

SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

May 2008

SCAN meets Hilary Benn

Fame at last! On April 10th SCAN members were invited to lunch with Hilary Benn, Minister for the Environment. The event was hosted by the Royal Oak in Bishopstone and was attended by about 10 SCAN members who had an hour to pose questions and suggestions to Mr Benn. See the full report at <http://www.swindonlink.com/news/show/562>

Transition Towns Talk confirmed

A large meeting is planned for May 21st to discuss how Swindon can manage its future in the context of climate change and peak oil. Transition Towns is being used in Bristol and Nottingham among other places as a framework for developing a community plan to increase independence from fossil fuels. SCAN is inviting a wide range of people in town to attend – please come along and invite anyone you know who might be interested. Details on the calendar on the right.

New and expanded committee elected at AGM!

SCAN is growing fast and is delighted that the new management committee includes all the old members plus three new ones – Annie Whitford, Deborah Schofield and Jenni Miles. For the full list of who's who please see... <http://www.swindonclimate.org.uk/whoswhoinscan>

Exciting Volunteering Opportunities with SCAN

Fancy your hand at producing this digest?

Are you able to produce a news digest like this one (or better) ? SCAN's digest hero Gupti is taking a well-earned career break to concentrate on his paid job and a replacement is urgently needed. Do you have design/formatting skills to produce this for the website? The writing part is submitted by members.

Contact

deb@swindonclimate.org.uk or give me a ring on 01793 335817.

Want to help make a radio programme on environmental issues?

Swindon's new community radio station 105.5 is looking for volunteers to research and produce a fortnightly programme on environmental issues. A brilliant opportunity to promote climate change issues and learn about radio. Please call Gill on 01793 886383.



Join the Greener Living Group

Are you interested in promoting greener living to the people of Swindon? Have you got ideas and energy for this? SCAN has formed a new group to promote greener lifestyles –from vegetable growing to real nappies and the joys of walking and cycling. To get involved please contact Jenni on jenni@swindonclimate.org.uk

And finally...stall volunteers SCAN always needs people to set up and person the stall at events through the summer. Check the calendar and if you can help at any event please contact Helen on helen@swindonclimate.org.uk

Wednesday 21st May

Transition Towns Talk Civic Centre, Euclid Street, Swindon 7.30 pm Free

Saturday 7th June Stop the War presents George Galloway. SCAN stall Broadgreen Centre

Wednesday 18th June

SCAN meeting – Following up on Transition Towns Friends Meeting House Eastcott Hill 7pm refreshments 7.30pm meeting

Saturday 21st June Westmill Wind Farm Open Day SCAN stall

Sunday 22nd June TWIGS Midsummer Open Day

Plants, crafts, bees, gardens and wildflowers 10.30 -4 Free Cheney Manor (attached to Garden Centre)

Saturday 28th June Old Town Festival Parade Join the SCAN entry – we won 3rd prize last year!

Sunday 29th June Old Town Festival Town Gardens -SCAN stall

Later in the year – curry night, pub quiz, forest festival

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