



GreenTEA News

Green TEA Festival - all welcome! – Saturday October 19th 2 - 4 pm in St Leonard's Church Hall. There will be our regular apple juicing and apple giveaway. Green TEA stalls will feature our work on Energy; Food; Transport and Waste:

- Our Energy Group will focus on our work to make the proposed Garden Village an exporter rather than consumer of energy.
- Our food theme this year is 'Reducing Meat and Dairy in our diet' and we are collaborating with The Market Garden to showcase alternatives... with tastings.
- The Repair Shop is a new venture from our Waste Group, so bring items that can be repaired or altered, rather than thrown away.
- Our information stall will focus on ethical banking and investments.

There will also be games for children, and the Long Mead Reserve and Conservation Project will show their progress to improve diversity on the banks of the Thames. Finally we will have a Book Swap to reduce waste and support Refugees Welcome in Eynsham.

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle – Helen Gavin is going ahead with her Repair Cafés in Eynsham and elsewhere. She needs skilled helpers please for the GreenTEA Festival Repair Shop, in the fields of sewing, mechanical, electrical, cycle, IT etc. Volunteers please [contact her](#).

School strike activists – including some GreenTEA members, left the Friday shoppers in Oxford on May 24th in no doubt about the seriousness of the climate emergency! With speeches, chanting and a couple of marches by the crowd of demonstrators, the event was well planned by the children and it left the Councils and Government in no doubt about their role!

A journey shared is a journey halved! - by Sue Raikes: We are very lucky to have such an amazing bus service from Eynsham to both Oxford and Witney (I hear howls of howls of protest from some who spend two hours a day just to get to work six miles away! Sorry... but compared to our rural neighbours we are lucky!). I am also very aware of those who don't want to go to the centre of Oxford, maybe to work or for appointments at the hospitals or Cowley. For them the solution may build on successful local action.

The loss of the No 18 bus prompted action by our neighbours in Sutton and they now have a What's App group whose members can ask for and offer lifts... in most cases to come into Eynsham to catch our very own S1! The list has about 80 members, some of whom have a car and are prepared to offer lifts. Others who need a lift, maybe regularly for work or more occasionally. John, the coordinator, estimates that it creates about ten shared journeys per week. I have also investigated [Liftshare](#) - a national website where members can get regular or one off lifts from 'a to b'. There are people in Eynsham, Witney and Oxford who use this site.

Green TEA is concerned about the carbon impact of car travel and we are looking at possible ways to reduce the effect of car journeys on the planet, in addition to the effects on air quality and our mental health.

Would you consider signing up for shared journeys? For example- Could you offer a lift to the JR every morning, or do you need a monthly lift to the Nuffield? We are trying to gauge potential demand for sharing journeys. If there is sufficient demand we will arrange further consultation to look at the possible options.

So if you have a car, or need a lift or are interested in helping get something off the ground please [contact Sue Raikes](#) (tel: 01865 464021), who would also like to know if you have experience of any other options, or if you use Liftshare. This doesn't commit you to anything.... at this stage we need to find out what is going and hear about people experiences and ideas.

Local News

Future of the A40 - public meeting on Friday 12 July at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall: Remember last July when we played footie and tennis and planted a tree on the A40? And how we have been trying to tell the Oxfordshire County Council that their transport plans will not work and will increase congestion and air pollution to no avail? And how the overall plan remain the same and the detailed ideas about pedestrian crossings, cycle paths and roundabouts get even more unfit for purpose? This issue was the major concern at the recent Garden Village exhibition and now the Parish Council, Eynsham Society and EPIC have set up a Question and Answer panel including Yvonne Constance, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet member for Economy and Transport, for you and all Eynsham residents to ask those perceptive and uncomfortable questions that went unanswered in May. For more information, and to access the Park and Ride planning application and consultation documents, please visit the [Eynsham Community website item](#).

Garden Village plans - if the Garden Village is going to happen, then it has to be the best it can be. For this reason, members of Green TEA and EPIC contributed to the Design Charrette. All residents are invited to [give their feedback](#), either at the library display or the next upcoming event.

Community Action Groups (CAGs) network say: - 'We are very much looking forward to hosting the first ever AGM of the newly independent CAG network on Wed 3rd July and we hope you can join us. This is an exciting moment to come together as a network, share and learn from each another and elect our new board members. There will also be food, drink and time to socialise. Please [sign up here](#) to let us know you are coming'.

Cassington Climate Change Practical Action Group - Helena, Ros and Richard Buckner attended the Parish Council meeting where the Action Group proposal was made by [Vicky Thomas](#). We were much encouraged by the move to form another climate group within our area! We suggested,

subject to core group approval, that this group becomes a 'working group' of GreenTEA and thus gains the benefits of CAG membership.

