

# SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

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## ACTION! Ask the EU to take action on planes and cars

Transport accounts for over a quarter of Europe's carbon dioxide emissions and they continue to rise placing the European Union's emission reduction targets in jeopardy. Your MEPs (Members of the European Parliament) have a golden opportunity to make a real difference on climate change. You can help to persuade them to vote to tackle transport's effect on the climate. There are two major votes on climate change coming up in the European Parliament One is on Aviation and Emissions Trading. This is the EU's response to the growing emissions from air travel.

Research from the Tyndall Center shows that it needs to be strengthened if it is going to have any impact. The second is Cars and CO2 emissions. The car industry promised to cut emissions but instead continue to produce big, gas-guzzling vehicles including 4x4s. Proposals are being made to make these cuts legally binding. Go to

<http://www.transportactioneurope.org> and ask your MEP to take action on climate change. Then help spread the word by sending this to your friends, family and fellow campaigners. You could also use web networks like Facebook to ask others to take action.



## Transport Boards Available for Display

SCAN now has a great new display on cars and climate change courtesy of LUSH who donated the money, Rachel and Deb who got the ideas together and Leap Media who did our stunning food display.

It would be great to make maximum use of this display so if you have a foyer at work, church, school etc and would like to have the display for a week please get in touch on 335817.



## Climate change and the Church

Rev'd Professor Ian James will give the Swindon Lecture on Wednesday 10th October, at 5.30 pm at the University of Bath in Swindon, Marlowe Avenue, SN3 3JR.

The speaker works in the department of meteorology at the University of Reading the circulation of the atmospheres of the Earth and other planets; and is Environment Advisor to the Bishop of Oxford. All welcome to this free public lecture, a joint venture between the Swindon Churches and the University. Details from Rosemary Power, [repower@btinternet.com](mailto:repower@btinternet.com), 01793 535701, or Marie Salter, [m.salter@bath.ac.uk](mailto:m.salter@bath.ac.uk), 01793 328806.



## Swindon Community Champions Cycling Officer post

This post is part of a 4 year community cycling project submitted on behalf of Active Swindon, as part of a successful (Big Lottery) national consortium bid with such partners as Sustrans, CTC, Ramblers. The Consortium bid stretches across the country with 50 different walking, cycling projects – with a cycling project now on its way to Swindon.

Recruitment is being handled exclusively by the CTC, as the employer, with support locally from Active Swindon and the Great Western Community Forest, who will be housing this officer. For info please see

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=4916>

## Upcoming Events

- **September 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**  
Climate Friendly Community Fortnight

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> SCAN & TUC Meeting on Public Transport**  
SCAN and the TUC Transport and Climate Change meeting The way forward for public transport services in Swindon. **Broad Green Community Centre, Salisbury Street,** Speakers Hugh Kirkbride (SW Trade Unions) and Andy Parsons (National Environmental Research Centre)

- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December,** National Climate Change March, London



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