

Swindon Climate Action

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SCAN has a growing band of supporters, many of whom find themselves wanting to help the group's varied activities, but are unable to give much time to events. One other way of giving real support is to give money. Although SCAN is a fairly lean organisation and most of the bigger campaigns have been funded by grants or one-off donations, many of the smaller activities could be improved by having some of our own cash in the bank. Several of our supporters have set up standing orders and are now making regular financial contributions to fund our work. If you feel that you would like to help in this way, then go to our website (www.swindonclimate.org.uk) click on 'Who are we' and in the section 'What is SCAN?' is a link that opens a window with a suitable standing order mandate. Print this off, fill it in and send to your bank, or if you bank online, use the details provided to set up a standing order. Many thanks to those of you who already support SCAN in this way.

Scan Meetings Restart for autumn

SCAN's Open Meetings are back from their summer break and will continue to be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at The Friends Meeting House on Eastcott Hill. Please get in touch if you don't know where to come.

Next week on the 19th September Lucy Rees, Swindon Energy Project Officer, is coming to talk about her work on fuel poverty and climate change in the Borough. Lucy has loads of experience and enthusiasm and welcomes both ideas and questions.

Every Action Counts

Every Action Counts is a new scheme to help community and voluntary organisations draw up environmental action plans. Each group who registers receives a special pack and the services of a Community Champion to help draw up their plan. The scheme is free and backed with helpful resources.

See www.everyactioncounts.org or call Deb Joffe on 01793 335817 for more information.

 Please consider the environment before printing this newsletter.



Win a Bike in Car Free Week 17th to 22nd September

Swindon is celebrating Car Free Week with two events. The first is the launch by SCAN and Swindon Borough Council of a campaign to persuade people to try out commuting to work without their car. Try for 5 days (not necessarily in the same week) and you could **win a bike**. By logging your 5 days with the council travelwise officer you will be entered into a prize draw. Contact Marc Argent on 466392 or at margent@swindon.gov.uk.

The second event is for local residents in Old Town on Saturday 22nd September when Goddard Avenue will be closed to cars and a transport-themed street party will be held.



Call For Volunteers

SCAN would really welcome some volunteers to do the following jobs, each of which should only take up a few hours a month at most. A **publicity organiser** (not press) to ensure that posters, leaflets etc are produced and distributed effectively. A **membership co-ordinator** to keep an up to date database, develop the membership system and possibly to think of ways to recruit and involve members. Someone to **administrate a loan system** for items such as electric meters, dvds etc.

Cut the Carbon Rally

The coach heading from Gloucester to London via Swindon for the Christian Aid 'Cut the Carbon' march on Tuesday October 2nd is threatened with cancellation due to the low numbers of tickets sold!

Tickets cost £12.50 and are available from Simon Topping on 01454 616118 or email him: topstan@fish.co.uk The plan is for the coach to leave from outside the old Swindon College site at 9.15am

Upcoming Events

- **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.**
- **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**

