

Swindon Climate Action Network

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Join The Big Ask online march

It's just like a real march, only you don't have to get up at 6 for the bus to London and you won't get left holding someone else's banner. It's The Big Ask [online climate march](http://www.thebigask.com). Friends of the Earth want thousands of people to join in before the Government's new Climate Change Bill reaches Parliament this Autumn. MPs need to get the message loud and clear - the time for action is now. The Climate Change Bill must set annual targets for cutting carbon and it must include emissions from aviation. To join the march simply go to www.thebigask.com and follow the instructions. And if making a short video isn't your cup of tea - don't worry, you can still join the march by personalising one of the ready-made animations. Just follow the simple instructions. We need a strong climate change law - let's make it happen.



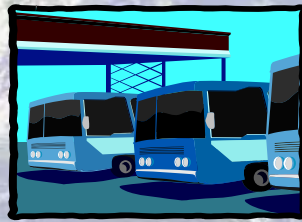
Anyone fancy another trip to demo in London?

Christian Aid is a large church-based development and aid agency that aims to "work where the need is greatest in nearly 50 countries, regardless of ethnicity, nationality or religion, to meet suffering and stop poverty - whether through providing emergency relief or long-term development." This year they have been campaigning strongly on a climate change theme because poor people in poor countries are being hit first and hardest by its effects.

I have been contacted to let SCAN know about a coach that has been organised to take supporters to the Christian Aid "Cut the Carbon" march in London on October 2nd. The coach will be coming from Gloucester and will be picking people up outside the old Swindon College about 9.15am (exact time to be confirmed). People can reserve seats on the coach by emailing or phoning Simon Topping topstan@fish.co.uk (01454 616118). Tickets cost £12.50.

Further information on this march (which has already started out from Northern Ireland and will end outside the Stock Exchange on 2nd October) can be found at:

http://www.christianaid.org.uk/stoppoverty/climatechange/march/carbon_march.aspx



Bus Routes Overhaul

Adrian has 'volunteered' to produce a SCAN submission to the consultation being run by Thamesdown Transport on the proposed changes to their Swindon bus network. If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to share, please forward them to me by August 3rd.

Consultation runs until 7th August, please make sure that your comments are heard! View the information and make comments direct at:

<http://www.thamesdown-transport.co.uk/index.cfm>

Please note that Thamesdown Transport are not obliged to offer such consultations and that it only covers their routes and not those of Stagecoach! However, it is your opportunity to make your voice heard!

As part of the transport campaign, SCAN wants to encourage alternatives to the private motor vehicle: the bus is the only option (other than walking & cycling) that is available at the moment!

Upcoming Events

- **Woodland Learning Summer Events**
Children & Family Forest Skills courses
July 28th Family Day, Coleshill 30th July
Young Adults Forest Skills Plus summer holiday dates for 8-14 year olds See www.woodland-learning.co.uk or tel Ruth 01367 250369
- **September 1st Forest Festival**, The Lawns
- **September 5th SCAN & TUC Meeting on Public Transport**
- **Monday 10th September 6.30pm** Rod Bluh, Leader of the Council, talks on 'The Regeneration of Swindon' at The Pilgrim Centre
- **September 15th-30th** Climate Friendly Community Fortnight
- **September 22nd** In Town Without My Car
- **Saturday 8th December**, National Climate Change March, London
- **Email:** info@swindonclimate.org.uk
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