

Swindon Climate Action Network

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SCAN Meeting Wednesday 18th April** 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



The Government's Historic Climate Change Bill, the first in the world! Is out for consultation

Friends of the Earth, who campaigned for the inclusion of the bill, now want to make sure it is actually effective in reducing greenhouse gases. They need your help! See:

http://www.foe.co.uk/campaigns/climate/news/draft_bill_launched.html and write to your MP.

If you are interested in being involved in further actions please e-mail us on info@swindonclimate.org.uk.



Power Monitor

Monitor how much power your appliances are using. There's a monitor unit at Maplin's at Green Bridge for £15. It will measure voltage, amps, watts, volt-amps, hertz, and power factor.

Transport Campaigners Can object to the following damaging Roadway Plans

Stop the Mottram-Tintwistle bypass – by 30 March. This road would be highly damaging and wasteful. It would:

- Be 5.6km long, damaging local farmland and a nature reserve, with the last 1.4km cutting through the Peak District National Park.
- Cost £184 million, which could be invested in public transport or rail-freight alternatives.
- Increase traffic levels in the local and surrounding areas, including the National Park.
- Raise local levels of climate-changing CO2 by 9%

Object to the road before Friday 30th March by using the online form at <http://www.saveswallowswood.org.uk/objections.php>. To find out more about this damaging road scheme, visit www.saveswallowswood.org.uk



Interested in Local Food Shopping

Farmed Fair, a large independent supermarket in Swindon which opened in January. It specialises in organic food, and sources as many products as possible from local farms and suppliers. Their store is on Commercial Road just a couple of minutes' walk from the Brunel shopping arcade in Swindon town centre and sells a wide variety of products. Their opening hours are Monday-Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm and Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm - well worth a visit! The main web site address is: <http://www.farmedfair.co.uk>

As of today, the Farmed Fair online shop is now open: <http://shop.farmedfair.co.uk> They operate both an 'order online and collect' and a local delivery service.

Spring Greens



A call for volunteers

SCAN has been invited to have a stall at the 'Spring Greens' event on Sunday 25th March at the Designer Outlet Center Farmers' Market. It's a great opportunity to reach a wider audience. The market runs from 10:00- 16:00 and we need volunteers on it for that whole time, as well as setting up and packing up. If you can help please let us know on info@swindonclimate.org.uk or 791114



Your Submissions

Thanks very much for all your submissions so far. Keep them coming in so that we can keep our newsletter as an informative, vibrant and up to date publication. Just to remind you if your submissions relate to responses with deadlines please ensure that they are sent in by the Wednesday of the week prior to their due date as the publishing day is Friday and we don't want to prevent our readers from having a fair chance to respond.