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His secret?  
He doesn't  
count  
chocolate.



Their secret? They  
don't count carbon.



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Go to <http://www.thebigask.com/> and add your video statement to the video wall.

### Every Little Helps

Join the campaign to tell Tesco it ain't welcome in Chorlton. More on page 7.

### Shop Ethically

Visit our new ethical shopping guide to find out how. [www.ethicalshoppingguide.org](http://www.ethicalshoppingguide.org).

## About Manchester FoE

Manchester Friends of the Earth is an award-winning campaign group working on issues relating to the environment and to social justice.

We campaign on issues with a local connection and also lobby for policy changes at local, regional, national and international levels.

We work on a diverse range of issues including climate change, corporate responsibility, real food, trade justice, sustainable transport & aviation, and waste & recycling.

Find out more at [www.manchesterfoe.org.uk](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk).

## Friend of the Earth

For each issue, a different active member talks about their involvement in the group. This month it's Nick Geyman.

**How long have you been involved?** A year and a bit.

**What are the main things you've been involved in?** I've been involved in the climate and sustainable transport campaigns. I've promoted rechargeable batteries, lobbied MPs helped spread the love... of bikes.

**What environmental issues are you most concerned about?** Sustainable living, which incorporates sustainable transport, recycling and local food. Everyone should be doing their bit. All of these impact on climate change - the most important global issue.



## How can I become a member?

You can download a membership form from our website or phone our office to be sent one. One year's membership is only £4 if you're unwaged, £8 low-waged, £12 waged, and £30 for a household.

## Enjoy discounts as a member

As a member you get not only this newsletter but also:

4 free issues of "Earth matters", the magazine from national Friends of the Earth (new members)

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15% off food and drink at the Nectar Cafe in Hale

10% off selected purchases at Ken Foster's Cycle Logic

10% off main meals and hot drinks at Titchy Coffee Co.

10% off all orders over £10 at Fetish for Food in Prestwich



For the latest details about our membership discounts, visit:

[www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/members](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/members)

## Get active!

All are welcome to our meetings. See the back page for a calendar and just come along!

## Kore a m ove for Paul?

Manchester Friends of the Earth met a delegation of Korean Journalists who are travelling around the UK talking to people who have been involved in supermarket campaigning.

In their words:

"As large malls are increased in the old towns in Korea, the existing small shops and commercial power are being decreased, which leads to social conflicts."

Maybe the motto "Think Global, Act Local" should be changed to "Local Action, Global Impact". Let's hope that lessons learnt by UK campaigners can benefit Korea as well as Britain.

Food campaigner Paul D'Ambra said:

"It was interesting to see that the same problems are being experienced in Korea. Supermarkets clearly aren't just a local problem so it was great to be able to give the Korean journalists arguments based on our real-world experiences".



## Ke e ping Ch orlton Inte re s ting

Chorlton residents continue to oppose the development of a Tesco Express store in the centre, and have just submitted a report to the council's planning department highlighting both the risks posed to the area by the proposal, and the disappointing lack of scrutiny the development has undergone so far.

The report, which was put together by 'Keep Chorlton Interesting', a new group of residents and businesses who value Chorlton's unique character and independent retail provision, is packed with evidence proving that the store should not be given planning permission, and provides a vital tool for local people to use in order to object to the proposals.

A key finding in the report was that traffic levels have been underestimated in the planning application. The report, and its summary are available in several locations:

[www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/food/chorlton.htm](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/food/chorlton.htm)

[www.unicorn-grocery.co.uk/news.php](http://www.unicorn-grocery.co.uk/news.php)

[keepchorltoninteresting.nexo.com](http://keepchorltoninteresting.nexo.com)

The struggle against the store, which began early this year, comes close to marking the 100th local anti-Tesco campaign in the UK, and it's clear that as people become increasingly aware that supermarkets are not all that super, the days of the retail giants' aggressive infiltration of every high street simply passing by with barely a whisper from anyone, are well and truly over.

As amended plans have been submitted, it's vital that residents (even those who have objected already) write to the planning officer in charge of the case. The decision may be made as early as September 13th, and letters of objection need ideally to be submitted by August 30th, or September 12th at the latest.

For more info, or to get involved, contact [sayyestolocalshops@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sayyestolocalshops@hotmail.co.uk).

Paul D'Ambra



# EMISSIONS IMPOSSIBLE



## South Manchester resident Chris Shearlock visits the Heathrow Climate Camp.

Why did you decide to go to the climate camp this year?

