

Swindon Climate Action Network

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Join the Online March for a stronger Climate Change Bill

The draft Climate Change Bill excludes aviation and shipping emissions, has no annual targets and its goal of 60% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 is too low to prevent catastrophic global warming. By uploading a video of yourself and/or family asking for a stronger bill which will deal effectively with global warming you can join over 170,000 people on the online march. Go to <http://www.thebigask.com/>. If videoing and websites are not your scene, please write to your MP or better still ask to visit them to tell them how you feel. This makes a huge difference, they really do take notice even if you don't get that impression at the time. If you don't know who your MP is, call Deb for help on 01793 335817.

Bard of Barbury Castle Climate change contest

Bring an original song, a story, a poem or a piece of music on the theme of climate change to the round house and you could become the next. Bardic Chair of Barbury Castle. Entrants must live within one days walk of the hillfort (25 miles), if you do actually walk this may sway the judges in your favour. Works of art must be original and acoustic in nature. All ages and abilities welcome The chair will be awarded to the most heartfelt, skillful and inspiring performer. www.acorneducation.com

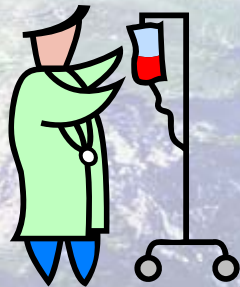


Your chance to Invest in a Sustainable Future

For those of you who don't have shares in the local wind energy co-op, Westmill Windfarm, you may be interested to know that at last the 5 turbine windfarm near Shrivenham is to start construction with generation due to start in March. See the Adver: http://www.adver.co.uk/display.var.1627108.0.its_green_for_go.php

This is truly good news and, perhaps, an opportunity for SCAN to somehow get involved in a project almost on our doorstep.

See also: <http://www.westmill.coop/>



Great Western Hospital

In line with Government policy, the Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust is undertaking public consultation regarding becoming a 'Foundation Trust'. This will allow them some further freedom to set the policies of the organisation. There has been a series of public meetings and information is available at libraries, etc and at <http://www.gwhswindon.org.uk/sw2atr06ft02.php>

One of the stated aims of this process is to gain views on the strategic direction of the Trust. Perhaps it would be worthwhile for SCAN supporters to respond to this and perhaps to suggest something along the lines of 'the hospital should address all aspects of its work in terms of the climate impact it has'.

Large organisations, such as the NHS, need to seriously consider their responsibilities towards climate change and this consultation is perhaps an opportunity for SCAN to get its concerns across to a large, local public body. Anybody really keen could even stand to be a member of the new Foundation Trust.

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 10th September**
6.30pm Rod Bluh, Leader of the Council, talks on 'The Regeneration of Swindon' at The Pilgrim Centre
- **Saturday 15th September**
Ecozone at The Big Event Youth festival. Contact Lucy Rees on 01793 463679
- **Monday 17th – Sunday 22nd September**
European Mobility Week – In town without my car.
- **Monday 17th September**
Travel to work sustainably stall, Brunel Centre
- **Wednesday 19th September**
SCAN meeting 7.30pm Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill. All welcome.
- **Monday 10 September 6.30 pm**
Transport for Swindon's Future – talk and discussion with Rod Bluh -Civic Trust event £3/4 with refreshments
- **Pilgrim Centre, Regent St, Swindon**
- **Saturday 22nd September**
Car Free Day – Goddard Avenue street party
- **September 15th-30th**
Climate Friendly Community Fortnight
- **September 22nd**
In Town Without My Car
- **October 3rd**
SCAN & TUC Meeting on Public Transport
- **Saturday 8th December**
National Climate Change March, London
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