



NEWSLETTER

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WHALLEY RANGE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP supports local people and organisations to take individual and/or collective action in Whalley Range on the climate emergency and to campaign for the Government and the council to act urgently.

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The Whalley Range Climate Action group is 1! We first met in February 2019. This newsletter tells you a bit about us, things you can do with us or independently to address the climate emergency and gives you our contact details.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Thanks for everything you already do to tackle the climate emergency. There are some suggestions below of things we think will make the most difference if you are not doing them already.

REDUCE YOUR ENERGY USE Switch to a 100% renewable energy supplier; 100 households switching is equivalent to planting thousands of trees. Insulate your home, switch to energy saving LED light bulbs. You will use less energy, feel warmer and save money

GO FLIGHT FREE & CAMPAIGN TO TAX FREQUENT FLYERS This is the most important action you can take as an individual. If going completely flight free is too big a commitment, can you fly less?

'My father, who is 96, really wanted a holiday in the sun last year. We did not want to fly. It takes six hours to get to Marseilles from London St Pancras by Eurostar. We booked for wheelchair help at the train stations which was wonderful. We got a great flight free holiday in the sun.'



WALK, CYCLE AND USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT to improve air quality, get fit, maintain a good weight and save money. Campaign for a better walking and cycling infrastructure.

EAT WELL for your health, your pocket and the planet. Cut down on, or even better cut out, meat and dairy foods; select food grown as locally as possible and never transported by plane.



CONSUME LESS, save money and reduce clutter. If you must buy, buy just what you need, second-hand and whenever you can avoid plastic and recycle. Put the planet at the top of your present list! Can you exchange homemade or second hand items or make the gift, for example, precious time together, an outing, an offer to babysit or help paint a room? *We love the Climate Happy at Christmas flyer which was made and distributed by our youngest member with tons of suggestions for consuming less*

Come to our monthly meetings We meet on the third Saturday of every month - 11 - 1 followed by a bring and share veggie/vegan lunch at JNR8 Youth and Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range, M16 0BG. Everyone has the opportunity to share information, discuss issues and ideas and plan new activities. They are a great opportunity to realise there are lots of people in Whalley Range from different groups be they ethnic, faith, secular, age, political and other - all determined to do what we can. This in itself can give us hope.



We would love you to join us on local actions – We were supporting a school strike here with our beautiful banner made by some group members

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Talk to friends and family about climate change as well as your MP, councillors, and colleagues, faith group, professional networks and companies. Use your vote



Write to your local newspaper, join campaign groups and lead by example

Join one of our action groups or start a new one

The Healthy Streets and Clean Air Action Group

lobbies Manchester City Council to increase knowledge and action for clean air across the city for the benefit of individuals, families and whole communities.

We have bought two air quality meters and are planning a project with Whalley Range High School. We welcome ideas for other clean air projects.

We support initiatives in local schools and they support our initiatives.



'Spare the Air cards' to increase awareness about how car fumes pollute



Trialling our game to encourage conversations about walking & cycling to school

The **tree planting action group** organised planting over 500 trees in December including 250 at Whalley Range cricket club



A group organises **film nights** at Cranks Cafe. We showed Wajda with the Bike Hive and Taking Root to coincide with our own tree planting in December and Before the Flood in January in partnership with the Cafe Coop. On Friday 13th March we will show BURNED.



Alongside our tree planting activities, the **Think Global Group** developed a link with Malambayano High School Climate Change Club in Zambia who collected germinated and planted thousands of tree seedlings to reforest their area. We also asked questions about why despite all our tree planting, in the UK we are burning trees from virgin forests in Canada and the US and not counting the carbon.

Our stalls group ensures we are at events throughout the year. We have held stalls at festivals, churches, clubs, cafes, schools and markets. We would love to come to a mosque, temple, shop or other venue *Please ask us to come to your event*



At Celebrate

At Whalley Range Methodist Church



Linking with other areas- at Chorlton's Great Get Together

EcoFest is on Saturday May 2nd at St Edmunds Church. The theme will be activism. Already lined up - the XR samba band, a talk from some people who have been on the protests, including one who was arrested, a talk about veganism, a workshop from a local zero waste shop. Whalley Range Climate Action group will be there!! If your group or organisation would like to offer a stall, workshop or talk, contact - revgracethomas@gmail.com

Are political activists and journalists under threat? Extinction Rebellion and Greenpeace labelled extremists-see Facebook: Manchester free Julian Assange group for views on why this is important



We delight in local businesses, events and organisations that are prioritising environmental issues.

Here we highlight five local eco champs. For more details of what they are doing, see our facebook page.

The 150 year celebration of Alex Park

St Edmunds and St James Eco churches

Tibetan Kitchen

JT2 Hair Nails & Beauty

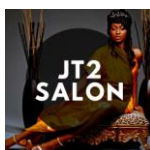
Marvellous Marcus, the Manc man with a van

We would love to hear from you if you think you are an eco champ or would like to find out from others how to make your building, event or business more eco friendly?

Are you or your organisation working with us? A big thank you to the many organisations and individuals who are working with supporting us, including :



Malambayano High School Climate Change Club, Zambia



And thanks to our councillors for their support and encouragement. Especially for Cllr Stoggia's involvement in our group and Cllr Razaq for working for no idling zones in Manchester



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