schools to the open day held at Ings Primary in February, so we are looking forward to seeing more local schools running on sun.

Avenues Open Gardens: *Sundays 5 and 12 July 1-5pm*

Hull FoE, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust stalls in Wildlife Garden Pearson Park.

Sky Ride: Hull City Centre *Sunday 16 August*. On your bike! Register and get a free bike check: www.goskyride.com/HullSkyRide

Cornucopia: *Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September*, Burton Constable Hall. East Riding's Green and friendly festival.

Tickets on sale: www.cornucopiafestival.co.uk

Green Fair: *Saturday 21 November*. Freedom Centre Preston Road. Stall bookings begin in September.

Contact Hilary: 01482 445747 or Hilary@amskaya.karoo.co.uk

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust: organise many volunteering activities and events throughout Yorkshire over the summer.

www.ywt.org.uk/volunteers has a calendar.

OTHER NEWS

Real Junk Food Café Hull: is getting set up, inspired by the talk at the Greenshare conference. Will be based at BricWorks café on Story Street at first. www.food4hull.co.uk

Avenues Bicycle Project: now have a workshop in containers at Sewell's Service Station on Chanterlands Avenue. Still need to contact Chris if you have a bike to offer on 07715307942

TruthJuice Hull: meet on Wednesdays at 7.30pm twice a month at the New Walton Club, Walton Street, for talks on a wide range of subjects and alternative perspectives, from economics to spiritual health. £5 or what you can afford.

<http://hull.truthjuice.co.uk>

Beverley FoE: now meet informally at Green Drinks, 13th of each month, 6.30-9.00 pm, at the Green Dragon pub in Beverley.

More info from Chris Upton on cmu9art@yahoo.co.uk

Yorkshire FoE groups get together

14 March was this year's Yorkshire gathering in Leeds.

A good turn out again; more new faces from our closest local groups.

A quick round up of main campaigns

Run on Sun: being the focus on community energy and encouraging the use of solar on schools and the potential of other public buildings. There is a large movement towards divestment from fossil fuels worldwide and what better message to give people than to invest in local projects such as community energy schemes.

Fracking: a political hot potato right now. Scotland and Wales have a moratorium, a lot depends on the election. After the debacle of the Infrastructure Bill things have gone very quiet. The Labour party demanded amendments to the bill placing restrictions on fracking but they got

watered down and wording was challenged. So although drilling is not allowed in National Parks, drilling under them is.

Bee Campaign: is to continue, the key issue now being pesticides—the 2 year moratorium on neonicotinoids ends soon and needs to be extended. FoE and the WI worked together to build awareness for the safeguarding of bees and other pollinators and after intense campaigning and drawing strong public support, the government agreed to introduce a National Pollinator Strategy.

Other important work is being done on energy efficiency/fuel poverty, food, land and water use (Stable Diets and Go Flexi) and TTiP.

See www.foe.co.uk for more details.

There are explorations into alternative economic models; and National FoE are involved in freeing the beavers!

As always the aim is to work with younger people.

Regional round up

Focus is on Green Port and Siemens in our neck of the woods, North and South Yorkshire are fighting to preserve their land from fracking and Bradford Council are the first council in the UK to back plans for its schools to run on solar power. They have agreed to award loans to schools for solar energy.

Main factors to be aware of this year are the importance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Paris in December which is expected to be an improvement on Copenhagen.

And then, of course, there is the uncertainty of the election. We need to demand environmental security from our politicians.

Leeann Williams



Transition Hull News

Summer visits: we are in the process of arranging some visits, such as to Green Growers at Nafferton and the Inglehome Eco House in Hull. The dates arranged for events will be advertised on the Transition Hull Mailing List.

To join the list email jenny@transitionhull.co.uk

Constable Street Field: is still evolving as a growing space. The Friends of Constable Street Field hope to apply for funding to improve the site. More info from Lausanne 07816 141169.

Hull Permaculture Network: continues to meet monthly. Contact Lausanne on 07816 141169

Films for loan (contact Jenny on 845356)

- ▶ **Voices from The Gas Fields:** New DVD about fracking set in Australia, which received its debut in Beverley in March and highlights the environmental impact of the industry.
- ▶ **The Black Sun of Hiroshima:** A recently donated DVD about the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945, made by Kenichi Watanabe in 2011, based on new historical archives opened in the US in 2005.

