

Swindon Climate Action Network



November 2008

Peter Greenhalgh talk

We had a great turn-out for our last meeting, when Councillor Peter Greenhalgh, Lead Member for Highways, Transport and Strategic Planning, gave a talk about Swindon's transport strategy.

He showed some slides of his recent trip to the Netherlands, and spoke enthusiastically about the sustainable transport he had seen – high rates of cycling, integrated public transport (trains, trams and buses) and 'shared space' measures to slow traffic in residential areas.

Unfortunately, when questioned on his vision for Swindon, it seemed like the good things he had learned in the Netherlands were forgotten. He focused on exactly the same car-based measures that were proposed in the original Transport Vision for 2030 - expensive traffic management systems, parking messaging and arterial routes.

In two Swindon-wide public consultations, Swindon residents have overwhelmingly rejected these priorities and asked for a greater focus on public transport, buses, cycling and walking.

You can see video of Peter's talk [on our website](#).

Read a more detailed analysis of his views in [this letter](#) from Deb Joffe to the Advertiser.

More information about [SCAN's transport campaign](#).

Recharge the media with Stop Climate Chaos

Do you feel the media sometimes misses the point? Wish it was getting the urgency of climate change?

If, like us, you think the media could use some 'recharging' on the climate debate, join in to create a big debate in the media this December. Get the letters pages, opinion columns and airwaves buzzing with your views on climate change and the UK's energy choices.

Get your voice heard. Inspire others. Help shape the public agenda.

Tell the media you care what this country is doing to tackle climate change at home. Call on our politicians to kick start the carbon clean up at home and show leadership on the world stage. [Register here](#).

Climate Change Bill becomes law – last minute victories

After a three and a half year campaign, the Climate Change Bill was finally voted in to law last week.

11th hour amendments to the Bill mean that the emissions reduction target has been increased from 60% to 80% by 2050, and the Government will now have to report on emissions from aviation and shipping.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to campaign on the Bill, through The Big Ask, or by writing to their MP, or simply by supporting SCAN. We deserve a pat on the back!

Calendar

Monday November 24th
Swindon Food Growing Group. Do you grow your own food, or would like to do so? Come along and share experiences and pick up tips from other local growers.
[Lower Shaw Farm](#), 7:30pm.

Monday December 22nd
Christmas Benefit Gig for SCAN in [The Beehive](#), 55 Prospect Hill, Swindon SN1 3JS. The Bicyclettes, Erin Bardwell, more bands and open mic. Starts 8pm.

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