



## GreenTEA News

**Margaret** – It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Margaret Hutchinson on Sat. 20th April. Margaret was a member of the food group for many years and a life long supporter of the environment, having been a student on the very first environment course run by the Open University. She enjoyed new gadgets and even invested in a wind turbine for her roof! Despite her failing health and deafness, she did some marathon stints washing up at Green TEA festivals. Her enthusiasm and friendship will be greatly missed.

**Green TEA charter** – At the April Core Group meeting we agreed to form a 'GreenTEA Charter', summarising our aims. This is a work in progress. Watch this space! Ideas to: <mailto:stephen.yeo@phonecoop.coop>

**Toss it? No way!!** – Got something which needs some TLC, is perhaps a bit broken and you haven't had the time or skills to fix it yourself? Don't throw it away, bring it to a Repair Café, and volunteers will have go at fixing it! Repair Cafes are a growing international movement to minimise waste and promote a circular economy!

Helen Gavin helps organise Repair Cafes in Oxford and would like to start running one in Eynsham. The first one will be at the GreenTEA Autumn Festival on October 12th. Helen would love to hear from anyone with fixing skills (sewing, mechanical, electrical, bikes, IT etc) who would like to be part of this great initiative, helping people to keep using things for longer, save money and reduce our collective carbon footprint. If you can help, [email Helen](#) or call her at 07811922502.

## Local News

**Long Mead - [Research and Conservation Project](#)** (near the tollbridge). A BioResearch and Meadow-Conservation Project, owned by Catriona Bass & Prof. Kevan Martin. They plan to buy land along the Thames and set up natural projects; re-creating water meadows; building a low-carbon Eco-demonstration; with access for groups and schools.

**Citizens assembly in Oxford to tackle climate change** - "Oxford City is [first local authority in the country](#) to establish such a body over the issue." BRILLIANT! We're nearly there!

**First ever AGM of the CAG Oxfordshire network!** - taking place Wednesday 3rd July, 6:30 - 9:30pm at Makespace, Oxford. "We will be electing the board of the new organisation that will be running The CAG Oxfordshire Project, ensuring all the community action groups (you!) are signed up as members of the new organisation. A nice opportunity to socialise and share what we have been working on." [Please sign up here](#)

## National News

**UK Parliament declares 'climate emergency'** - Lawmakers in the UK Parliament have declared "[an environment and climate emergency](#)".

**Climate change could wipe out trillions**, warns Bank - The Bank of England says the value of companies' stranded assets such as fossil energy [could collapse in the climate crisis](#). We TOLD you so, YEARS ago!

**May refuses to commit to acting 'now' on net zero target** - Prime minister will "[respond urgently](#)" to the call for new laws on emissions targets.

**Experts: UK should set net zero emissions target** - MP Simon Clarke and Lord Adair Turner were among those [calling for the UK to set a net zero target in law](#).

**Public backs UK net zero by huge margin** - Britons support ending UK emissions within three decades by seven-to-one margin, [new survey confirms](#).

**Carbon capture crucial to hit green targets**, say MPs - [Report calls for widespread use of technology](#) to cut emissions to net zero.

**Net zero: Five big questions** - ECIU Director Richard Black highlights the [five key things to look out](#) for in the Committee on Climate Change's net zero advice.

**'Get on with it', infrastructure Czar tells ministers** - The [government should urgently invest in the path](#) to 50% renewables and 100% electric car sales by 2030, says Armitt.

**Jeremy Corbyn calls for 'green industrial revolution'** - Corbyn has warned that [more than simply declaring an "emergency"](#) must be done to tackle the crisis.

**Businesses call for tougher climate targets** - CBI wants government to [legislate for zero emissions by 2050](#).

**"Climate change aid policy makes no sense"**, say MPs - [MPs lambasted an "incoherent" aid policy](#) where the UK spends billions supporting fossil fuel projects!

**UK among 23 nations backing climate finance principles** - At IMF and World Bank summits, [finance ministers agree to drive climate action](#) through policy, tax and spending.

**'Thousands of Tidal jobs' - to be created for the Liverpool region.** The mayor claims that the region could become a ["world leader in tidal power"](#) as the project enters the next stage

**The natural world can help save us** - Ecological restoration can be a powerful means of protecting the atmosphere – [we need to rewild on a massive scale.](#)

**Teen activist Greta Thunberg: "UK irresponsible on climate"** - In a [speech to MPs and party leaders](#) (excluding Theresa May), Greta called the UK government's support for fossil fuels and airport expansion **'beyond absurd'**, adding "You don't listen to the science because you are only interested in solutions that will enable you to carry on like before". She also described the UK's stated carbon emissions reduction as the result of 'very creative' accounting. Its reported 42% reduction in emissions since 1990 is only 10% when aviation, shipping, imports and exports are counted, she said.

## International News

**Earth 'skin temperature test' confirms global warming** - [Satellite measurements of Earth's "skin temperature"](#) confirm that global warming is heating up the planet.

**Solar dominated energy world possible by 2050.** - A [global energy system that is 90% renewables](#) is not only possible by 2050 – it will also be cheaper ...

**Renewables shave \$10 trillion off cost to curb warming** - Renewable energy group IRENA says [wind and solar costs are plunging](#). Fantastic news!

**Campaigners start legal action against Shell** - Environmental groups call for 'climate damages tax' and for company to [align business with Paris Agreement goals](#).

**'End of coal' in Asia'** - Major Japanese investors, including those most indebted to coal, are seeking to [back large-scale renewables projects across Asia](#), marking a "monumental" shift that energy market analysts say is "the start of the end for thermal coal".

**Electric Vehicle breakthrough** - allows [1,000 km journey on single charge!](#) New battery technology to allow longer journeys and reduce vehicle costs.

**An introduction-for-the-busy** from Jeremy Leggett - to an [historic report](#), just published, that models the global energy system on an hourly basis using the real economics of existing renewable energy technologies. A unique first, and essential ammunition for all worried about climate change.

## New Books

US journalist David Wallace-Wells's apocalyptic page-turner : ['The Uninhabitable Earth'](#).

## **GreenTEA Events**

June 1st: **GreenTEA Café** at The Market Garden/Emporium, 32-34 Mill St., Eynsham from 10.30am - 12noon

## **Other Events**

June 16th: [OCC Zero Waste Festival](#) Oxford Town Hall 12pm-3pm

June 26th: The Climate Coalition/WWF - [parliamentary lobby](#), London

July 3rd: CAGs' 1st AGM at 'Makespace' 1 Aristotle Lane, Oxford, OX2 6TP 6.30-9.30pm - see above.