Jenny Parsons

Treasurer, Transition Hull

<http://www.transitionhull.co.uk/>

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Greenshare Conference

'Growing your Green Potential' was the title of the Hull and East Riding Greenshare Conference 2015 held on 18 March 2015 at the Lawns in Cottingham

University of Hull

Chris King, University of Hull Environmental Manager, spoke about measures to reduce the University's carbon footprint. Solar panels have been installed on 4 campus buildings; a food waste recycling service has been introduced for catering outlets; and a bike hub set up, with 100 bikes for hire by staff and students. A 'switch-off campaign' aimed at students in halls has been successful. More info at www.hull.ac.uk/sustainability

Spencer Group

Jim Lawrie, Spencer Group, talked about Energy Works. The energy from waste scheme for Hull, using advanced gasification technology, is now set to go ahead, though the source of the waste is not yet certain. An Energy Academy on the site will act as an education facility. Funding includes a recent grant from the new Contracts for Difference (CFD) scheme. Hull FOE is on the consultation group for this project and will report further when it has met. <http://energyworkshull.co.uk/>

The Real Junk Food Project

Adam Smith and Joshua Lawson of the Real Junk Food Project in Leeds, described how this waste-to-café

food project came about and is now being widely copied. Adam is a chef and founder of the project, in which food is intercepted from going to waste, for example from supermarket bins or donations. They use their own judgement on what is unusable and needs to be composted, and convert the rest to café fare. Users of the café pay what they can afford, or wash up or do other practical tasks. Both were passionate about the amount of waste which is effectively built into the current food system and the lack of any sensible legal way of dealing with the huge amount of supermarket waste. <http://www.therealjunkfoodproject.co.uk/> Food4 Hull and others are looking at setting up a similar project in Hull. Info to come on www.food4hull.co.uk

Leeds: Greening the City

Tom Bliss from Leeds on the theme Greening the City, focused on local urban food growing. He referred to the concept of CPULs (Continuous Productive Urban Landscapes) where a network of interlinked urban growing spaces can produce food, opportunities for recreation and corridors for wildlife. He described several projects: 'Leeds Urban Harvest' collects and distributes soft

fruits from trees and bushes in both public and private spaces; 'BackToFront' promotes using front gardens to grow produce; More information on these and other projects at <http://www.urbal.tv/>

Community Agriculture

Tamara Hall of Beverley spoke about Community Agriculture. Tamara gained a Nuffield Scholarship to visit various Community Supported Agriculture schemes in Finland, Sweden, USA, Japan, Greece and Holland, sponsored by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society. Local food reduces food miles and supports the local economy. Tamara is a commercial farmer based at Molescroft Grange Farm, runs Open Farm School Days and has been successful in gaining funding for projects such as not-for-profit allotments. <http://www.molesfarm.co.uk/>

TimeBank Kitchen are to be congratulated for providing a delicious lunch using food sourced from local suppliers, while the Lawns proved to be a very good venue. Altogether, a day-long event for £5 a head was excellent value for money.

Jenny Parsons



There was an opportunity to attend two workshops, chosen from various options. I attended:

Think about Waste: run by Kate Showan of Hull City Council. Kate quizzed us on what should go in

which bin, and there were some surprises, even for committed recyclers. 50% of all bin waste in Hull is now recycled. Kate answered questions on where and how recycled items were

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dealt with. Discussion identified the need to promote recycling to the younger generation through schools, – running workshops for teachers might be a possibility. Businesses need to be reducing their packaging and can sign up to the Courtauld Commitment. <http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/waste>

The Green Project & City Farm:

by Greg Harman of Recycling Unlimited. This charity runs a workshop and 2 charity shops in Hull and a horticulture site at Woodmansey, aimed at supporting people suffering social exclusion. Their new venture, is the Hull City Farm, being developed on a site behind the Kingston Youth Centre on Beverley Road. Open to all, the project aims to raise awareness of food origins, develop skills & knowledge, provide educational activities, promote healthy affordable food choices, promote social inclusion & community engagement, and provide opportunities to learn about animal care. About $\frac{3}{4}$ acre in area, the site will support raised beds, a hen house, water collection points, and a polytunnel, using recycled materials where possible. The City Farm hopes to act as a hub for food-related & community-based projects. <http://www.recyclingunlimited.co.uk/>

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Election fever!

There's an election on, in case you hadn't noticed! Look out for 'Hustings' or Question-time type events near you.

