

SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

August 2008

Camp for Climate Action

Our own intrepid climate campers Andy, Gina and Lucy are back from an inspiring and lively week at the Climate Camp in Kent, near Kingsnorth Power Station. They will be giving a presentation on their experiences at the next SCAN public meeting on September 17th. This should be a lively and entertaining slide show and chat – there may even be some video footage!

Both Andy and Gina are environmental scientists so they are more aware than most of the urgent need to slash emissions and the extreme foolishness of opening a coal-fired power station in this day and age.

New volunteers

SCAN has two new volunteers. Adele Campbell is taking over Publicity from Jenni Miles, who is due to give birth very soon. A warm welcome to Adele and best wishes to Jenni.

In addition Trevor Tsang is taking a look at tidying up our website before he goes back to uni. This is a much needed project and we look forward to seeing some improvements.

We still urgently need someone to design and format this digest – please get in touch if you can help.

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Energy standards rejected

Earlier this month the Secretary of State, Hazel Blears, rejected proposals which set out higher energy standards for new build in the South West (Policy G).

<http://tinyurl.com/5pqywt>
Despite two years of painstaking evidence building and discussion, the region's proposals on new build have been rejected out of hand.

There is no evidence from the Secretary of State as to why the strategy could not have been used or amended to help achieve national low carbon building standards. A recent study concluded that Policy G would reduce carbon emissions in the growth point by 30% above the trajectory implied by national building regulations.

The government has strongly resisted any attempts by local and regional authorities to raise their energy standards in buildings above the national requirements. Interestingly the major property developers have been strongly resisting higher standards.

Please raise this with your MP!
Email them on:
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It's not easy being green

BBC2's 'It's not easy being green' is making a third series with Dick Strawbridge. Are you "greening" your home and fancy being on the telly? Ideally you will be about to start now and be aiming to finish by the end of the year/end of January 09. If you'd like to volunteer please contact the series producer Kimberley Littlemore, tel. 0117 974 6618.
kimberley.littlemore@bbc.co.uk

Calendar

Saturday 30th August. SCAN stall at Forest Festival, The Lawns, Old Town.

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th September. Friends of the Earth Conference in Loughborough with workshops and training. If you are interested please contact deb@swindonclimate.org.uk

Wednesday 17th September
Climate Camp 2008: an inspiring week of workshops, community living and direct action. First hand accounts from SCAN members. Friends Meeting House on Eastcott Hill, SN1 3JF. 7pm refreshments 7.30pm start.

Thursday 16th October. Civic Trust present Kevin McCloud 'Sustainable Buildings in Swindon' Details from www.swindoncivictrust.org.uk

Tuesday 21st October. SCAN curry night – eat curry and raise money for SCAN Details to be confirmed