

SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

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How do you use the digest?

We are reviewing how well the digest is being used to see how we can improve our communications. Do you read it in detail, quickly scan it or never quite get round to reading it?

Can you take a moment just to let us know how you use it and whether you find it useful? Have you any ideas for improvement? Just send a quick line or two to me at deb@swindonclimate.org.uk with your feedback. It would be greatly appreciated.

Town Centre Action

On Saturday 17th November Swindon Friends of the Earth and SCAN are joining forces to collect public support for stronger action on climate change from the government. Giant postcards to our MPs and polar bears expected. All helpers welcome.

On Sunday 11th there will be a preparation session, making props and eating cakes, at 27 Prospect Hill, from around 2.30pm onwards. Again, the more the merrier, so do turn up.



Can you put up a poster?

Jenni Miles has volunteered to organise the distribution of posters and leaflets for SCAN. If you are able to put up posters in schools, workplaces, community centres etc please email Jenni saying where you can help.

sw@younggreens.org.uk



Green Drinks

Can't make Wednesday meetings? Would you like to meet up with other people interested in environmental issues? If you like the idea of a drink and informal discussion let us know where and when you would like to meet. Email info@swindonclimate.org.uk or call 335817.



Media Watch

An interesting item on the BBC website which concerns an initiative in Peterborough that aims to reduce people's dependence on cars for personal transportation. It basically involves direct personal education to advice people on the transport alternatives that are available, be they bus routes, cycle paths, or whatever.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7069793.stm>

In Saturday's Independent was a small report from the UN which has described bio-fuel crops 'a crime against humanity' on the grounds that they are forcing up the price of food when there is widespread starvation and malnutrition.

Meanwhile, on Monday's News night, there was a discussion about hydrogen fuel cell cars that are being developed in Japan. The UK minister seemed happy that the Government has invested £50M to develop this technology. (And how much for Trident replacement? I'd like to ask) He also repeated how this Government is leading the world in combating climate change.....

Quality of Life Awards & Eco-bash 2008

Annually the Quality of Life Awards Ceremony is held to reward individuals, community / voluntary groups, schools and local businesses for carrying out projects that improve the environment and/or quality of life within the Borough.

The closing date for entries is Monday 27 April 2008. Winners will be notified at the ceremony on Friday 12 September 2008. The ceremony will be held at the Punjabi Community Centre, Gorsehill. If you know of any groups that would like to apply, or would like an application form please contact Gill Chandler, Sustainable Development Officer on 463180.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday 17th November Town Centre Action**
Collecting signatures for the Big Ask Campaign
All welcome.
- **Wednesday 21st November SCAN Open Meeting**
Talk from Swindon's First Climate Friendly Community plus business.
Refreshments from 7pm. Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill.
- **Saturday 8th December National Climate Change Demo**, London. Transport to be arranged by SCAN.
Contact Andy 07791751877 or andy@swindonclimate.org.uk
- **Monday 10th December Film night** at The Victoria, Victoria Road 'Eat Less Meat' plus discussion.
Presented by in conjunction with Socialist Unity. Film starts 8pm. Bar
- **Wednesday 19th December SCAN Christmas Social**
All Welcome Details to be confirmed



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