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**Join ACAN in redoubling our efforts for community and government action to
drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.**

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This week the IPCC published its latest report on the Mitigation of Climate Change

The 1st report gave us the science and the Code Red warning. The 2nd told us about the damage climate change has already done.

The 3rd report tells us it is now or never to maintain a liveable environment for the human population.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/>

This report focuses on what we need to do to avert as much as we can of the damage we can expect from climate change.

In summary:

Overshooting 1.5C is now “almost inevitable”, but the overshoot could be temporary and temperatures could be returned to 1.5C by the end of this century if countries seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions drastically this decade.



**So please mark the date in your diaries for our next
Open Meeting 7pm 20 Jun in the Assembly Rooms**

ACAN's volunteers have achieved much in the last 3 years. But it is not enough. Not nearly enough. Join us to plan the next phase of action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while there is still time.

#SitForClimate

The #SitForClimate campaign is a really simple way to show that we literally will not stand by as the climate crisis envelops us. Please share the below information about Sit For Climate with friends, family and colleagues. If all the people receiving this newsletter share this with just a few others it could give a massive initial boost to this campaign. Here's what it's all about:



Everyone; Everywhere; Every week

#SitForClimate is a new movement for people to show their concern about the climate crisis by joining in a short, regular, inclusive action.

WHEN: Every Saturday, 11am, for 10 minutes.

WHAT: Sit anywhere you like and display the #SitforClimate message on a home-made sign or on your phone. Sit on your own or with others.

ACAN members will be sitting in the High Street opposite Iceland every Saturday at 11am for 10 minutes - do join us, and bring a chair or stool if that would be more comfortable!!



Alton Community Share

Next session Sat 9th April

Reduce waste & save money at this free library of jigsaws, games, toys and activities

10am to 12 noon on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
at St Lawrence's Parish Centre



Next session Sat 23rd April

Bring your items for repair along to Alton Community Centre
from 10:30am to 12:30pm on:

23rd Apr, 11th Jun, 30th Jul, 10th Sep, 22nd Oct, 10th Dec

The repair team will be at your service to assist and advise you on repairs to small household items.

AVLAN Social Mon 25th Apr 7pm Railway Arms

All welcome

Do come along to enjoy a face to face meeting, after all this time, to plan for the future and to celebrate AVLAN's successes including the latest wildlife garden at Rakemakers in Holybourne.

see Before and After pics below.



Orchard House Wildlife Garden is a wonderful collaborative project between Abri Housing, Alton College, Cllr Paula Langley and AVLAN. The pics show Jenny Griffiths and Scott Goldie planting the front bed. The students will be weeding the front bed on a weekly basis.



AVLAN's Riverfly group is now sampling in Flood Meadow for invertebrates on a monthly basis, and finding ever greater numbers of cased caddis, olives and freshwater shrimp. Get in touch with Jenny Griffiths (altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) if you would like to join in – it's very interesting. Sessions only last 1 – 1.5 hours.

Thank you message from Glen Skelton, Wetland Landscapes Officer with the Wildlife Trust, "This is really great to see. Thank you all for collecting this important data to help us keep an eye on our water quality and see how effective our improvements have been."

ALFI - Alton Local Food Initiative

will be holding their **Seedling Swap on Sat 14th May** as part of the Alton Town Council **All things outdoors** event in the Public Gardens. And look out for a speaker from ALFI giving a talk at 12.30—1pm



And do make your way to the **Gardeners World Beaulieu Spring Show** Fri 29th Apr—Sun 1st May where ALFI has been asked to do a Community Border for the show—they'd love to see you there.

Cycle Alton will be holding their first ever face to face meeting on
Thur 5th May at 7pm

Save the date - further details to follow.
Also look out for their stall at the Alton Town Council "All things Outdoors" event in the Public Gardens
Saturday 14th May 10am - 2pm





ENERGY SOLUTIONS IN AN UNSTABLE WORLD

**Monday 9th May 2022, 7.30 pm, Garden Room,
Alton Community Centre GU34 1HN**



**Guest speaker: Paul Ciniglio,
Refurbishment Lead, National
Energy Foundation (NEF).**

Paul runs NEF's SuperHomes network. He will talk about the East Hampshire Whole House Retrofit Service within the context of current rocketing energy prices and the urgent need to reduce CO2 emissions.

