



Eco Fair report

Young people made it very clear
Tomorrow will be too late
We Must Cut Carbon Emissions
NOW!

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WE NEED TO START RIGHT NOW!

There was a loud, insistent and VERY clear message from young people at the ACAN/Alton Town Council Eco-Fair on 11th July: a message addressed to adults. We must act now to reduce carbon emissions – not tomorrow, NOW!

If you missed the fair or want to revisit the experience this video, compiled by James Willis, captures the day perfectly.

It was an inspiring, informative and fun day. For one visitor the eco fair "represented the best that humans can be" while for another it was "the best community event ever".



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcysNgY6cCY>



From top: SOS from the Kids, Students from Amery Hill Eco Union, Lillie Ewins, Daisy Mansfield & Evie Goros from Eggars school, Becky Shaylor's shoal of 1000 fish cut from discarded drinks cans

Below: Valentina Lewis, Frankie Morland & compere Gerry Janes



Our young people have had enough of denial and delay where the eco crisis is concerned!

- Valentina Lewis aged 7 spoke about her picture "Save our planet"
- Frankie Morland aged 9 sang about "The World in Danger – I want to enjoy your beauty before you're gone"
- A group of youngsters from Petersfield brought tears to our eyes with their song "S.O.S. from the kids"
- Students from Amery Hill School talked about their fears for the climate crisis and how they are playing their part through their Eco-Union

The call to action came most powerfully from three students from Eggars School. Please do read their speeches and take action TODAY not tomorrow.

Lillie Ewins said, "We like to tell ourselves that we're doing enough. After all, it's not our fault the planet is dying – we're not the ones pumping carbon dioxide

into the atmosphere. Oh no, it's not us ...

“No one person or institution can truly be held responsible for the climate crisis, but I find it almost too easy to place the blame for those responsible for its continuation. It's not just the multinational oil companies, the manufacturing industry, or even the governments, it's us, all of us: the average person - we are all responsible.

This is happening now, and if we don't take action urgently, there will no longer be a planet to save.”

[Click here to read Lillie's speech in full](#)

Daisy Mansfield reminded us that, “Millions of people making little everyday changes, will create one big change. Creating a stable future for generations ahead.” She talked about the changes we can all make – weaning ourselves off our addiction to “fast fashion”; eating less meat; using the car less and walking and cycling instead.

[Click here to read Daisy's speech in full](#)

Evie Goros who described vividly the terrible impact of industrial fishing practices and over-fishing on marine eco-systems and issued the following appeal: “We are consumers, responsible for feeding and growing the industries we choose to buy from. If enough of us stop, or reduce our fish intake, we can force these industries to adopt more sustainable practices.”

[Click here to read Evie's speech in full](#)

It is not difficult to reduce our own carbon emissions, if we take it a step at a time. We can set ourselves a target of a 10% reduction each year. See our suggestions for what we can do.

<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/climate-crisis-resources/what-we-can-do/reducing-our-carbon-emissions/>

And talk to family and friends about the urgent need for immediate action, and what you are doing yourself.

Call to Action

We have been told - we need to act now.

Here in ACAN we have quite 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 just email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to do.



At the Eco-Fair, Mike Orchard performed an arrangement of this famous climate song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGgBtHolO4g>

Do watch the video and sing along.

Sing for the Climate

We need to wake up

We need to wise up

We need to open our eyes

And do it NOW, NOW, NOW!

We need to build a better future

And we need to start right now

***We're on a planet
That has a problem
We've got to solve it, get involved
And do it NOW, NOW, NOW!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now***

***Make it greener
Make it cleaner
Make it last, make it fast
And do it NOW, NOW, NOW!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now***

***No point in waiting
Or hesitating
We must get wise, take no more lies
And do it NOW, NOW, NOW!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now***
