

GlosCAN NEWSLETTER 23 NOV 2018

Dear Supporters,
Welcome to our latest Newsletter.

GlosCAN AGM

Our AGM was held in Cheltenham on Wed 14 Nov. We welcome two new members to the Steering Group – Skeena Rathor and Cate Cody.

Supporter Dr Peter Boait gave a very stimulating talk. ([Download the slides here.](#)) He described the current carbon reductions that have been achieved in the UK since the Climate Change Act and pointed out the areas that have been lagging behind – transport and homes. Heating in buildings and industry was 32% of total emissions. The big challenges were: Decarbonisation of heat, Transport, Electricity generation and Agriculture.

Peter's conclusions in summary 1. generating 100% zero-carbon electricity and a lot more of it 2. replacing all our gas boilers with a zero-carbon solution (hydrogen) 3. replacing the transport fleet with battery and hydrogen vehicles.

'... the current policy direction can work but we need to persuade politicians and the British public to get on with it! Time is running out....'

Please see more details: <http://gloscan.org/2018-annual-general-meeting-wed-14-nov-cheltenham/>

Minutes of the formal part of the meeting are available here

<http://gloscan.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/181114Minutes-14-Nov-18-AGM-formal-part-only.pdf>

How to effectively message net zero: Climate Outreach recommendations

A Climate Coalition <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/> webinar on 5 Oct.

Christopher Shaw, Senior Researcher at Climate Outreach, summarised the findings and recommendations of a report on communicating the Net Zero campaign to the public. This was followed by an interactive discussion.

More here (scroll down though): <http://gloscan.org/climate-change-news-blogs-from-organisations/>

Watch the webinar recording:

<https://zoom.us/recording/play/0LpneyogZmB0g4MoRvWAmHuHYPSSH0dErQDSXWZrTMBjSLE5x00XO4S2zIZzXqax?startTime=1538738786000>

Gloucestershire County Council and a cabinet member for climate change

Update from September's newsletter.

On Wed 12 Sep there was an Extraordinary Meeting of GCC about the creation of a Cabinet Member for Climate Change, see webcast at:

https://gloucestershire.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/371679

Following the meeting we sent an e-mail to a number of GCC Councillors about human-induced climate change, see [<http://gloscan.org/e-mail-to-gcc-councillors-on-human-induced->

[climate-change-sep-2018/](#)], asking whether they agree with GlosCAN's (scientifically uncontroversial) Starting Points <http://gloscan.org/gloscans-starting-points-and-aims/> Unfortunately, we have not received any replies.

GlosCAN Steering Group wrote to Stroud News about a Cabinet Member (solely) for Climate Change. Cllr Nigel Moor (Environment and Planning), wrote in response. See (scroll down) <http://gloscan.org/local-press-items/>

Keep up with our national and international press articles on climate change

<http://gloscan.org/national-and-international-press-articles-on-climate-change/>, local press items <http://gloscan.org/local-press-items/> and news from other organisations pages.

From our press page (above):

Extinction Rebellion, civil disobedience and climate change

'We have a duty to act': hundreds ready to go to jail over climate crisis

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/oct/26/we-have-a-duty-to-act-hundreds-ready-to-go-to-jail-over-climate-crisis>

Facts about our ecological crisis are incontrovertible. We must take action

Humans cannot continue to violate the fundamental laws of nature or science with impunity, say 94 signatories including Dr Alison Green and Molly Scott Cato MEP

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/oct/26/facts-about-our-ecological-crisis-are-incontrovertible-we-must-take-action>

From our page of climate change news, blogs from organisations

Labour Party environment policy Sep 2018

<https://www.labour.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/The-Green-Transformation-.pdf>

Transition Stroud Films

The following were shown at Transition Stroud's "Climate Change – Films with Impact" on Sun 4 Nov 2018: films from Stroud; Nasa, Kevin Anderson of the Tyndall centre, The Climate Coalition, Al Gore, Prince Ea, Shell Oil re climate change in 1991, Andy Burnham, James May, Gloucester Cathedral; George Monbiot and more. The climate change rap by Prince Ea went down well!