'Cosy Homes Oxfordshire' - offers a bespoke house survey which can help you to prioritise which insulation measures will give you the best carbon and financial savings for your budget. It also provides a list of vetted builders from whom you can get estimates and independent monitoring of the work done. The website has recently gone live at: cosyhomesoxfordshire.org

Have you heard - about [Oxfordshire Greentech](#) a business network supporting the growth of the low-carbon sector in Oxfordshire?

The UK Government - has banned new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2040, but there's growing pressure to bring this forward to 2032. Oxford has set a target to have zero emission transport in the City by 2030 with a [Zero Emission Zone gradual roll](#) out starting in 2020.

National News

Theresa May's 'historic' climate pledge welcomed worldwide - Key architect of Paris climate agreement [praises Britain's "historic commitment"](#) to end carbon emissions by 2050.

Labour considers 2030 net-zero emissions target - McDonnell weighs strategic interventions bringing forward deadline as [climate body warns of 'huge risks'](#).

UK net zero 'could cost £30bn per year', claims Treasury - [Hammond asks PM to reconsider plan](#) to set net zero target in law next week, after Boris gives it his backing. YES, BUT... Climate Change damage could cost TRILLIONS! According to the [Stern Review](#) (2006), without action, the overall costs of climate change will be equivalent to losing 5-20% of global gross domestic product (GDP) each year, now and forever.

Homes to be paid for exporting solar power to the grid - [Replacement for Feed-in-Tariff scheme](#) aims to support small scale renewables and incentivise battery storage. HURRAH!

Prince Charles urges big business to do more on climate - A great deal more 'can and must be done' [says the Prince](#).

British billionaire attacks governments failing on climate - Karam Hinduja says a "[wave of impact investment](#)" required to create "global paradigm shift".

Tories urge leadership contenders to prioritise climate - A group of 60 MPs push for the [environment to be at the centre of the leadership contest](#).

Renewables to be 'consistently cheaper' than fossil fuels - Electricity from onshore wind and solar will be [cheaper than any fossil fuel within a year](#), report finds.

Fossil fuel subsidies wrecking the world, says UN chief - 'There is nothing more wrong' than subsidising droughts, hurricanes and coral bleaching, [says Guterres](#).

Nuclear not needed to meet UK climate goals - analysts report that renewables offer lower cost option to meeting carbon budgets but coherent policy needed, [report finds](#).

Writing's on the wall for oil firms, say fund managers - Several fund managers believe oil companies should [shut themselves down](#) because they will soon lose investment.

Pledge to fight Climate Change with your lawn! - Let lawns capture more carbon and better protect homes from extreme weather events. Your lawn will fight climate change if you stop spreading conventional (quick-release) fertilizer. Established lawns, like the grasslands of long ago, are usually quite capable of not needing fertilizer. Lawns free of quick-release capture more carbon, put on more foliage, become better sponges retaining and releasing slowly excess water from extreme weather events. Consider pulling up impervious surfaces and replacing with a healthy lawn. Patios beware. Bare feet prefer lawns and lawns fight climate change. For more information and to add your name to the pledge [see this link](#).

International News

Jay Inslee releases \$3 trillion jobs plan on clean energy - Presidential hopeful's jobs plan seeks to create [8m jobs aimed at decarbonising the economy](#). Good plan!

Air pollution is violation of human rights, says UN - Failure of governments to ensure citizens breathe clean air is a "[violation of the rights to life](#)".

'The heat is on over the Climate Crisis' - "Our best hope lies in cooperating as never before to radically reorganise our world: decoupling the political map from geography. However unrealistic it sounds, we'd need to look at the world afresh and see it in terms of where the resources are and then plan the population, food and energy production around that." [A brilliant article in 'The Observer'!](#)

And this could be how we start cooperating... <http://www.simpol.org>

New Books

['Should We Control World Population?'](#) by Diana Coole. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2018. £9.99 "Our collective self-preservation may in part depend on controlling our population, but it will also have positive implications for the other species with whom we share the Earth and, in a very real ecological sense, on whom we ultimately rely."

GreenTEA Events

July 6th: **GreenTEA Café** at The Market Garden/Emporium, 32-34 Mill St., Eynsham from 10.30 am -

12 noon

October 12th: **Autumn Swap Shop** - Eynsham Sports Pavilion, 1 Oxford Road, OX29 4HG 10-11 am
(helpers 9am)

October 19th: **GreenTEA Autumn Festival** - St Leonards Hall, The Square, Eynsham 2-4 pm

Other Events

June 26th: TLobby our MPs in Westminster: [The Time is Now](#)

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