

Swindon Climate Action Network

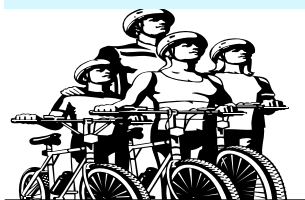
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **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



SCAN AGM

SCAN is calling its first Annual General Meeting on April 18th 2007 at Friends meeting House, Eastcott Hill. ALL WELCOME. +The meeting will adopt a constitution, appoint a management committee and decide upon a membership scheme. This will allow SCAN access to a great deal more funding opportunities than at present.

We really want to keep the formalities to a minimum and to keep the group as

Local Planning Authorities: Energy & Efficiency Bill. MAKE IT LAW!

SCAN was horrified to hear that several councils who have tried to make their planning policies stronger on climate change action have been thwarted by Central Government, with inspectors disallowing measures that were stronger than national building regulations. Phil Woolas on behalf of Ruth Kelly blocked a bill proposing to allow councils to raise their energy efficiency standards in January.

Swindon Borough Council have been drafting similar standards for the large-scale housing developments that are set to take place here. SCAN endorsed those proposals while pointing out that they needed to be even stronger if significant reductions in greenhouse gases was to result.

SCAN is calling for people to write to their MPs and to Ruth Kelly and Phil Woolas before 20th April to demand that a bill is made law which allows councils to set higher standards. For more information please see our website www.swindonclimate.org.uk or the campaign website www.ukace.org

open as possible to anyone who wants to be involved. If you would like to see the draft documents going to the AGM please email deb@swindonclimate.org.uk.

After the AGM we will be discussing the new transport campaign and any other pressing business. Then it will be over to the pub for those who can stay out after 9.30pm!

CLIMATE CHANGE KILLS

Climate Change in the developing world is causing catastrophes. Floods in Ethiopia killed 2000 people last year; people and cattle are dying from extreme drought; temperatures in India last year reached 49C and have been rising annually, delaying the monsoon rains; lakes in Africa are drying up.

Swindon World Development Movement and SCAN are holding a public meeting with Swindon MPs to discuss this disaster. We are inviting anyone who is concerned about the impact of climate change on people across the world.

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Upcoming Active Swindon Social Bike Rides

Event	Contact/Info
Sustrans Volunteer Rangers Social Saturday 19 th May at 10.30am from Coate Water to Marlborough	Gladys.Barr@swindon-pct.nhs.uk
The 11 th Castles Bike Ride Sunday 3 rd June at 10.30am Crofts Sports Center to Ridgeway etc.	Jill Greenaway on 01793 521630 www.castlesbikeride.co.uk
Active Swindon Social Bike Ride Wednesday 6 th June at 6pm	Gladys Barr on 01793 346299 glad.barr@ntlworld.com .
Active Swindon Social Bike Ride 9 th & 10 th June at 10.30am	Gladys Barr on 01793 346299 glad.barr@ntlworld.com .
Family Cycle Ride Sunday 24 th June at 10am Coate Water Country Park to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.	Sharon Woolford on 07909 546596
Active Swindon Social Bike Ride Saturday 8 th September at 11am Cycle Network Route 45 from Lydiard Park to Coate water	Gladys Barr on 01793 346299 glad.barr@ntlworld.com .