

# Swindon Climate Action Network

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## First steps to a Climate Friendly Community in Swindon...

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June a meeting was held to find out whether the residents of Fitzroy Road, Ambrose Road and Linely Close in Swindon were interested in forming a climate friendly community. Liz Nimmo Scott came along to help us on the road, and steer our thoughts.

The turnout was very encouraging: out of 45 homes leafleted, 10 were represented at the meeting with about 16 people present, with ages ranging from teenagers to old age pensioners. And there was a lot of enthusiasm for the idea of forming a community; having some fun and helping each other do our bit to reduce our carbon footprints. We all met neighbours we didn't know, and discovered such things as who had got to the skip full of wood that several people had had their eyes on first! Ideas both big and small flowed thick and fast: in fact we ran out of time (but not thankfully wine!).

We all agreed that we would hold more meetings, so it looks like we are up and running! Thanks Liz for all your help with the meeting, and your promise of more support.

## SCAN WINS PRIZE AT OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

A late entry by SCAN into the Old Town Festival Parade on Saturday, inspired by Jill Ryan Browne, led to a surprising 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Eleven SCAN members, some on bikes, some in hasty fancy dress paraded under the SCAN banner. Whether it was the banner (hand painted for the demo last year), the bikes or the fact that Professor Crump joined us at the last moment on his very tall bicycle, we will never know what swayed the judges on the day (perhaps it was the early morning beer in The Kings). The new stall, with its very own gazebo and banner, was offering carbon footprint measuring to the public. There were quite a few takers in spite of the rain and the stall was a success.



## Climate Change Community Training

The South West Wildlife Trusts are running a two-day training and networking course in Bristol on Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th of July covering all aspects of sustainability and the best ways to promote them at community level. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other people throughout the South West working on climate change, especially during Climate Friendly Fortnight 15th to 20th of September.

All expenses paid including overnight if required. Please respond to Jane Laurie if you are interested [jane.laurie@swwt.org.uk](mailto:jane.laurie@swwt.org.uk)



## Swap a car journey and a get chance to win a bike worth £449

First Great Western and Sustrans are asking people to change a car journey to another form of transport in the week 1-7 July. If everyone swapped one car journey for a more sustainable one that week, car traffic would be cut by 10%!

<http://www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk/Content.aspx?id=1431>

The Sustrans bit is at:

<http://www.changeyourworld.org.uk/>



## Gadgets 'threaten' energy savings'

The growing popularity of hi-tech devices, such as flat-screen TVs and digital radios, threaten to undermine efforts to save energy, a report says. UK consumers spend £12bn a year on electronics, much of which is less efficient than older technology, a study by the Energy Saving Trust found. By 2020, the gadgets will account for about 45% of electricity used in UK households, the organisation projected. It said flat-screen TVs and digital radios were among the worst offenders.

Read the full story at :

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/6266082.stm>

## Upcoming Events

- **July 7<sup>th</sup> Live Earth**  
Madonna plays for the planet Keep up by going to <http://liveearth.msn.com/community>
- **July 18<sup>th</sup> SCAN meeting 7.30pm**  
Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill - 'What the planning system means for Swindon' Talk by Jean Saunders from Save Coate Campaign followed by SCAN meeting.

Dates for your diary, more details to follow:

- **September 1<sup>st</sup> Forest Festival**, The Lawns
- **September 5<sup>th</sup> SCAN & TUC Meeting on Public Transport**
- **September 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Climate Friendly Community Fortnight**
- **September 22<sup>nd</sup> In Town Without My Car**
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