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### A word from the Steering Group Chair

I'm very grateful to our Secretary Vaughan Webber for re-starting these newsletter emails as we come out of lock-down. As you can see, despite Covid-19, there has been a lot going on. Future editions will probably not be quite so extensive!

I hope you find the newsletter emails useful and that you will encourage others to ask to receive them. It's not necessary to formally sign up as a GlosCAN Supporter to be put on the mailing list; just email Vaughan at [info@GlosCAN.org](mailto:info@GlosCAN.org).

Please email any feedback on these newsletters to [info@GlosCAN.org](mailto:info@GlosCAN.org).

And don't forget, GlosCAN is a network that's there to connect people to take actions they might not do on their own.

Hugh Richards

## **Events**

### **Climate Cairn, Stroud**

The climate cairn is set to resume building work with suitable precautions, 2m spacing and just six people at a time! This project will build a physical feature in the landscape, which will be a message of hope and a call to action for the future of our biosphere.

Location: Capel's Mill wildlife site, Dr Newton's Way, Stroud.  
Further details to be announced <http://gloscan.org/forthcoming-events/>. Please contact [info@gloscan.org](mailto:info@gloscan.org).

### **Join a local Climate Action Network - CANs in the Stroud area**

Chalford Climate Action Network

<https://www.chalford-glos.gov.uk/parish-council/chalford-climate-action-network/>

Nailsworth Climate Action Network

<http://www.ncat.btck.co.uk/>

Stonehouse Town Council, Climate Change Action Forum

<https://www.stonehousetowncouncil.com/our-projects/climate-action-group/>

Wotton Area Climate Action Network

<https://www.facebook.com/WottonAreaCAN>

<http://www.wottonareacan.org/>

If you would like to be linked up to an existing group, or are interested in a conversation about the possibility of setting up a local climate action group in your area, Transition Stroud might be able to help so please contact Noel at [networksupport@transitionstroud.org](mailto:networksupport@transitionstroud.org).

Read more at <https://www.transitionstroud.org/climate-emergency/>

<https://www.transitionstroud.org/action-group-on-community-energy/>

and <http://gloscan.org/local-climate-action-networks/>

## **News**

### **Meeting with Stroud MP Siobhan Baillie**

A newly formed Stroud Green Christian group organised a meeting about climate change between Siobhan Baillie MP and local Christians on 13 March, not long

before lock-down started. Hugh Richards, Chair of GlosCAN, was one of those present. He says he found the new MP to seem receptive to the varied representations being made by those present, and sent a follow-up letter to add to the growing calls to 'build back better/greener' after the Covid-19 crisis. <http://gloscan.org/published-letter-to-siobhan-baillie-mp-from-hugh-richards-1-may-2020/> (pdf)

### **COP26 Glasgow Action Plan - letter to Boris Johnson, Climate Coalition, March**

GlosCAN joined over 60 organisations to launch the #GlasgowActionPlan, featuring the five areas Prime Minister @BorisJohnson must prioritise to get us on track to a cleaner, greener future as soon as possible. #TheTimesNow. Read the Glasgow Action Plan and the Letter to Boris Johnson here: [www.theclimatecoalition.org/glasgowactionplan](http://www.theclimatecoalition.org/glasgowactionplan) #COP26



### **Making the case for Ecocide Law amidst the pandemic**

View the short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZw0HWM9n8I&feature=youtu.be>

### **Making the case for a supply-side fossil fuels treaty**

Hugh Richards, Chair of GlosCAN, has written to the Climate Coalition asking them to advocate that, while holding the Presidency of COP26, the UK should initiate the negotiation of a supply-side climate treaty to control the global extraction of fossil fuels, as advocated by Norwegian economists and possibly along the lines of a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty (<https://www.fossilfuel treaty.org/>). Letter: <http://gloscan.org/h-richards-proposal-to-the-climate-coalition-june-2020-v1/> (pdf)

### **Local zero waste successes**

Three Zero Waste stories in the national press in May - two of them from Gloucestershire (Stroud, Tewkesbury), including GlosCAN Supporter Cate Cody

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/06/zero-waste-warriors-meet-the-people-whose-household-rubbish-fits-in-a-jam-jar>

### **The Big Climate Teach-in**

<https://bit.ly/thebigclimateteachin> – This event took place on 4<sup>th</sup> July, but you can still view a recording of it on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6Pzzt9d9yY&feature=emb\\_err\\_woyt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6Pzzt9d9yY&feature=emb_err_woyt)

Possibly the biggest climate education conference ever, with educators and students from over 50 countries sharing skills about how to boost climate education.