For instance:

Thursday 30 April, 7pm at St Ninian's Church, Chanterlands Avenue for North Hull Constituency

Plenty of issues to raise:

- ▶ **Biofuelwatch** want us to get candidates to commit to public funds going only to genuinely renewable energy schemes. They don't want funds to go to Drax for its unsustainable wood fuel, or for its new coal burning power plant which has no certainty of carbon capture.
- ▶ **The Climate Coalition** say they have got the main Party leaders to commit to seek a fair, strong, legally binding, global climate deal which limits temperature rises to below 2°C. Now they want the candidates to support this pledge.
- ▶ **38 Degrees** say: MPs will need to make decisions about TTIP soon. Ask candidates in your constituency now to oppose TTIP.
- ▶ **Marinet** say: Wind farms out at sea would make good Marine Conservation Zones. Trawlers can't fish around them because they would get damaged, so the fish stocks have a chance to recover. So far the government hasn't supported the idea. **Lobby your candidates.**

TIDAL POWER

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Whatever happened to... Tidal Power

Professor Jack Hardisty of Hull University

at Tranby Room, Staff House, Hull
University HU6 7RX

on **Thursday 15 October 2015**

Local residents call on Hull & East Riding councils to drop fluoride plans

Online petitions have been launched to each of the Councils. Hundreds of residents have already signed.

The residents opposed to fluoridation point out that the majority of developed countries do not fluoridate their water supply. Even in the few countries that do fluoridate residents are launching successful campaigns to have it removed. www.fluoridealert.org/content/communities

My view, as a local resident opposed to fluoridation is,

“Why should I be forced to drink a dangerous chemical? Fluoridation is forced medication with no concern for the dose administered or the level of sensitivity to fluoride toxicity of the individuals drinking the water. For example, bottle fed babies would consume 300 times the dose of fluoride as breast fed babies.”

The petition to the EYRC states:

The supposed benefit of fluoride only comes from contact with the teeth not from being swallowed. People who want the dubious

benefits of fluoride can buy fluoride toothpaste.

The conditions that make people more vulnerable to fluoride toxicity are more prevalent in poor communities than affluent ones (e.G., Nutrient deficiencies, infant formula consumption, kidney disease, and diabetes).

A comment from a Hull man on the petition website reads:

“The people who are proposing the addition of fluoride should be available for a meeting with us who oppose it. I have personally called Councillor Inglis twice and tried to ask him some questions, very calmly, but he put the phone down on me on both occasions. I asked him if he was willing to sit down with us and look at our evidence for the case against it. He said he wouldn't, so I reminded him he was a public servant etc, but he wasn't interested and put the phone down on me again.”

Campaigners point out that drinking even low levels of fluoride is dangerous. Recent studies implicate fluoride in a number of ailments including the hardening of arteries and therefore heart disease, the lowering of IQ, an increase in tumours and cancers,

and a number of other serious complaints.

We held a very successful public meeting at Spring Bank Community Centre in March with Joy Warren, BSc. (Hons) Env. Sci; Cert. Nutrition & Health Co-ordinator, West Midlands Against Fluoridation and For Pure Clean Water www.wmaf.org.uk and Martin Deane, Hull Green Party. It was attended by over 50 people including a few pro-fluoride dentists and lobbyists from the British Fluoridation Society which led to some lively discussions.

Our focus now is encouraging residents to contact their local councillors at writetothem.com and make their views known with a short message. Our websites provide lots of easy to use points about fluoridation. The issue is yet to be formally discussed by the council so it's important that we speak out now.

Contact:

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East Yorkshire Against Fluoride

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Information and references

East Yorkshire Against Fluoride facebook group

www.eastyorkshireagainstfluoride.org.uk

www.fluoridealert.org

www.ukagainstfluoride.blogspot.co.uk

https://www.change.org/p/hull-city-councillors-no-to-fluoride-in-hull-water?recruiter=66770653&utm_campaign=signature_receipt&utm_medium=email&utm_source=share_petition

<https://www.change.org/p/east-riding-of-yorkshire-council-keep-our-water-supply-free-of-toxic-fluoride>

Volunteering opportunities

WHERE	WHEN (but best to call first) & WHO TO CONTACT	WHAT
SCULCOATES CEMETERY Sculcoates Lane	Last Friday of each month 1pm-3pm David Longthorn 01482 228336	Planting and maintaining the cemetery for biodiversity
WILDLIFE GARDEN in Pearson Park (See also other YWT sites with opportunities and events on www.ywt.org.uk)	Fridays 10am -2pm but looking at doing Mondays too. harriet.linfoot@ywt.org.uk	Helping manage the wildlife garden. Grow veg as well as bee-friendly plants, pond, beehives etc
RAINBOW GARDEN North Hull Estate off Levisham Close, Endyke Lane near corner with Hall Road	Someone there most weekdays 10am onwards. Jeannie Webster 07504292378	Maintaining award-winning and community garden; crafts etc
PICKERING ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD Cranberry Way off Pickering Road.	Every Thursday 10am-2pm Sue Goddard 01482 329369; 07799 692102 sue@wheelbarrow5.karoo.co.uk	Looking after the orchard and the wildlife garden. Bring cake to share!
CITY FARM rear of Kingston Youth Centre, Beverley Road	Likely to be someone there most weekdays Call Greg Harman at Recycling Unlimited 01482 440235	Gardens, polytunnel, chickens, bees etc
WESTERN LIBRARY Boulevard	Ask at the Library	Being established. Currently building a greenhouse out of plastic bottles
CONSTABLE STREET FIELD off Hesse Road	Lausanne 01482 228637	Wildlife meadow, veg patch and small orchard
VARIOUS EAST HULL	Various times; Contact Andy: Andrew@emsyorkshire.co.uk	Green Prosperity put on various courses, volunteering, events etc
OPPY WOOD Danepark Road Orchard Park	Not arranged yet; contact Hull Council on 300300	Work so far has been litter clearing, but Council looking to start more

