

SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

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Local Airport Climate Camp - 20-21 October, Gloucestershire Airport

If you missed the Heathrow Climate Camp this summer - here's a chance to take part more locally. You can go along for a day or camp for the whole weekend. Camp Hope is taking place on the 20th/21st October at Staverton Airport, Gloucestershire Airport, to protest against plans to increase expansion of the airport's runway and services. At a location close to the airport, see <http://www.myspace.com/campofhope>
<http://CampForHopeAtStaverton.blogspot.com/>



Saturday 20th Oct

Learn about global warming, what it means to you and your children. Learn what you can do about it. Workshops and discussions start at 13:00pm Lead speaker David Drew MP.

Sunday 21st Oct

A Peaceful protest against the airport's impacts on noise and the environment. The airport claims "only a small minority are opposed to the development " We will show them that we are not a small minority, come and support us by making your voice heard. Staverton Airport wants to extend their runway and increase services. The extra noise and fumes will damage the local environment and the huge amounts of CO₂ will add to global warming. We need to put our children and the environment before the profits of an airport. For public transport to the airport, take the Stagecoach X94 bus that runs between Cheltenham and Gloucester and get off at to Staverton Bridge. Also, parking is available. Stewards will direct you from the airport entrance. For further details contact campforthefuture@btinternet.com

Reduce your CO₂ emissions

Carbon Dioxide, or CO₂, is a greenhouse gas which contributes to [climate change](#). It is produced when anything containing carbon is burned, such as coal, natural gas, petrol and other oil derivatives. In order to avoid climate change, we need to reduce the amount of CO₂ we produce, both directly and indirectly. Although some suggest that all we need to do is implement some technical fixes for climate change and carry on as normal (see [Climate Engineering: A critical review of proposals, their scientific and political context, and possible impacts](#)), the only long-term solution is to cut our CO₂ emissions. See also Climate Action Network Europe's [what you can do](#) page. The average person in the UK produces around 11 tonnes of CO₂ a year. Many climate scientists believe that we must try and reduce this to around 2.5 tonnes a year if we are going to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. To find out how much CO₂ you produce and to get some ideas about ways to reduce it, try using a [carbon calculator](#).

Alternative Energy Updates

Support for the Severn Barrage from the Sustainable Development Commission, today: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7021835.stm>

There is a proposal for a wind turbine near Membury, run on the lines of Westmill Wind Farm: <http://www.tvenergy.org/news-baydon-meadows.htm>

Aviation Duty On Flights

According to the BBC News website, in his review of Government spending: Mr. Darling said aviation duty would be paid on flights, rather than individual passengers.

This is probably good news as it means airlines will have to pay tax for flying empty seats around, as well as fare-paying passengers. At least it shows the Government is starting to respond to changes in taxation on flying. Keep up the pressure on our elected representatives!

Upcoming Events

Next open meeting on:

- **Wednesday October 17th, 7 pm for 7:30pm**, Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill. SN1 3JF All welcome.
- Speaker Jenny Shorten: 'How to Communicate Climate Change'.
- **Saturday 8th December**, National Climate Change March, London
- **Monday 10th December** Joint event with Socialist Unity: Film show in the back room of 'The Victoria', Victoria Road, Old Town, 8pm.
- *Eat Less Meat – It's Costing the Earth*

Reclaim Power

This one-hour documentary is an inspirational look back at the Camp



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