

Newsletter
March 2020



WHALLEY RANGE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP
taking collective action on the climate emergency.
Think globally – act locally

Facebook: Whalley Range Climate Action Group
Email: climateaction@whalleyrangers.org
Twitter: @RangeAction

We are 1! We are making our voices heard and linking with many



Join us on local actions – We're supporting a school strike here with our beautiful banner made by group members

Make your voice heard too!

Talk about climate change to friends, family, your MP, councillors, faith group, colleagues, companies & professional networks.

Use your vote



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

Come to our monthly meetings ALL WELCOME We meet on the 3rd Sat of every month 11-1 followed by a bring and share veggie/vegan lunch at JNR8, 82 Cromwell Ave, M16 0BG

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 two air quality meters & 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' increase awareness about how car fumes pollute



Encouraging conversation about walking & cycling to school

WE DO.....

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



WE CONNECT



A group organises **film nights** at Coffee Cranks Cafe. We showed *Wajda* with the Bike Hive, *Taking Root* to coincide with our own tree planting in December, *Before the Flood* in January in partnership with the Cafe.
BURNED: Are trees the new coal?
Friday 13th March

Watch out for our films on our Facebook page

WE ASK QUESTIONS.....



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



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

Here we highlight five local eco champs. Look out for posts on our Facebook page to find out why.

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 and supporting us, including :



St Edmund's Whalley Range



St James' Moss Side



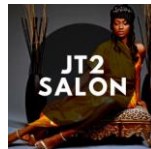
St Margaret's CE Primary School



Malambayano High School Climate Change Club, Zambia



Whalley Range Cricket Club



Steady State Manchester



Thanks to our councillors for their support. Especially for Cllr Stoggia's involvement in our group & Cllr Razaq for working for no idling zones in Manchester

Individual action you can take today

Thanks for everything you already do to tackle the climate emergency. There are some ideas below if you are not doing them already

Go flight free or fly less - most important action you can take as an individual

'Local resident Judith's 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.'



Imagine the impact if everyone in whalley range switched to a 100% renewable energy supplier?

100 households switching is equivalent to planting thousands of trees.



Put the planet at the top of your present list - save money and reduce clutter!

Buy only what you need, second-hand and whenever you can avoid plastic and recycle. Can you exchange homemade or second hand items or make the gift 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*

Smarten up your internet use

20 emails a day per user over one year, create the same CO2 emissions as a car travelling 1000 km . Lets not send "thank you emails" and unsubscribe to anything we no longer need!

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



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