I didn't get my act together with the camp at Drax coal power station in Yorkshire last year and I remember watching the protest on TV thinking 'I really should be there'. In fairness, my wife had just had a baby so it was pretty much out of my hands, but I was determined to go this year. I've been to a couple of climate change events in the past such as the march and dyke building at the United Nations climate conference in the Hague back in about 2001 and last year's rally in Trafalgar Square and I think it's essential that people are prepared to stand up and be counted on this issue. It's all too easy for the Government to make out that climate change is some sort of ephemeral, highly scientific subject in order to avoid taking concrete action, but when 25,000 people turn up at a climate event such as the one in Trafalgar Square last November it makes it much more difficult to dodge the issue.

What I'm probably not getting across here is that I'm not some sort of die-hard direct action enthusiast who goes along to every demo under the sun. I'm in my mid-thirties, work in an office and have kids, etc, etc. However, when I think about climate change and the very limited window that we now have to reduce emissions sufficiently to avoid dangerous warming, I feel a sense of both terror and rage. Our basic future survival is at stake here so I'm surprised people aren't rioting on the streets about this.

You weren't scared away by BAA's attempts at injunctions then?

No, not at all – if anything it made me much more determined to go! I think that BAA's attempt to injunct five million people (including the members of Friends of the Earth, RSPB and The National Trust) was absolutely disgraceful. We've come to a pretty weird state of affairs

where a company like BAA can make the claim in court

that people have a greater right to fly on holiday than they do to peaceful protest.

This said, the attempted injunction did up the ante somewhat and I did have to do quite a bit of explaining to my wife and family that I wasn't going to get arrested.

Was it what you expected?

I really can't begin to describe what a peculiar experience it was. I went with a friend from work and when we left we both looked at each other and said 'Wow, that was

something different'. We were only there for three days as we'd both taken time off on holiday and had to get back to various commitments, but neither of us wanted to leave. The way the camp was organised into different regional neighbourhoods was fantastic and you quickly formed a tight-knit community. I met a whole heap of interesting people that I hope to bump into around Manchester and the

Northwest in the future. After I'd left I was glued to the TV and the Internet for the rest of the camp wishing that I was still involved.

I think the thing that surprised me most about the event was how well organised it was. When you consider that the site was just an empty field its amazing that it had kitchens serving two hot meals a day, toilets and showers and numerous wind turbines and solar panels supplying power. This was all done under a very heavy police presence that did its best to reduce access to the site. Another thing I'd have to say in support of the camp was how civilised everyone was. Despite reading about 'extremists' having infiltrated the camp in the papers I genuinely didn't meet anyone who wanted a scrap with the police.

What kept you awake at night most? Planes or samba bands?

What's strange is that I slept well at the camp. I think this was partly due to having worked all day on various tasks that needed doing around the camp and partly due to



having had a few beers while chatting with people in the Northwest neighbourhood tent. Living right next to Heathrow Airport for a few days does leave you quite unhinged though.

When I first arrived I was amazed by the scale of what goes on there with a flight landing every 50 seconds or so and accompanied by a huge roar. However, within a couple of hours, your brain manages to tune most of this out and it's only when there's a really spectacular noise that you notice again – this left me feeling quite confused.

On the subject of samba bands, there wasn't much noise from the camp after about 11pm. As I've said already, the people camping at Heathrow were genuinely responsible and tried not to present a huge nuisance to the community around them.

**Did you take part in any of the campaign actions?**

No, I'd left before the 'day of action' on Sunday which was a shame. It's a tricky one for me analysing the way the action came across in the media. Without an action there's not much for the media to report on, but this seems to miss the point that 1,500 people were camped next to the world's largest airport taking part in workshops about climate change.

One of the funniest media reports I read was on about the third day which said that the camp was 'still peaceful' – if you'd met the people camping there this would have come as absolutely no surprise and I think a lot of people were wrongfooted by the completely peaceful nature of the camp. Have a look at any quote from BAA in the media reporting of the climate camp and you'll see that they always managed to use the words 'terrorist threat' in the first sentence. This was another completely shameful attempt by BAA to slur people taking part in a legitimate, peaceful protest.

**Has the camp changed your views on climate change and what needs to be done?**

I'm not sure, but I do think that the aviation industry will have a lot more trouble trying to hide from this issue in the future. There are millions of things that we're going to need to change to avoid climate change and this can leave you feeling powerless. What was great about the climate camp was in targeting aviation in this way it made you feel that we can address these issues one-by-one and deal with them positively.

