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Climate Cairn, Stroud

This communal project will build a physical feature in the landscape <http://gloscan.org/climate-cairn-stroud/>, 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. The Climate Cairn represents the equality of all people, and their place in an ecologically sustainable society as citizens of the planet. It stands for the web of life of which we are an interdependent part. It stands for continuity in the landscape, through millennia and through geological epochs. By making it, we assert that life in all its biodiversity must be allowed to continue in a healthy way into the future as it has

done so in the past.

Stones large, small and tiny are welcome for you to add to this communal circular structure. Place small stones (less than 6 inches across) in the interior of the cairn as a rubble infill. Please leave larger stones (more than 6 inches across) in the designated area. We will build the perimeter with the larger ones, on some Friday afternoons. It is located near the pond at Capel's Mill.

Let's keep our carbon footprint down and look after our bodies, as we make the structure and bring stone by hand! Using a sack truck keeps the weight low so you do not have to lift. Mind your back! There is a sack truck at Stroud Valleys Project shop that you can sign out and borrow.

Further details <http://gloscan.org/forthcoming-events/>. Please contact info@gloscan.org.

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Visit the website to see how you can lend your support to this campaign, launched on 13 August with coverage in the Independent and elsewhere (see under 'News from GlosCAN's press page', below). Full details of the proposed bill can be downloaded <https://www.ceebill.uk/>

Please sign up, and contact your MP to let them know your views about the urgency of the situation and the need for Parliament to act much more ambitiously. Suggestions for the most effective ways to do this are on the website. See commentary on the bill: Why the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill could lead to a revolution of the imagination <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-08-21/why-the-climate-and-ecological-emergency-bill-could-lead-to-a-revolution-of-the-imagination/#> - by Rob Hopkins of the Transition movement, originally published by Rob Hopkins blog.

Join a local Climate Action Network (CAN) - CANs in the Stroud area

Details of CANs <http://gloscan.org/links/> that we know about (mainly through Transition Stroud) are shown on the GlosCAN website.

We have added several local CANs to the list since the July newsletter:

Berkeley Vale CAN, Dursley CAN, Rodborough CAN - can@rodborough.org, Coaley CAN, Cainscross CAN, Minchinhampton CAN, Stroud Town CAN

Please let us know about other CANs in Gloucestershire that we can publicise, especially outside Stroud District!

- Read our blog from Jenny Cotterill about Berkeley Vale CAN <http://gloscan.org/2020/08/25/berkeley-vale-climate-action-network/> .

- Read our blog from Fred Barker of Transition Stroud about the setting up of community-based Climate Action Groups (CAGs) <http://gloscan.org/2020/08/25/building-a-network-of-local-climate-action-groups-across-stroud-district/> across the District.

If you are in Stroud District and 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 may be able to help so please contact networksupport@transitionstroud.org.

Read more at Transition Stroud's climate emergency page <https://www.transitionstroud.org/climate-emergency/>, and community energy page <https://www.transitionstroud.org/action-group-on-community-energy/> as well as at GlosCAN <http://gloscan.org/local-climate-action-networks/>.

From the Stroud District CAN Forum newsletter:

-Local surveys to support:

-- Carbon neutral map: Forum contacts will recall the pre-pandemic work to establish an online map of community-based low carbon projects in Stroud District. The group taking forward the project are now seeking views from CAN members and supporters to help develop understanding of their interest in community-based projects. This will help shape further development of the on-line tool. If you could encourage members and supporters to fill in the survey that would be great! The survey is available here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DV5T93M>.

--Local food security: the Landwise Network is investigating local food security. Their questionnaire-based research aims to: assess current levels of domestic and community food growing; measure interest from local people in starting to grow food; and identify barriers to doing so. The research is also collecting examples of successful local food growing groups, and will seek to make recommendations for a training and mentoring program for local food growing. Please help promote completion of the questionnaire, which is available here <http://links.landwisenetwork.org/foodResilienceQuestionnaire>.

-Upcoming events:

--Next Stroud District CAN Forum meeting: The next on-line meeting will be on Monday, 14th September, 1900-2100. We'll circulate joining instructions and an agenda closer to the meeting. Fred, Convenor, Stroud District CAN Forum, 07803 905 430

- On-line discussion – have you joined the Forum's 'Slack' workspace for news and discussion of all things related to local CAN activities? If not let us know and we'll

invite you in (see our guide to using the workspace that can be accessed here https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rjQ2kVa6pxAeDbIR1KmqEHsEOsawMcC9kQNdaDGWaaM/edit#slide=id.g808d4aa204_0_28%29). If you have joined, please keep an eye on the channels that interest you most, and do share what your group is thinking and doing!

