



GreenTEA News

Swap Shop – on Saturday 12 October: a reminder to start saving recyclable clothing, books, DVDs and kitchen and household bric-a-brac for this event.

Green TEA Autumn Festival – Saturday October 19th from 2 - 4 pm in St Leonard's Church Hall. In addition to apple juicing and working group stalls this year will be 'Food Tasting - replacing meat and dairy', and Helen Gavin's 'Repair Café': bring items for sewing, mechanical, electrical, bicycle, and I.T. repairs. The availability of this service depends on volunteers - please [contact Helen](#).

Core group – amongst the business it was decided that in view of the government's declaration of a 'Climate Emergency', we should firmly encourage them to take immediate and effective measures against climate change, including letters from individuals to MP, Ministers and newspapers. Last chance?...

Local News

Bikesafe – Parliamentary committee [recommend safer walking and cycling](#).

Victory! – "West Oxfordshire District Councillors voted on a motion on 26 June 2019 to do the following: 1) Declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency 2) Set carbon neutral target of 2030 3) Set up a Citizens Assembly to formulate plans." Now to apply it to all aspects of their activities!!

CAG Network First AGM! – On behalf of GreenTEA, Helena and Ros were privileged to attend the first AGM of the newly formed 'Oxfordshire CAG Network', an independent, cooperatively owned, member led network. Five board members were elected and the evening progressed, via information sharing, to a very pleasant social with the usual decibels! We 'paid our pound' and GreenTEA is now a member of the new network!

Visit to 'Long Mead' Bio-Research and Meadow-Conservation Project – On 25th June five members of GreenTEA with four Peace Oak members visited the Bio-Research and Meadow-Conservation Project on the Thames near the Swinford toll bridge. This inspirational tour of an orchard and a 28-acre 'Species-rich ancient hayfield' was conducted by Catriona Bass, co-owner and manager of the

project. She explained the interesting and lengthy process by which the meadow was restored to its ancient species-rich pattern... The field is part of only 3.9 square miles of similar meadowland in the whole of Britain and even features in the Domesday Book! It allowed villagers to overwinter their livestock since it not only provided grazing but a 'strip farmed' hay crop as well. Capped with drinks and nibbles, this was a blissful way of spending a summer's evening and thoroughly recommended! For next tour contact [Catriona](#).

'Cosy Homes Oxfordshire' – is a [new home retrofit service](#) that supports Oxfordshire residents to live in cosier, healthier and more energy-efficient homes. It is supported by local and national partners: Low Carbon Hub, the National Energy Foundation and RetrofitWorks.

National News

NFU calls for 'effective incentives' to hit net zero by 2040 – [National Farmers Union urges government](#) to provide 'effective incentives' to help sector reach net zero emissions by 2040.

UK 'on brink' of nod to host 2020 UN climate summit – Agreement for Italy to pull out of race could be unveiled during the recent UN meet, [sources claim](#).

EVs could form battery hubs to store renewable energy – By 2050, [National Grid predicts](#), 35m electric cars will supply energy when needed.

End onshore windfarm ban, Tories urge – Conservative party voters want to [scrap block on new land turbines](#), survey finds.

GreenTEA member launches petition to urge companies to act on Climate Change – Andy Swarbrick suggests that every company should have a public carbon zero policy document to encourage them to focus on doing their bit towards a carbon neutral world. Like data protection, health & safety documents every company should be obliged in law to have a carbon zero officer responsible their carbon zero policy. This is in response to and support of #extinctionrebellion and the declarations of #climateemergency across the country. The carbon zero policy needs to be open to public scrutiny otherwise it will be worthless. [Please sign and share!](#)

Alannah Meek's petition says – "Making all UK schools zero emissions will be a positive step for the country and this can start by powering education with solar energy. This will allow for progress to make Britain a zero emissions country and meet our targets, whilst also having economic advantages in the long term". Please [sign if you agree!](#)

E.ON UK to supply 3.3m customers with 100% renewable – "One of Britain's [biggest green energy switches to date](#) will come at no extra cost."

Government has 'Dad's Army' approach to climate change – [Little progress on cutting emissions](#), the gap between what is being done and what needs to be done is growing.

Heathrow plan 'will bust UK's climate targets' – [Experts urge ministers to reconsider plans](#) to expand Heathrow and other UK airports.

UK's big energy firms accused of failing on climate crisis – Shell, BP and Centrica talked publicly of backing EU emissions target but [withheld support in official consultation](#).

Dept. of B.E.I.S. asks – How can we keep the world moving while reducing emissions? Head of BP UK's 2019 [Energy Outlook](#) suggests that the transport sector will really lead the charge in the years to come.

Doctors call for nonviolent direct action on climate crisis – Governments have abrogated responsibility with woefully inadequate policies, [says letter](#).

Cornish lithium miner goes digging for crowdfunding – Mining start-up hopes to develop [UK supply of metals for electric car batteries](#).

International News

EU 2050 climate target blocked by eastern nations – The Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary and Poland [wield the axe on net zero emissions target by 2050](#). The next opportunity to return to the issue will not be until October. PREPOSTEROUS!

G20 nations triple coal power subsidies despite climate crisis – (Major economies [pledged a decade ago to phase out all aid for fossil fuels](#).) INSANE!

UK commits nearly £2bn to fossil fuel projects abroad – [Eleven-fold rise in funding over 12 months](#) came as support for renewables fell to £700,000. THIS IS SCANDALOUS!

Booming LNG industry could be as bad for climate as coal – Liquefied Natural Gas developments on [collision course with Paris agreement](#), Global Energy Monitor says.

UN chief urges action to avert climate change 'catastrophe' – Antonio Guterres said [climate-related devastation was striking the planet on a weekly basis](#). AT LAST!

KLM tells its customers: take the train instead – Airline encouraging customers to think of the planet and [consider travelling by rail](#). WOW! Congratulations KLM!

New York lawmakers set deal for net zero by 2050 – Two weeks after UK sets world-leading net zero target, New York State follows suit, [with funds for polluted communities](#).

Major investor drops US firms deemed climate crisis laggards – [Legal and General Investment Management cuts](#) including Exxon Mobil.

'A global phenomenon' – Legal action against global heating and the climate crisis has spread to 28 countries. [A new study](#) charting lawsuits brought against companies and governments since 1990 counted over 1,300 cases and sees this as an increasingly effective tactic for climate justice.

In challenge to Trump, Oregon votes to cap climate emissions – Pioneering [cap-and-trade scheme](#) would kick off in 2021.

GE to scrap California power plant 20 years early – General Electric to demolish gas plant in California after one-third of life as [wind and solar outcompete on cost](#). Hurrah!

Pope Francis declares 'climate emergency' and urges action – Addressing energy leaders, [pope warns of 'catastrophic' effects of global heating](#).

11 million people employed in renewables globally in 2018 – [More countries](#) have tapped into the socio-economic gains of the energy transition.

New Books

David Wallace-Wells: ['The Uninhabitable Earth'](#) – "It is worse, much worse than you think", 'A masterly analysis' (Nature) Published by Allen Lane, 2019 (£20).

GreenTEA Events

August 3rd: **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 from 10 - 11 am (helpers at 9 am please)

October 19th: **GreenTEA Autumn Festival** - St Leonard's Hall, The Square, Eynsham from 2 - 4 pm

Other Events

September 20th: School and General Climate Strike in Oxford - adults welcome, details to be confirmed.