

WHALLEY RANGE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP (WRCAG) NEWSLETTER June 22

Think Globally; Act Locally! For a thriving, climate-safe Whalley Range



Local people and organisations taking action to address the climate emergency.

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Remembering the pandemic with the Covid Curve

Local community groups and residents planted thousands of snowdrops in Alexandra Park on 12th March.

We remembered those who suffered from covid and lost their lives, as well as the hard work of all those who cared for us during the pandemic.

Snowdrops flower in February, the time when the pandemic started in Europe, and once planted they will come back every year at that time as a living reminder. Snowdrops are pure white and tear shaped, symbolising grief, yet their arrival is often seen as the first sign of the returning spring and returning hope. This Curve will beautify the space permanently and expand every year

A huge thank you to Avril from Whalley Range Climate Action Group for imagining this and making it happen and to everyone who came out to plant snowdrops, including our MP Afzal Khan and our local councillors Aftab and Bano.



Four Whalley Range schools rise to the challenge of promoting active travel

As part of the 2022 Year of the Child, Manchester City Council (MCC) committed to enabling children and their families to walk and cycle safely to school and parks. They are recognising the impact of increased traffic and the need for more active travel.

St Margarets CofE Primary, William Hulme's Grammar and Manley Park Primary Schools have been holding regular School Streets – they get permission from the council to close the roads around the school to traffic for the day during drop off and pick up times. Manley Park and Our Ladies schools have also been allocated funding by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to support them find ways to put in place a more permanent school street.

New developments must be fit for a climate safe future



We have responded to applications from the British Muslim Heritage Centre to extend their temporary marquee licence and to their pre-planning proposals for development, the proposed new LGBTQ+ extra care facility on Russell Road and the Nello James Centre on Withington Road.

We have stressed that developers must ensure that all developments and their use are overall carbon neutral, and that trees and biodiversity must be conserved. We have pointed to the health impacts that the volume of traffic, safety and air pollution from the

proposed developments would have on our community. We call on the City Council to take a planned area wide approach to planning taking into account reducing carbon, improving air quality, encouraging active travel and increasing biodiversity in line with Manchester City Council's pledge to reach net zero by 2038.



Addressing climate issues demands action on inequalities.

Most people would like us all to be healthier and for children to have the best chances to do well at school; we know clean air can make a big difference.

For some people it is an urgent priority; for others other things feel more important especially now when struggling more than ever money wise. We know getting as many people as possible involved makes things happen.

We have applied for funding for a big conversation involving as many different people and opinions as possible to work out how to improve air quality in Whalley Range taking everyone's views into account. First, a community drama project will get different views talked about for short films which will be shared with individuals and groups to stimulate feedback. On the basis of what people say we will agree a plan for cleaner air in Whalley Range. This is what climate justice is all about. Interested in getting involved? – contact Judith 07792 690 278



Think Global 'the world needs more passion from people to help it heal' Changu

We link with **Chibombo People's Climate Action** in Zambia who plan to plant a million trees and reforest their area.

UK Friends of Chibombo People's Climate Action are launching their 2022 fundraising campaign on 3rd July with a fabulous cream tea fundraiser. [Book now!](#)

Find out more about this inspiring grassroots project and the fundraiser at chibomboclimate.wixsite.com/website-1

Recycle your bottle tops and medicine blister packs, at the Whalley Rangers Recycling Project at the Carlton Club, first Saturday of the month, 11am-1pm. If it's dry by the shed, if wet, at a stall inside the Carlton Club.

<http://whalleyrangers.org/recycling.html>

Crisp packets, cheese wrappers, bread bags, pet food pouches can be recycled at the Co-op.

Whalley Range Eco-Takeaway Campaign

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