Vigil - Stroud Subscription Rooms from Tue 1 Sep

Early September to early October is Creationtide for Christians. Pope Francis has made September 1st a day of prayer for Creation for Catholics worldwide. Extinction Rebellion are starting their next period of action on September 1st. With all this happening I feel the need to do something more than work on reducing my personal environmental impact. I have, with great trepidation, decided to stand/sit in silence/silent prayer on the steps of Stroud Subscription Rooms from 11am on Tuesday 1st September, Saturday 5th September and each Saturday up to October 3rd. I would really welcome some, appropriately distanced, company if you are around and would like to join me for a few minutes or longer. My plan is to stay until 1pm, but I will see how it goes. I am going to make a banner and I will chat to people if they stop. - Karen BurrIDGE

From the Climate Coalition

Sign the Climate Coalition declaration <https://thetimeisnow.uk/declaration>. When we join together, we can be a voice for change that is impossible to ignore. #TheTimeIsNow for a healthy, green and fair future. More about the Climate Coalition here <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/>.

See also the petition 'The People's Plan' <http://peoplesplan.org/>.

The People's Planet - The People's Economy - The People's Plan

Call on the government to prioritise a green recovery with our petition & add your voice to the people's plan, being organised with your local council.

GlosCAN blogs

Would you like to write a GlosCAN blog-piece – for example about the pandemic and climate change?

Are you a potential blog-writer? Would you like to add your thoughts to our website? Possible themes could be climate change and the corona virus, the lessons to be learned from the pandemic in regard to climate change, or the role

of science since the pandemic? Or is there another theme you would like to write about? See our guidelines for blogs <http://gloscan.org/about-gloscan-blogs/>.

Extinction Rebellion (XR)

Local and upcoming national actions between 28 August and 5 September. Stroud - The next open air meeting of the Stroud XR group is at Stratford Park bandstand in Stroud on 26 August at 6:30pm. Information in preparation for forthcoming actions, see XR Stroud website https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/eR1oNBZ1lqoGbKL8pO4doGF2fW120QKk76KE_AZfYHOtduxptaqlvekkzOnbLApwnYXyf4NEcq0wabQhx9esC3kiwpXwbLSnz_FQuoCuhNSVrQ9CTRfaadPUII9u3q1b3QOojw4AyCScvqbbkwm_9LpAGJKWVFbuY6mViFjWl4S6HRFd6i_hF6MdBY7NWGp-JWrko5fNzXyYUIHqi4UxUue0ypGD-SxnlbX4i78yiFbpwhKKvrk-nWxqAWKSPGvgpqN-6nz6Qa0Ju1Y5NkEI0ih1_64RIDV7hVI04pEbyK_DOm5IjmmKaaBD2l6vOhq1/34i/NX0D5cMGQl6G_dvCsSfeig/h1/A3XYlhJEWi0vrxnannb_t3MY-lhQ0AaWJ772cxOJGQM.

Important reading: New Members Guide https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/eR1oNBZ1lqoGbKL8pO4doGx8yYcO2LUv8pPe5619rqnhRQlKwh7pD-fjCo2F-bm9J3IR0ivGdlJe-66vLDD5BjaIfitiKRPQR_KcQgKF-pO2LgCrw9Op6TijoLP_0FIcoFwyXjGemnjiGwDuAj979hKMS6fioRIVladoSjRDny7n4pdV7dzLwv9cz5uyzhWvjfsUE296gRmdhSFqjkwZhBwv6eVaFTa6rpP4NWluh0201Agh-tyM4jOVAgTknSa_xAO4qzEu5viVicUbmnuSikHeZ1nhlrVjOd4c4up-OTHAw4DITz6tQfym3lWpw8yDat7Vg_2H7yodDorPJhWZ9iAJRPjRfvIFvJ3ymj8goxsA/34i/NX0D5cMGQl6G_dvCsSfeig/h2/3MpxnaHpFUVbTfvRGbfH6iAuhj2ELNwUlrvogS840fY and also Stroud Rebellion Guide https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/eR1oNBZ1lqoGbKL8pO4doH_ZS1pNh8B9JxPiLd-l7FvgYxCKhzjSkpWTdeWN4Bnq1vW_O2ajF-2zJ3RgOg-h0GNs0hZ8wHEToyhf4Jjh5f4ul9T7BLn7N5wy0TihG5oLBssghxMdaEFDBnU_9A094zeOhh6TMLP4aO-A7tKWA-DJ_P6oUg-Zey8oOgBqzHGQia_JZ4lUTj9f43bj1OULu5IUqAbgxDn36MNYL3h4bGNPET3bN7VjW6ctlmSQIU28RIRW3bp8h8jMXPBQk74wK-jbfGNFvXQK12b1QVigGkKaLaWcrwEKKH3_0Xq6uPBpe/34i/NX0D5cMGQl6G_dvCsSfeig/h3/CotlDuP_-_uhNroK_Hdcb6X4Fbj5JErDQhdaIMaUaSa4

Other links:

XR South West [https://xrsw.uk/?](https://xrsw.uk/?link_id=9&can_id=1abb1501e6fcf1c6038c9a29511d4b5&source=email-2040-film-viewing-top-quality-qa-time-for-)

[link_id=9&can_id=1abb1501e6fcf1c6038c9a29511d4b5&source=email-2040-film-viewing-top-quality-qa-time-for-](https://xrsw.uk/?link_id=9&can_id=1abb1501e6fcf1c6038c9a29511d4b5&source=email-2040-film-viewing-top-quality-qa-time-for-)

rebellion&email_referrer=email_899409__subject_1234438&email_subject=essential-information-for-rebellion-summer-2020

XR Gloucestershire <https://xrs.w.uk/groups/gloucestershire/> forthcoming events as well as details of groups in Berkeley, Cheltenham, Cirencester, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud, Tewkesbury.