The complete collection is available by clicking on Stroud Community TV.

<http://stroudcommunity.tv/ts-film-show-2018/>

Other films

Podcast - Mothers of Invention by Doc Society "We want a colour tv" is the most recent episode featuring some pretty major figures

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/podcast/mothers-of-invention/id1412807581?mt=2>

Ende Gelände campaign in Germany against coal – video (subtitles) <https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/>

In the UK there is a crowdfunder for a community fighting a legal battle against open cast coal mining in Northumberland, and they're doing quite well at raising the money but are still some distance from their target (£6,500 of £23,000).

<https://chuffed.org/project/justice-pont-valley>

Forthcoming events

Extinction Rebellion, Stroud. <https://rebellion.earth/>

Talk Sat 24 Nov <https://www.facebook.com/events/654421208287533/>

Thursdays - new Climate Change Cafe, at Black Book Cafe, Stroud, every Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m.

The Politics Kitchen is starting a new initiative for having conversations about climate change and climate emergency, **every Thursday in the Black Book cafe**, Nelson St, Stroud GL5 2HL, from 5 till 7 - **starting on the evening of Thu 22 Nov.**

Fri 23 Nov, 4.30 p.m., Weekly Climate Emergency Vigil, Wallbridge/Rowcroft, Stroud
Friday 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm and every Friday.

This week Stroud Red Band will be playing - at 5 p.m.

[https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2203169203286110&set=a.1581852152084488&type=3&theater)

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Help publicise - download a Vigil Leaflet <http://gloscan.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Vigil-9-Nov-2018.pdf>

Tuesday 27th November, Transition Stroud Community Energy Action Group
19.30-21.30, at the Ale House in Stroud.

'We will be discussing progress with potential local projects, the nature and input to a GCEC-led application to the 'Community Energy Next Generation' grant programme, and ideas for further learning, capacity building and networking.'

Fred Barker 07803 905 430

Thu 29 Nov, Arkell Centre, Nailsworth GL6 0ET – Nailsworth Climate Action Town 7.15 for 7.30 start – meeting with Alan Whitehead MP – shadow climate change minister

Alan Whitehead is Labour's energy and climate change shadow minister.

The meeting will discuss: how current Labour Party policies can be turned into a holistic plan to urgently transition us to a low carbon sustainable Britain; and how national policy could help local communities play their part in this transition.

Please e-mail NCAT's secretary richardwerskine@hotmail.com if you intend to go.

Sat 1 December, London, Campaign against Climate Change (website)

Protest: Together for Climate Justice

Details on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/2117459931903770/>

Flyers https://www.campaigncc.org/sites/data/files/sites/data/files/Docs/tfcj_flyer_3.pdf

E-mail for details: info@campaigncc.org

Other News

Cotswold Ensemble, 15 minutes of music with film, inspired by people's reactions to global warming.

Music by Penny Squire – Composer, Gardener, Environmentalist, film footage by Greenpeace
<http://pennysquire.com/environment/>

String quartet played by the Cotswold Ensemble

Available to watch on YouTube here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leXJPqsA0Ck>

From 10:10 Climate Action <https://1010uk.org/>

A dose of climate hope

Wind turbines generated **98% of Scotland's electricity** in October!

Inspiring news coming out of British cities. Manchester were all set to launch their plan to go **carbon neutral by 2038** when Bristol beat them to it with an announcement they were **aiming for 2030!**

One third of Brits are helping tackle climate change by **reducing the amount of meat they eat**.

For the first time, the UK now has **more renewable energy capacity than fossil fuels**.

This Lancaster reservoir is getting **3000 floating solar panels**.

More and more **zero carbon school buses** are hitting US streets. They're clean, they're safe, and they sing!

Whacky idea alert: **a mushroom covered with bugs that generates electricity!**