Energy Alton and their Powering Up group will report on their very active work programme on energy efficiency and community energy - including 3 current community energy projects, their Clean Heat Guide and links across East Hampshire



Young ACAN rehomed 47Kg of clothes at their Back on the Rack clothes swap

Young ACAN's very first event was a resounding success. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the damage that the clothing industry, especially fast fashion, is doing to the environment and this they managed to do with at least 200 people attending their Back on the Rack clothes swap.



[For more details and photos see the report on our website.](#)

Of the 25 people that made pledges at the BOTR event nearly half said they would be shopping at charity shops and donating clothes they no longer use to charity shops of family and friends. Others said they would make do and mend to reduce the damaging effects of fast fashion. Several others said they would like to see more clothes swaps so watch this space for a possible 2nd event in September this year.

And a big thank you to Alison Melvin for telling us about the free streaming app [WaterBear](#) which specialises in films on environmental and social themes where I found this 15 minute video [ReDress the Future](#) - very much worth a watch especially for the "**Stitch it don't ditch it**" initiative which sees repairers sitting on the pavement in Bromley High Street mending clothes and chatting to people!



Alton Town Council are holding the first outdoor market of the season entitled "All things outdoors" on

Sat 14th May from 10am - 2pm in the Public Gardens

Look out for:
the ALFI seedling swap,
Talks from Glyn Jones on no dig gardening and Will Benson on hydroponic towers
AVLAN hosting the Wildlife Gardeners' Question Time
Cycle Alton encouraging people to get on their bikes.



Hampshire County Council

Has launched its consultation on the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan/haveyoursay>

It is open to all Hampshire residents and will run to 26th June 2022.

ACAN and Cycle Alton will each be responding as local organisations, but please do make time to read at least the [Summary](#) of the plans and section 7.5 of the [Full report](#) which focuses on Rural Transport (pp 99 - 103) and fill in the questionnaire as an individual.

Those of you who attended our recent public meeting on transport will already be aware that a lot of good ideas are included in LTP4 but that the focus is very much on areas of higher population density. I am delighted to see climate and the environment listed as the top 2 outcomes on p14 of the summary.

However, on reading the summary, I noticed the words "Encourage" and "Support" were used a total of 59 times compared to 43 times for "Deliver" and "Implement" and that ratio got worse in section 7.5 of the Full document. Let us hope this doesn't turn out to be a lot of well meaning hot air followed by very little action.

Hampshire County Council

has just launched a consultation on their Pension Fund Investment Strategy. This is open to all HCC employees and pensioners but **NOT** to all HCC council tax payers who, after all, fund the HCC contributions to their employees pensions!



The consultation runs to 31st May 2022.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-services/pensions/responsible-investment/consultation>

For more details from HCC about their Responsible Investment strategy do read:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-services/pensions/responsible-investment>

And to find out the Hampshire Pension Fund Divest campaign's take on it go to:

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns-2/hampshire-pension-divestment/>

Winchester Action on Climate Change are recruiting a Head of Policy and Partnerships (30 hrs pw)



This is a very exciting opportunity for the right person.

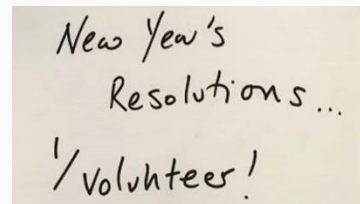
Do pass this on if you know someone who might be interested.

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/job-vacancy-head-of-policy-and-partnerships/>

Call to Action

We all know we need to act now to protect our environment and community.

Scientists tell us we have until the end of this decade to cut our emissions by half if we are to prevent runaway climate change.



Here in ACAN we have a [range of groups](#) already set up and many more ideas of things we would like to do if we had more volunteers, and you may have ideas of your own you would like to pursue.

It doesn't matter how much or how little time you can spare we have volunteering opportunities to suit.

To get involved do fill in our [volunteers form](#)

Or email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to do.

As ACAN has grown so have our costs.

Most grants do not cover running costs, such as insurance, zoom subscription, examination of accounts.

If you can help with one off or regular donations please use the button below for our CAF donate page.

Many thanks.

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