



Alton Climate Action & Network Events & Calls to Action February 2021

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The bitter wind may have driven you indoors but you can still join us as we work to transform this wonderful part of Hampshire for future generations.

Below is a whole variety of actions you can take from the comfort of your arm chair while we wait for better weather and better times.

STOP PRESS

Film Discussion Night

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Do you want to know more about regenerative farming? Join us on Monday 15th Feb at 7:30pm on zoom.

We are delighted to announce that we have Jonty of Farm-Ed joining us on Monday for our discussion. Do take a look at their website for more details of what they do. Maybe we can organise a visit when lockdown is finally over!

"FarmED is the new Centre for Farm & Food Education based at Honeydale Farm in the Cotswolds. We are a Community Interest Company."

"Our mission is to accelerate the transition towards regenerative farming and sustainable food systems by providing space and opportunity for inspirational education, innovative research, practitioner led knowledge exchange events and personal development."



Our next film night discussion is based on "[The Need to Grow](#)"

Please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for a link to the discussion on Monday 15th February at 7:30pm and be sure to have watched the film beforehand.



The film is free to view, **online** just follow the link, sign in and you will have 4 days to watch the film,

Alternatively we have a copy of the film on **DVD**, email if you would prefer to borrow the DVD and we will arrange to get it to you.

This film focuses on the issues of the rapid loss of farmable soil and the current fragile state of our planet through our soil and what we can do about it. It follows 3 main characters—8-year old Girl Scout, Alicia Serratos; a regenerative urban farmer, Erik Cutter; and inventor, Michael Smith.

You won't forget Smith's inspiring Green Power House that functions as a closed-loop energy generator that sequesters carbon, grows algae, and produces a nutrient-rich, organic soil vitalizer...When can we have one in Alton???

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HCC Local Transport Plan 4: please please please reply to this consultation by 28 February.

It is extremely important that as many people as possible respond to the HCC consultation on Local Transport Plan 4 which, despite its trivial-sounding name, will be the framework for transport for about 10 years. It is much more climate-friendly than the current Local Transport Plan 3. So they're likely to get comments from people who are upset about the plans to reduce motor traffic. We need to have many more people who support the plans, to give Councillors the courage to adopt a Local Transport Plan that will cut transport emissions.

Please encourage everyone you can to reply by 28 February. Here's the link to the HCC

site : <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan> (link to survey at the foot under "Tell Us Your Views"- you need to click on the survey to see the details of their proposals which are scattered throughout the survey in different sections).

ACAN has submitted a response on behalf of the group as a whole but we would love to see as many individual responses as possible to back this up.



**Alton Climate Action and Network would like your views on recycling in our area...
Can you complete this short survey which takes around four minutes?**

ACAN's Action on Plastics and Waste Group wants to better understand the views of local residents on recycling and waste disposal. Please help! What do you know about recycling here in Hampshire? This survey is intended to be informative as well as giving us insight into your views. It only takes 4 or 5 minutes to complete. The accumulated results will be shared with East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council. To make the survey results worthwhile, we need as many people in the area as possible to complete it. The deadline is 5 March.

<https://survey.typeform.com/to/pudsLIBG>

**The floor is yours: imagining a better future for us
all**

Wednesday 17th March at 7:30pm

Email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for the zoom link

“Imagination is the ability to look at things as if they could be otherwise” (John Dewey - social reformer).

And if there was ever a time when we needed imagination, it is now as we face the most serious crisis in human history.



If we can imagine what a clean, green, healthy, secure, happy future will look like for ourselves and our families, we can set about building that future.

So please join us online on: Wed 17th March at 7:30pm

To answer the question “What If?” and unleash your imagination!

It's time for “Yes and” not “Yes but”.

No idea is too crazy - who would have thought it would only take 9 years to land someone on the moon?

As history and the Covid pandemic prove, we can act very quickly when motivated. And all over the world communities are creating better futures for themselves.

It can be done.

Cycle Alton are busy as ever and would love to hear your views about local cycle routes - what works, what could be improved?



The district council is hoping to prioritise some routes/junctions as part of their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and have asked for our ideas. The more the merrier. Please get in touch at cyclealton@gmail.com. The Four Marks group already has its own email address, so please contact Chris King-Smith at cyclefourmarks@gmail.com if you can help out there.