**Who do campaigners need to aim their climate arguments at?**

It's hard to say, but I would certainly like to see UK companies brought to task that are involved in the destruction of the world's rainforests, be this for biofuels, logging or cattle ranching. This might sound a bit old school, but as the Stern Review pointed out, around 20% of greenhouse gas emissions come from deforestation so this issue is far from sorted and is a very major contributor

to climate change.

**Will you be going next year?**

Definitely. Well, with the caveat that the camp is held somewhere sensible and that next year's target doesn't succeed with an injunction. In addition to the climate camp I'd certainly urge people to head to the next I Count rally in Trafalgar Square on 8th December. It would be nice if we could take a big group from Manchester.

**Finally, what one thing surprised most?**

I don't mean this to sound patronising but what gave me most hope at the camp was the number of younger people that were there. I'd often go along to environmental events and I'd be the youngest person there so this is what we really need.

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# Getting tough on climate change

## Ali shares the latest on the climate bill.

Thanks to the concerted lobbying efforts of concerned members of the public all across the country in support of Friends of the Earth's Big Ask campaign, the Government committed itself in last autumn's Queen's Speech to introducing groundbreaking new legislation on climate change.

The Government published its draft Climate Change Bill in March, and while the draft Bill would tie this and future Governments into legally-binding targets for cutting the UK's greenhouse gas emissions, there are a number of key areas in which the Bill needs to be toughened up for it to be effective.

Since the draft Bill was published, no fewer than three Committees of MPs and Lords have reviewed the Bill, and all three have expressed serious



concerns about the draft Bill as it currently stands. Here are some of their comments on the three key questions that we have been raising:

### Is the target to cut emissions by 60% by 2050 in the draft Bill adequate?

The Government's policy towards the UK's 2050 target is clearly incoherent. The Government remains committed to limiting global warming to a rise of 2°C; but it also acknowledges that, according to recent scientific research, a cut in UK emissions of 60% by 2050 is now very unlikely to be consistent with delivering this goal. ... We recommend that the 2050 [target] be strengthened to reflect current scientific understanding of the emission cuts required for a strong probability at stabilising warming at 2°C." - Environmental Audit Committee<sup>1</sup>

"Bearing in mind ... the weight of scientific evidence before the Committee that a target of more than 60% is likely to be necessary, we believe that as soon as possible after it is established, the Committee on Climate Change should review the most recent scientific research available and consider to what extent the target should be higher than 60%, with a view to making recommendations on the appropriate amendment to the long term target." - Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill<sup>3</sup>

### Are five year budgets without annual milestones or targets adequate?

"We recommend that clear annual 'milestones' are set - and published - by the Committee on Climate Change in order that it may become apparent well before the end of a budgetary period whether or not policies are working. This also reflects the fundamental significance of cumulative emissions, and the trajectory involved, by which the five year budgets are reached." -

Not including aviation in a climate target is like not counting chocolate in a calorie-controlled diet.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee<sup>2</sup>

"We recommend that, in setting the level of future budgets, the Government should also provide indicative annual milestones to help assess progress on an annual basis." - Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill<sup>3</sup>

### Should emissions from international aviation and shipping be included in the Bill?

"Overall, we are unimpressed by the Government's arguments for excluding international aviation and shipping emissions from the UK's carbon reduction regime. While the draft Bill contains provisions that allow these emissions to be included in the future, we recommend that they be included immediately. ... There already is an internationally agreed methodology for attributing and recording these emissions as memo items to national Kyoto accounts; the Government should simply use this to track these emissions within the UK's carbon budgets." - Environmental Audit Committee<sup>1</sup>

"The draft Bill currently does not include within the scope of the targets, and the net UK carbon account, emissions from international aviation. We consider this to be a serious weakness which, in view of the significant likely growth of such emissions, has the effect of reducing the credibility of the 60% carbon reduction target." - Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill<sup>3</sup>

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Change Bill report: <http://tinyurl.com/2rnkwe>

### What happens next?

The Government is now reviewing the reports from these committees, together with feedback from the public consultation that took place in the Spring. At some point in the next couple of months it will issue a revised Bill, which will then be debated by MPs



## Take action!

The revised Bill may or may not include the changes that are needed, which is why it's important for us to let MPs know what these committees have said and why we're asking for the Climate Change Bill to be toughened up, so that they understand the issues when they come to debate them.

