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Welcome to our third e-newsletter following the 'Live the Cool Life' conference in February. Following floods on a staggering scale across South Yorkshire, have you had some interesting conversations about climate change? In this issue:

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- **FOOD:** 18% of global emissions are caused by livestock - listen to a report on climate radio
- Check out the dangers of bio-fuels and sign a petition.
- **TRANSPORT:** Transport Minister admits bus deregulation 'is leaving passengers behind'.
- Write an objection to M1 widening - now!
- **ENERGY:** Low Carbon Homes programme - worth a mile or two of widening the M1?
- Check the footprint of your home's heating, lighting and appliances.
- **YOU DO IT!** Party with Live Earth at the Green Fair on 7th July ... would you like to form a Climate Action Group? ... Climatespace is here ... let us know what you're up to!

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

We've been busy lately launching our new petition (and stopping it floating away!) 40 cyclists joined our 'Cut the Carbon' Cyclecade from St Mary's to Barker's Pool on 30th June, with wetsuits, banners, hooters and a wind-turbine drawing attention to the urgency of addressing climate change. Speakers at the rally called for practical measures such as integrated and affordable public transport and home insulation, and many passers-by signed the petition, which will be presented to Sheffield City Council in October. If you can help us to collect signatures, please email rebeccabryson@hotmail.com for a copy of the petition.

Our next meeting is at St Matthews Church, Carver St (front meeting room) at 8.00pm on Monday 16th July - all are welcome. We will also have a stall at several local festivals - if you can help, contact jenny.patient@blueyonder.co.uk - we hope to see you there!

FOOD: Cows have a big footprint

Livestock causes a staggering 18% of global emissions - more than the entire transport sector, says the Low Carbon Show, broadcast this week on www.resonancefm.com. If you eat meat or dairy products you might want to find out more - you can listen whenever you like on www.climateradio.co.uk. Also look out for other programmes in their schedule!

FOOD: or fuel?

Sign an online petition at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Biofuel-caution/> asking the government to reject current EU bio-fuels policy and to support bio-fuels from non-destructive sources. Also see a new report on the impact of bio-fuels/agro-fuels at www.grain.org/

TRANSPORT: Minister speaks out

At a meeting in Sheffield on 15th June, Transport Minister Douglas Alexander (now moved to International Development) spoke out about the effect of bus deregulation and competition: the current regime 'is leaving passengers far behind' - with prices increasing, intense competition on some routes and service cuts everywhere else. Also, First Bus's managing director admitted that South Yorkshire has seen a massive increase in fares and a bigger decline in bus passengers than other areas of the country. The time is ripe to put some pressure on Sheffield's MPs - contact jenny.patient@blueyonder.co.uk to do some lobbying.

TRANSPORT: No Widening M1!

The Highways Agency are inviting comments from the public on the plans to widen the M1 between Junctions 10-13. Please write a short email objecting before Thursday 12 July to

M1J10-13Widening@highways.gsi.gov.uk. If there are enough objections it will force a public enquiry. Feel free to object on any grounds you like, but you could mention traffic generation, unacceptable costs, increased CO2 emissions, increased air pollution and noise.

And another petition to sign against road-widening affecting the Peak District:

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/WAIT-Petition/> - see www.saveswallowswood.org.uk/ for info.

ENERGY: Low Carbon Homes programme

On 29th May the Low Carbon Buildings programme re-launched grants for domestic renewable energy, with funds of £18.5 million available - great! Money is available for installing solar, wind or bio-mass technology, provided certain standards of insulation and energy efficiency have been achieved - see www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk. We couldn't help noticing, however, that the £18.5 million would pay for less than 1 mile of widening the M1 - the total expected bill for that project is now £5.1 BILLION!

ENERGY: How's your home doing?

Check your carbon footprint, including an assessment of your home's heating, lighting and appliances (and personal travel), on the government-sponsored calculator at <http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/index.html>. This calculator asks for your fuel bills to give a good estimate of your carbon use (personal or household), and has tips and suggestions too.

Another new footprint calculator we like is at <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> This one is particularly good for looking at the food you (and your pets!) eat, and the 'stuff' you buy. It asks simple questions and gives your footprint in planets, hectares and tonnes of carbon.

YOU DO IT! Join climatespace

Join the climatespace community to share tips, celebrate success and ask for help: www.climatespace.org This new website from New Economics Foundation has blogs and discussions to join, and lots of positive ideas.

YOU DO IT! Your flood pictures wanted

Andy Nolan, Sheffield council's lead officer on climate change, is putting together a presentation capturing imagery from June's floods. "I intend to use the presentation as an educational resource on climate change impacts and the need for climate adaptation", Andy says. If you have any pictures that are copyright-free, please email them to him at Andy.Nolan@sheffield.gov.uk as soon as possible.

YOU DO IT! Climate Action Groups

Do you have a bunch of mates who'd like to get together and act on climate change? Steve Tozer-Loft told us how the Omega course on climate change evolved into a local study/action group 'homega'. Groups are starting to form around Sheffield and we'd like to support that.

YOU DO IT! Party for 'Live Earth' / Alive Earth

Sheffield Green Fair 11am-5pm on 7th July at St Mary's Bramall Lane is hosting a Live Earth event, meanwhile on the web, Alive Earth www.aliveearth.org/ is giving a venue to grassroots creativity of all kinds around climate change - enjoy!

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