

Swindon Climate Action Network

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Saturday 17th February** 09:00-12:00. Wanborough Farmers' Market, at the Village Hall, High Street. This happens on the third Saturday every month. Contact Sue Birley sbirley@gn.apc.org. 790438 or Alison 790284
- ◆ **Wednesday 21st February** SCAN meeting 7.30 pm Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill.
- ◆ **Thursday 22nd February 7:30 pm, Civic Offices, Euclid Street. Talk on domestic renewable energy by Alex Lockhart from Freesource Free entry**
- ◆ **Sunday 13th May** All day at Lower Shaw Farm. Swindon Festival of Literature's Climate Change Day. Details of speakers to follow.

80+ turn out to see 'An Inconvenient Truth'

On Monday 12th Feb over 80 people packed into the back room at The Victoria in Old Town to watch a screening of Al Gore's film on climate change. SCAN and Socialist Unity, who run regular film showings at the Vic, jointly presented the event. With a good publicity drive, including a piece in the Adver, the place was so full that many people were standing and some had to be turned away. About twenty people stayed for a

discussion afterwards.

If you want to see the film or know anyone who does, SCAN will be screening it again on May 13th at the Arts Centre, and Little Film Shop on Eastcott Road have put on a special offer for one month of free overnight rental of the DVD, as of Friday 16th Feb. Why not show it at your workplace, community group, church, mosque etc?

Respond to the council's new planning document on sustainable design and construction

The council are considering their planning regulations with regard to the design and construction of buildings in Swindon. There are lots of progressive ideas about sustainability in the document but SCAN believes it needs to be even harder-hitting if greenhouse gases are to be reduced sufficiently to mitigate climate change.

We are urging as many individuals to respond to the council as possible.

The quantity of responses they get is very influential. It is a lengthy document so we have put together a summary of the main points that we recommend, to help you formulate a response. You may cut and paste it as a whole or adapt it as you wish. The deadline for submissions is 2nd March. To see the document go to: <http://www.swindon.gov.uk/supplan ningdocs>

And to view the draft response go to: <http://scan.editme.com/200702SPD>

Renewable Energy For the Home Talk Demonstration and Discussion

Thursday 22nd February 7:30 pm, Civic Offices, Euclid Street.



Talk and discussion on domestic renewable energy by Alex Lockhart from Freesource entry is free. Alex is going to bring along a wind turbine and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Anyone who's considering installing a wind turbine or solar power at home will find this extremely interesting.

