

Live the Cool Life! -> -> Climate Action in Sheffield -> -> November 2007

Welcome to our fourth e-newsletter following the 'Live the Cool Life' conference in February. There's a lot going on! In this issue:

- **CAMPAIGN:** Join the national climate demonstration on Saturday 8th December in London - coaches: Rebecca on 07870 565011. Sheffield Campaign against Climate Change next meeting is Tues 13th Nov 7.30pm at Highfield Library, London Road.
- **FOOD:** Get seedy next Saturday...
- **TRANSPORT:** What's the fastest? Know your Buses!
- **ENERGY:** Go Solar! Get Strategic! See the Future!
- **YOU DO IT!** let us know what you're up to!

Sheffield Campaign against Climate Change (tel Rebecca 07870 565 011)

In October we presented our petition of 1800 names to Sheffield City Council calling for a Carbon Reduction Plan at the heart of the city strategy. At the next Council meeting (1.45pm on 7th Nov) there will be a motion calling for such a plan to be developed - we hope it will have all-party support.

Now we are organising for a BIG demo in London on December 8th coinciding with the UN Climate Talks. Book a place on one of our coaches leaving Sheffield 7.30am £20/£15/£10 - contact rebeccabryson@hotmail.com. Our next meeting is Tues 13th Nov 7.30pm at Highfield Library, London Road - please join us if you can!

FOOD: Get Seedy next Saturday...

Following their successful recent event at the Showroom, Grow Sheffield are running Seedy Saturday, a seed swap event. If you are confused, "think seed jumble-sale meets autumn fair" and please don't worry if you don't have any seeds to swap or offer - there are lots to share out! Seedy Saturday is at Walkley Community Hall, Fir St 2-5pm on Sat 10th November. See www.growsheffield.com, contact Anne-Marie on 0784 907 3394 or mail@amculhane.co.uk

TRANSPORT: What's the fastest?

The fastest growing sources of UK carbon emissions are international aviation and shipping - currently excluded from the Climate Change Bill, say WWF. They think it's ridiculous to ignore emissions from these sources, so they're lobbying MPs to change the Bill. "To get the message across, we're going to build a giant paper plane and huge paper boat, cover them with the names of all those who support the campaign, and deliver them to parliament." Join in! Go to <http://getonboard.wwf.org.uk>

TRANSPORT: Know your buses...

Maybe you've noticed the new free city centre bus service doing its rounds? More good news for people who want to use the bus in Sheffield is that First have agreed to keep their routes stable, agree any timetable changes in advance and only put fares up once a year. That means it is worth checking out possible new bus options for your journeys, and telling your friends, relations and workmates too - leave the car at home, hooray!

ENERGY: Go Solar!

Learn about solar water heating and build a working model solar panel, with David Garlovsky and Nick Parsons at South Yorkshire Energy Centre in Heeley. 5-8pm Friday 9th, 9.30-5pm Saturday 10th and 6-9pm Monday 12th November. Fee of £150 includes materials for your panel. Contact nick.parsons@syec.co.uk or on 0114 258 4574.

ENERGY: Get Strategic!

The Sheffield Development Framework is a forthcoming set of new plans and guidance for how Sheffield will develop. The core strategy that has been submitted to the government is available for inspection at libraries and on www.sheffield.gov.uk until Friday 9th November. Find out what Sheffield's plans look like - and what action is needed to make our city sustainable.

ENERGY: See the Future (and it works)

Hockerton Housing Project is the UK's first earth-sheltered, self-sufficient housing project. Visit the project on Friday 23rd Nov (all day) and learn about building design and their sustainable systems for energy, water and transport. www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk
To reserve a place email sarah@u-scape.co.uk or telephone 07764 951822.

YOU DO IT! Climate Action Groups (this is the time... time for Action)

Come to a Matchmaking Event 6-9pm on Tuesday 6th November - to register, email robjpilling@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.SheffieldClimateAction.org. Bring your own ideas for action you'd like to take on climate change, and hook up with people who want to join you!

YOU DO IT! Any Questions?

'Any Questions?' the panel discussion programme is coming to Sheffield at 8pm on Friday 9th November. You can join in and ask David Blunkett, Shirley Williams, Alan Duncan and Shami Chakrabarti some tricky questions about climate change - contact the Showroom for tickets on 0114 275 7727. (It's the one on the radio, so you won't even need to get your hair done!)

YOU DO IT! Community Development Learning - it's free

The Federation for Community Development Learning are offering free courses in Sheffield, York and Bradford aimed at Community Workers and Activists who want to introduce community groups to Environmental Sustainable Development. For further information email Emma Bennett at info@fcdl.org.uk or visit www.fcdl.org.uk

YOU DO IT! Check that Bill!

The government have published their response to the parliamentary scrutiny and public consultation on the Climate Change Bill. See all the gory details at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/legislation/>. Do keep nagging them about this, but no need to do it alone. For help see www.icount.org.uk or to join in local lobbying of MPs with World Development Movement contact sarah.gibson@sheffield.ac.uk.

What's your inspiration? Tell us about your campaigns, events and ideas for a low-carbon Sheffield, and we'll pass them on!

Live the Cool Life newsletter (Nov 2007) was edited by Jenny Patient. It is available, along with our conference report, from jenny.patient@blueyonder.co.uk or at <http://sheffield.campaigncc.org> or http://groups.yahoo.com/group/live_the_cool_life_news