### **Zero Carbon Britain**

Webinars and online events <https://www.cat.org.uk/cat-at-home/webinars/?date=upcoming&view=grid&type=Online-Courses-and-Events&category=All>

### **350.org**

Stop fossil fuels

<https://350.org/?akid=125393.3039657.TkQ9TO&rd=1&t=1>

### **XR**

July UK newsletter 16 'The Rebellion Returns 1 September' [https://rebellion.earth/2020/07/03/uk-newsletter-16-the-rebellion-returns-1-september/?link\\_id=0&can\\_id=1abb1501e6caf1c6038c9a29511d4b5&source=email-the-rebellion-returns-1-september-uk-newsletter-16&email\\_referrer=email\\_851256&email\\_subject=the-rebellion-returns-1-september-uk-newsletter-16](https://rebellion.earth/2020/07/03/uk-newsletter-16-the-rebellion-returns-1-september/?link_id=0&can_id=1abb1501e6caf1c6038c9a29511d4b5&source=email-the-rebellion-returns-1-september-uk-newsletter-16&email_referrer=email_851256&email_subject=the-rebellion-returns-1-september-uk-newsletter-16)

## **National press news and opinion on the climate crisis**

### **- What MPs really think about climate**

'I don't want to be seen as a zealot': what MPs really think about the climate crisis <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/21/i-dont-want-to-be-seen-as-a-zealot-what-mps-really-think-about-the-climate-crisis>

In return for anonymity, MPs agreed to speak candidly about climate change. The difference between what they say in private and in public is striking – and shows us how we can make climate action central to post-pandemic politics. By Rebecca Willis

Rebecca Willis is a researcher in environment and sustainability policy and practice, an expert lead for Climate Assembly UK, and the author of *Too Hot to Handle?: The Democratic Challenge of Climate Change* (2020, Bristol University Press) <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/too-hot-to-handle>

### **- Letters in response to the above article about MPs and climate change**

– Headline 'Moving climate up the global political agenda' – including letter from Hugh Richards, Chair of GlosCAN <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/28/moving-climate-up-the-global-political-agenda>

**Other news items, see GlosCAN press web page** <http://gloscan.org/national-and-international-press-articles-on-climate-change/>

- BBC's energy briefing (December) ---- Will the coronavirus save us from climate change ---- Green new deal? ---- Top 10 tips for reducing carbon footprint, BBC, a report of May 2020 ---- Road to net zero: what the Committee on Climate Change recommends ---- How to solve UK transport problem in the time of coronavirus ---- Climate worst-case scenarios may not go far enough, cloud data shows ---- UK's net zero pledge - what has been achieved one year on?

- **BBC's energy briefing** <https://bbc.in/2UTHUC4>

- **Will the coronavirus save us from climate change?** - cartoon.  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/21/a-first-dog-on-the-moon-live-action-cartoon-will-the-coronavirus-save-us-from-climate-change>

- **Green new deal?**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/may/12/the-guardian-view-on-a-green-new-deal-we-need-it-now>

- **Top 10 tips for reducing carbon footprint, BBC, a report of May 2020**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-52719662>

The lead author, Dr Diana Ivanova from Leeds University, told BBC News: 'We need a complete change of mindset.... The top 10 options are available to us now, without the need for controversial and expensive new technologies.'

- **Road to net zero: what the Committee on Climate Change recommends**

The government adviser publishes its progress report today [25 June]. Here are the areas it says require urgent attention

[https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/25/road-to-net-zero-what-the-committee-on-climate-change-recommends?](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/25/road-to-net-zero-what-the-committee-on-climate-change-recommends?fbclid=IwAR1tfilWqTaOYUEJWSfWSrvjSUOydUQGsb3PvYF9Jq1o7JkD9iQSxxstOno)

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- **How to solve UK transport problem**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2020/jun/03/how-to-solve-the-uks-transport-problem-in-the-time-of-coronavirus-video>

- **Climate worst-case scenarios may not go far enough, cloud data shows**

Modelling suggests climate is considerably more sensitive to carbon emissions than thought

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/13/climate-worst-case-scenarios-clouds-scientists-global-heating>

- **UK's net zero pledge - what has been achieved one year on?**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/24/uks-net-zero-pledge-what-has-been-achieved-one-year-on>

**Video about training/lobbying**

Climate Advocate Training from Citizens' Climate Lobby in the US.

[https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-advocate-training/?  
\\_ga=2.62308207.293629269.1593809752-1259377578.1593809752](https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-advocate-training/?_ga=2.62308207.293629269.1593809752-1259377578.1593809752)

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