in community gardens in Hull



Wild flowers in Sculcoates Cemetery



The Wildlife Garden, in Pearson Park



Rainbow Garden



Maypole dancing at Pickering Road Community Orchard



Western Library garden

PHOTO BRENDA ELM



Local school children help with litter clearing at Oppy Wood, Orchard Park

Frack-free latest

- ▶ Rathlin Energy have submitted a planning application for a third well, WEST NEWTON B. Situated at Crooks Lane, West Newton, the new well site will be larger than the two previous sites with proposals for a new access road and a route through the centre of Sproatley.
- ▶ Planning Meeting postponed until June 2015.
- ▶ Planning Permission has been submitted for West Newton B and the consultation is open right now.
- ▶ For more information and details on how to object see:
<http://www.frackfreeeastyorkshire.com/west-newton-b/>

Powering up north Finding out about Community Energy Schemes

We are all very well aware, especially in Hull, how renewable energy has become a growth industry in the UK. This is despite government reneging on their promises, lowering the Feed In Tariff earlier than necessary and refusing to commit to carbon reduction targets.

The one thing that hasn't been mentioned enough is community energy. The benefits of community energy are enormously exciting and tend to plug all the gaps between business as usual and renewables. Community energy provides social as well as economic benefits and can lead to empowerment for people and greater resilience to an area as a form of wealth creation and a respected and valued energy source.

On the 26 Feb, 200 delegates from the public sector and communities descended on Manchester for the Powering Up North community energy conference. The event aimed to capitalise on the expansion of community energy in the UK and see how it could be harnessed to increase growth in the North. It was aimed at representatives from community energy groups, local authorities, the 3rd sector, central government and other public bodies.

This was an incredibly full timetable, stacked to the hilt with presentations from community energy schemes, mentors, Friends of the Earth, funders and even Ofgem. They covered investment, campaigns, social impact, how to overcome challenges, stories of

successful projects and lessons learned from failed schemes.

One can't imagine a more comprehensive point at which to begin a combined effort to unite and uplift the potential for energy and future economic development of the North of England. Expect to be hearing much more about this.

For conference information including presentations from the event: <http://claspinfo.org/powering-up>

More information on community energy here: www.foe.co.uk/green-blog/investing-community-energy

Leeann Williams

The FoE website gives an example of a community energy scheme: South Staffordshire Community Energy raised £54,000 from 52 investors and installed solar PV on two community buildings – St Giles Hospice and the village hall, providing them with free electricity while paying a modest return to shareholders. Such was their success that in autumn 2013, they were approached by neighbouring Cannock Chase Council. Concerned about the impact of rising energy prices on their tenants, they were asked to consider a project to provide free electricity to the occupants of some

300 council-owned bungalows – mostly pensioners. It was a giant step up in terms of scale and ambition, but an opportunity they just couldn't miss. Chase Community Solar was born.

This project has clear environmental, economic and social benefits, and could be a benchmark for local authorities nationwide. If all 300 installations are achieved, as well as reducing carbon emissions by 6,700 tonnes, tenants will save up to £1.2 million on their energy bills over 20 years, and retain money in the local economy through a community fund of £80,000. This will be used to fund

other local environmental projects. The initiative will save the average household between £100 and £200 every year. And there are real advantages for shareholders too. Anyone can invest as little as £100 and the project aims for an annual return of 7% over 20 years.

The community energy movement is small but growing fast. It is a move away from fossil fuels towards decentralised, locally-owned renewables, giving communities a much greater say in how their energy needs are met, and sharing the financial benefits.

The builders are busy putting up the factory and residential units and digging the drains on Lockwood Street for the Emmaus Project.