Coming up

Alton Cycling & Walking Themed Market Saturday 8th May

- Cycle Alton will have a stand - we are looking for anyone who could lend a hand on the day, meeting and greeting, giving out leaflets etc and talking about cycling to passers-by. Otherwise do drop by and say hello!

Alton's Festival of Cycling - Friday 7th - Sunday 9th May

- Cycle Alton will arrange a variety of cycle rides to suit different abilities and distance preferences. All rides will be bookable in advance via the Festival booklet or by email/online.

Cycle Alton Cycle Training

- Cycle Alton will be offering subsidised (and we hope some free) cycle training so will be asking people to spread the word when the time comes to get started on this, after lockdown.

Join our online event
Friday 12 Feb - 11am 1 hour – 5 speakers – zoom webinar

To celebrate and spread news of the **wonderful green initiatives** in Petersfield

THE CLIMATE COALITION

SHOW THE LOVE

PeCAN
TOWN PETERSFIELD COUNCIL
Healthy Streets Petersfield
Petersfield Society

Friday 12th Feb at 11am - Show the Love

On Friday morning, four Petersfield organisations - PeCAN, The Petersfield Society, Healthy Streets Petersfield, and Petersfield Town Council - are coming together to showcase some of the local initiatives underway to tackle climate change. **Join them for a one-hour webinar to hear what they are doing and how you can get involved.**

[Click here to register](#)

The webinar is part of the annual **Show the Love** celebration run by the Climate Coalition, a national charity with members including the National Trust, Women's Institute, Oxfam, and RSPB.



There is still time to respond to Veolia's planning application for an incinerator on the A31. We urge you to do so to remind the council of the strength of feeling there is locally about this issue.

Deadline Monday 15th February

Energy Alton and ACAN have worked together on our official response which can be found here:

<https://energyalton.org.uk/energy-alton-response-to-veolias-planning-application-for-an-incinerator-with-energy-recovery/>

Send your email - planning@hants.gov.uk, quoting application number 33619/007, and including your name and postal address. Or you can write to Strategic Planning, Economy Transport and Environment Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UD.

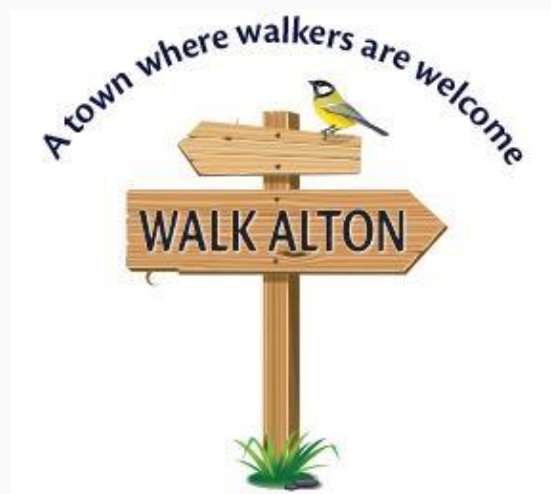
Walk Alton was originally established to gain *Walkers are Welcome* (WaW) accreditation for Alton and this was successfully achieved in 2019. Supported by Alton Town Council, Walk Alton is a community group, representing a broad range of local interests. It works to maintain Alton's WaW status and to promote walking and outdoor recreation in Alton and the surrounding areas

At the start of 2021, Walk Alton is reviewing its structure and operations and we are keen to hear views from groups and individuals in and around Alton before finalising our strategic plan.

Please can you spare just a few minutes to give us your views by completing [our short survey](#)?

For all those taking part in this survey, complete anonymity is guaranteed

The closing date for responses will be February 28th



Thank you for your time: all responses will help us and will be greatly appreciated!

And finally, why not grab a nice hot cup of tea / coffee and enjoy some of the [39 ways to save the planet](#)



Presenter Tom Heap looks at some fascinating carbon-cutting ideas: "preventing food waste with smarter chilling, squeezing more from the sun with next-generation solar panels, taking Siberia back to the Pleistocene era, fighting for the planet in the courts and the plants that can step up on photosynthesis..."

For those wanting a lift in mid-winter, it's a great source of ideas and hope. And the episodes are only 14 minutes long!

