



Alton Climate Action & Network

Dates for your Diary Winter 2021

Website: altonclimatenetwork.org.uk Email: altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com Facebook: [@AltonClimate](https://www.facebook.com/AltonClimate)

If your diary is looking empty we can help. ACAN is still working to improve our lives and tackle the climate and environmental crises, both locally and further afield.

So do take a look at our diary of upcoming events and join us for an opportunity to learn, get involved, make a difference and make friends in this lovely community we call home.

Dates for your diary

[Swimming against the plastic tide - FOLLOW UP 7:30pm Wed 27th Jan](#)

[AVLAN relaunch 7:30pm Monday 25th Jan](#)

[The Need to Grow 7:30pm Monday 15th Feb](#)

[The Floor is Yours 7:30pm Wednesday 17th March](#)

Swimming against the Plastic Tide

73 people logged in for this inspiring talk by Alison Melvin of Binsted Eco Network who brought us all up to speed on the way we use, and fail to recycle, plastics in Hampshire and the world at large.

After her myth busting talk and quiz it became very clear that we have got a long way to go to tackle the mountains of plastic waste we create every year.

[Click here to view Alison's slides](#)

The talk was followed by a lively discussion of the problems and possible solutions and it was agreed we needed a follow on meeting to come up with appropriate actions we can take here in the Alton area.

So please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com if you want to be part of the solution. The Follow up meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th January at 7:30pm on zoom.**



Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature

AVLAN are hosting a zoom meeting to relaunch their activities on **Monday 25th January at 7:30pm** do email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for a link.

Join the meeting for a chance to influence the direction AVLAN takes and what it focuses on in 2021, for example rewilding open spaces, gardening for wildlife and protecting our river.

The meeting is open to all nature lovers in the local area with ideas and time to bring to the group.

Film Discussion Night

As part of our series of film nights we are asking everyone to view "[The Need to Grow](#)" ahead of a zoom discussion meeting on **Monday 15th February at 7:30pm**. The film is free to view, just follow the link, sign in and you will have 4 days to watch the film, so you may prefer to wait until the week before the discussion so that the content is still fresh in your mind.

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. 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 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???

Please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com for a link to the discussion and be sure to have watched the film before Monday 15th February.



Your free viewing will end in:

3

days

23

hours

49

mins

34

secs

Once you have signed up you will have 4 days to watch the movie free.

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.