I could see the activity from a distance and some of the trees surrounding the site were leaning at an unusual angle, so I pedalled over to have a closer look. Three birch trees had been lifted and moved to one side while a pit was being dug for a new drain. Thoughts of lying down in front of the excavator were soon dismissed, it was too cold and I had the shopping to do.

The young man in charge saw my concern, I explained that we had planted these trees in 2004, and he said that the trees had been dug up with a root ball and would be replanted asap. It being early March and cold weather that was reasonable and a few days later the job was done. Fine gritty compost was used to backfill the holes. I thanked them. Then came the gales!

Building work stopped whilst the Hobson and Porter workforce heaved and ropes were employed to upright and anchor the trees. That bit is fanciful, they mostly stood and watched.

They'll need a drink. I understand from a passing dog walker that the same excavator found the new electricity power cable which had recently been put in for Reckitts. Apparently it was quite a show.

David Longthorn



PHOTO: Hilary Byers

Trees planted by Hull FoE in 2004 near the new Emmaus project for homeless people

Hull's Edible Garden at The Wilson Centre, Alfred Gelder Street

In 2014 the City Council designated one of its beds as an Edible Garden and grew a variety of vegetables and herbs instead of bedding plants.

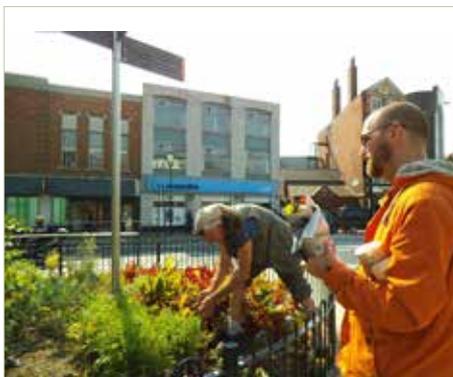


PHOTO: Hilary Byers

Volunteers from Hull FoE, Rainbow Garden, Food4Hull and others helped to plant it. This project is continuing in 2015 on the same site

outside the Wilson Centre in Hull, as a demonstration of how easy it can be to grow your own produce and how it doesn't need to look like an allotment but can still look attractive as part of a formal garden.

There will be designated days when volunteers will be available to engage with the public to promote

the project, hand out harvested produce, and perhaps even provide cooking demonstrations.

People are being encouraged to explore growing their own, even if they don't have a garden, as there are options to grow things in containers, or to find a nearby plot of unused land. The council is willing to licence food growing on small plots of unused council land provided they are not earmarked for development.

Food4Hull is excited to be involved in this project, along with Hull Friends of the Earth, and we had a very productive meeting in January with the project leaders from the council. A series of sowings is planned across the growing season. Allotment associations will be contacted to see if they can provide suitable seedling plants, and there will be a call for volunteers for planting days.

Look out for events as part of other activities in the City Centre, such as at the Lord Mayor's Parade on Saturday 20 June.

Jenny Parsons

Food4Hull



Hull Friends of the Earth

Hull FoE membership

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		Donation	£
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Telephone		<i>Please make cheques payable to:</i> Hull Friends of the Earth & send to Membership Secretary	
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		We welcome your donations! Many of our members are very generous and give us a donation on top of their membership fee; if you can spare a bit extra we really appreciate it. It all helps our campaigning efforts and to keep you informed through ECO. (<i>See below...</i>)	

We encourage you to pay your subscription by annual Standing Order. This prevents you from forgetting to pay and saves us sending reminders. But because of problems with fraud we are no longer printing the form here. Please contact Angela (details below) if you want to pay by Standing Order.

SUBS WERE DUE FOR 2015 BY 7 APRIL

Thanks to everyone who paid their 2015 Hull FoE subs. If you are a national Friends of the Earth member you do need to pay separately to be a Local Group member. Subs remain at £2 unwaged and £5 waged. And if you are inclined to forget, please take out a Standing Order (see above).

Subscriptions: no rise!

It was nice to see 4 new faces at the AGM. Do come along to our other meetings and events! Over the last year our membership has stayed around the 60 mark but donations are less than the previous year. However, postage costs are down too as more of you read ECO online. So we are still covering our costs and **we can keep the membership fee at £5 waged, £2 unwaged for yet another year.** Must be about 20 years at the same rate!

We are also on **Facebook:** To get to it:

www.facebook.com

Register—if you haven't already, and then go to the box at the top called "search for people places and things". Just type in "Hull

Friends of the Earth" and you are off! It will tell you how to get accepted into the group (Lee-Ann is the owner of the site). Alternatively existing "friends" on Facebook can invite you to join.

Hilary

Share your news?

Hull ECO welcomes news and views of all things environmental in Hull and East Yorkshire.

Deadlines are the first Tuesday in January, April, July, October.

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