Note: In signposting the above information, GlosCAN is not endorsing in advance any actions that XR may take.

News

The press on the subject of climate change

News additions to GlosCAN's press page <http://gloscan.org/national-and-international-press-articles-on-climate-change/>

12 Aug The New Yorker: The World Has Reached Decision Time on the Climate Crisis <https://www.newyorker.com/news/annals-of-a-warming-planet/the-world-has-reached-decision-time-on-the-climate-crisis> - by Bill McKibben, includes interview with Sarah Lunnon of Stroud (XR)

13 Aug 'We can't wait until 2050 to reach net zero' <https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-crisis-extinction-rebellion-emergency-bill-parliament-law-greenpeace-a9665561.html>: Campaigners call for climate crisis to be enshrined in law (the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill)

13 Aug

Publication of One Nation Conservatives Recovery Paper "Building Back Greener" <https://one-nation-conservatives.com/>, authored by Jerome Mayhew MP.

14 Aug Tory MPs call for Boris Johnson <https://www.edie.net/news/11/Tory-MPs-call-for-Boris-Johnson-to-go-further-and-faster-on-climate-in-Covid-19-recovery-plans/> to go further and faster on climate in Covid-19 recovery plans.

13 Aug Tory MPs plead with Boris Johnson to firm up climate emergency plan <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-johnson-climate-change-emergency-plan-conservatives-fossil-fuel-a9668251.html> - Ban petrol and diesel cars sooner, plant many more trees and impose a domestic carbon tax, One Nation group tells prime minister

Coming soon: Article in Politico Europe <https://www.politico.eu/> by Sara Stefanini on Stroud and its climate/ecological movements.

Sir John Houghton, Climate Scientist

Sir John Houghton, Climate Scientist and Founding IPCC Editor, died in April at the age of 88.

Gill Taverne of Stroud co-authored his book "In the Eye of the Storm: The Autobiography of Sir John Houghton" <https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb/books/john-houghton/in-the-eye-of-the-storm/9780745955841>, which was published in 2013.

Houghton was among the leading figures <https://weather.com/news/climate/news/2020-04-16-climate-scientist-founding-ipcc-editor-sir-john-houghton-dies> in the creation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. An atmospheric physicist, he led the United Kingdom's weather agency (the Met Office) for eight years. He was also an outspoken voice on the relationship between science and faith.

From The Guardian's obituary <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/08/sir-john-houghton-obituary>: "One of the foremost scientists who propelled the IPCC, serving as co-chair and chairman of its scientific advisory group from its inception until 2002, was the British atmospheric physicist Sir John Houghton". Houghton was also the author of "Global Warming: The Complete Briefing," a lay-friendly summary of climate change first published in 1994 and now in its fifth edition. He also wrote a leading textbook on atmospheric physics.

Climate Assembly UK

The assembly published in June an interim briefing on *Covid-19, recovery and the path to net zero* https://www.climateassembly.uk/documents/78/COVID_19_and_recovery_FINAL_w_links_003.pdf, ahead of the final report due in September. An overwhelming majority of Climate Assembly UK members say Government, employers and others should support changes to the economy and lifestyles which help achieve the UK's net zero emissions target. Proponents of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (including climate scientist Kevin Anderson) say that "2050 is far too late" for the UK to reach net zero.

Climate policy paper involving leading climate scientist and fossil fuel industry insiders

'Progressive supply-side policy under the Paris Agreement to enhance geological carbon storage' <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14693062.2020.1803039>, with authors including leading climate

scientist Myles Allen (IPCC coordinating author) and Shell's David Hone. Part of a special series of papers in the journal 'Climate Policy' on 'Supply-side policies for fossil fuels'.

Faulty science and 'doomism' - article on 'Deep Adaptation'

A link to this article <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/oureconomy/faulty-science-doomism-and-flawed-conclusions-deep-adaptation/?fbclid=IwAR1jy2V8ETfYPzmdtMURtlkmu7UwcbSV65Q05kyzspLKzQrs6JbopL9zzeQ>

was recently sent in by a Supporter. 'The faulty science, doomism, and flawed conclusions of Deep Adaptation - The claim that runaway climate change has made societal collapse inevitable is not only wrong - it undermines the cause of the climate movement.'

Giki Badges app

Giki Badges. An app to help you find <https://giki.earth/> sustainable and healthy products in the UK supermarket. Just scan the barcode, see which 'badges' the product wins, and check out the alternatives for new ideas. We can all make a difference, one step at a time.

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