

SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

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New Year Goals from SCAN!

About a dozen SCAN members spent a meeting last week planning our goals for 2008. Lots of ideas were presented to the group and considered in depth. We then took a 'silent' vote using a special decision-making game devised by BCTV.

The three selected goals for the coming six months revolve around the Transport Campaign, The Big Ask for a strong climate change bill, and the promotion of greener lifestyles. Three working subgroups are now established to plan the activities for these in more detail.

If you want to be part of the planning subgroups for Greener Lifestyles or The Big Ask please get in touch. The transport planning group has five members already so there are no places at the moment.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

SCAN has already lined up its first speakers for the year Tony Currigan (Project Architect) and Clive Wilce (SBC Energy Officer) . will be talking about the new library building which recently won the BREEAM Award for environmental sustainability. (see

<http://www.breeam.org/page.jsp?sid=14>

The talk will be. on February 20th 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Are you part of a voluntary or community group?

Your group probably has plenty on its agenda, but unfortunately no-one now can overlook the fact that the environment will be the most pressing concern for everyone in the coming century. It might be rising fuel bills, high food costs, flooding or damage to wildlife which will concern your group.

The actions you can take however are the same for everyone. Reducing fossil fuel use is a key part of the agenda. Reducing and recycling waste are also crucial.

Every Action Counts is a free government-sponsored programme on environmental action for voluntary sector groups. The programme can help you draw up an environmental action plan and accredit you for the work you do on it. If you want to find out more please contact Deb on info@swindonclimate.org.uk.

COMING SOON! TRANSITION TOWNS

Transition Towns is an idea spreading across the country in an attempt to tackle the dual problems of climate change and peak oil.

Scan is hoping to hold a talk on this topic soon!

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday 26th January** Wiltshire Wildlife Trust stall 10-4 Brunel Centre
- **Wednesday 13th February** Aldbourne Climate Group Event Talk from Marlborough Climate Pledge plus stalls 8pm Contact Jane Renwick Tel: 01672 541310
- **Wednesday 20th February** SCAN Talk 'The new central library and its environmental award' (see above). Venue to be confirmed.
- **Wednesday 19th March** SCAN meeting Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill 7 pm refreshments, 7.30pm start.
- **Saturday 5th April** The Last Push for The Big Ask – local action events across the country. Swindon details to follow.



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