

Swindon Climate Action Network

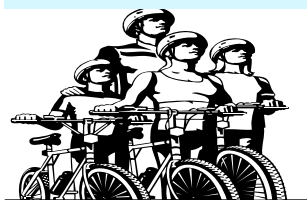
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SCAN Meeting Wednesday 16th May 19:30** at Friends Meeting House Eastcott Hill, repeats 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
- ◆ **Friday April 20th Eco Bash Quality of Life Awards** Punjabi Community Centre Gorse Hill 11:00-15:00
- ◆ **Friday April 20th SCAN and World Development Movement** public meeting on World Poverty and Climate Change. Venue and details to follow (check our website or email us).
- ◆ **Sunday May 13th Literature Festival Climate Change Day at Lower Shaw Farm** (All day). Speakers include Mark Lynas and Tony Juniper. Panel discussion on 'What can the people of Swindon do about climate change?'. Children's and young people's activities all day.
- ◆ **Sunday May 13th Another chance to see Al Gore's Film 'An Inconvenient Truth'** at the Arts Centre 20:00



ECO BASH

APRIL 20TH is a big day for climate change in Swindon. SCAN will be busy all day at the Eco-Bash where we will have our stall. In the evening is the **PUBLIC MEETING** at the Pilgrim Centre with Swindon World Development Movement to discuss the impact of climate change on the poor. Again we will have our stall there.

In addition it is also the **Second Reading of the Local Authorities**

TONIGHT AT 7PM - CLIMATE CHANGE

Public Meeting tonight (Friday 20th April) at Pilgrim Centre at 7pm. Climate Change is now the greatest threat to the wellbeing of people across the developing world. **Speakers:** Tim Jones from World Development Movement, Michael Wills MP and Anne Snelgrove MP. Everyone encouraged to come and discuss what we can do about this challenge.

DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE BILL CONSULTATION

The government's Climate Change Bill is out for consultation until June 12th 2007. SCAN is urging everyone to write to their MP asking for this bill to be strengthened. Climate change is already happening: our task is to stop it from getting much, much worse. Urgent action is required. While the bill is a tremendous milestone, to be effective in staving off further climate change, it needs to be much stronger. The target of 60% emissions reductions by 2050 is predicted by many scientists now to be too low. A figure of 80% needs to be set. International shipping and aviation emissions are not currently included in the bill's targets. This is ludicrous-these form a substantial and very damaging proportion of emissions. Finally, the bill sets five yearly targets for emissions. This is much too slow-moving. Emissions have risen annually over recent years and the trend needs to be turned immediately. To email your MP go to http://www.foe.co.uk/campaigns/climate/press_for_change/climate_bill/index.html

Energy Efficiency Bill in parliament, which will allow local authorities to set higher standards of energy efficiency, so please make your views known to your MP before that date. This bill is being resisted by the government at present. See: [Campaigns](#)

Climate Friendly Communities in Highworth, West Swindon, Purton and Old Town?

Climate Friendly Communities are groups of people from the same street, village or town who get together to take action on their doorstep against climate change. They promote energy efficiency, recycling, local food and low energy travel in their community. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust offers support to these groups.

There are people interested now in forming such a group in Highworth. If you live in Highworth and would like to transform your community please contact lizns@wiltshirewildlife.org (01380 725 670) or contact SCAN on mail@swindonclimate.org.uk.

There are also rumours of interest in Purton, Old Town and West Swindon. Again, please get in touch with us as above. SCAN is hoping to promote the Old Town and West Swindon groups at the Literature Festival Climate Change Day on May 13th. (http://www.swindonfestivalofliterature.co.uk/13_sun.html)