There are several ways you can contact your MP. You can find out who your MP is and email them at [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com), but it can sometimes be better to send a letter to them at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Or for something a bit more unusual, why not record a short video of yourself on your mobile phone or digital camera and join celebrities like Stephen Fry, Thom Yorke and Jude Law on the Big Ask Online March by uploading it at [www.thebigask.com](http://www.thebigask.com)? far the most effective way to get your message across though is to go and speak to your MP in person.

We are planning to do lots with MPs over the coming months and we'd like to visit as many of our local MPs as possible between now and when the Bill is debated in parliament. If you'd be interested in helping out in whatever way you can over this critical period in our climate campaign, please email [ali@manchesterfoe.org.uk](mailto:ali@manchesterfoe.org.uk).

### Public Meeting on Transport and Climate Change

Manchester Friends of the Earth are joining forces with the Greater Manchester Campaign Against Climate Change and Manchester Green Party to give the public an opportunity to discuss transport and climate change.

The debate promises to be a lively one and follows hot on the heels of AGMA's submission of the Transport Innovation Fund bid. The expert panelists will make sure that the audience are stimulated and informed. They include John Whitelegg of the Transport Research Unit, Sustainable Transport Consultant Richard Armitage, Unjum Mirza of RMT and Jason Torrance of national transport campaign group Transport 2000.

All are welcome, and attendance is free. Join in at 7pm on 20th September, in the Friends Meeting House.

### Manchester FoE joins coalition for clean air

Manchester FoE is proud to be one of the founding members of Clean Air Now, a new coalition of groups who supported AGMA's decision to submit the Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) bid and will continue to campaign to ensure that the plans are genuinely green and socially inclusive.

In the local media, a lot of concerns have been raised about the TIF and, in particular, the congestion charge element. For example, some believe that the charge will affect those on lower incomes and the disabled disproportionately and won't necessarily result in an improved local environment.

Clean Air Now believes that these concerns need to be taken very seriously but that they are not reasons to abandon the plans entirely, as some groups are arguing. Clean Air Now will therefore be working for a charging regime that takes into account these

concerns and for improvements to public transport and facilities for walking and cycling that contribute to giving Manchester a cleaner environment. With one Manchester kid in five having asthma, it is important for forward-thinking groups like Manchester FoE to be taking a prominent role in efforts in ensuring that Manchester makes the most of the TIF bid.

For more info on Clean Air Now and to see what other organisations are taking part, check out [www.cleanairnow.co.uk](http://www.cleanairnow.co.uk).

### Love Your Bike

The Love Your Bike report, described in the previous issue of Act!on and available at [www.loveyourbike.org](http://www.loveyourbike.org), is now being posted to decision-makers in Manchester as part of our ongoing dialogue with those in a position to making cycling a safer and more attractive way of getting around our city. We believe that the TIF bid offers a good opportunity for addressing the absence of a comprehensive cycling network.

Critical Commute continues to demonstrate that cycling to work is a fun and practical way to get to work and to offer those new to cycling in Manchester a chance to do their first two-wheeled commute in with those more experienced on the city's roads. To take part in an existing ride (from Withington, Levenshulme, Chorlton and Prestwich) or to start a ride from your locality, have a look at [www.loveyourbike.org](http://www.loveyourbike.org).

Graeme Sherriff



# It's so easy to grow your own!

## Leanne catches the gardening bug and shares her experiences.

I have recently started on a crusade to become more ethically minded. In the process, I have had to change my life and outlook on life in various ways. For example, I am now a veggie, I am very aware about how much water and electricity I use and more recently, I have started growing my own vegetables. OK, so I have only started on tomatoes and chillies but I have the seeds for many other vegetables waiting to be sown (by the way, if anyone wants some purple broccoli seeds I have thousands!).

The reason I decided to do this was because food can clock up many miles before it reaches our plates, I have seen apples on sale that have come from New Zealand! Now to me that is ludicrous when there are over 2000 delicious varieties of apples in the UK!! As well, I wanted to ensure my food was of the best quality and what better way than to grow my own! Therefore, I decided to try my hand at growing some tomatoes and chillies because I eat them all the time!

I admit at first it seemed a bit slow waiting for the seeds to sprout but once they had, I had a great sense of pride that I had managed to grow something albeit a small green shoot! So my plants gradually grew with a little help from some organic feed and a spot of sun when the weather

would permit it (I made mini greenhouses for each shoot from half a plastic bottle).

Now my tomato and chilli plants are huge! It has only taken a few months and soon they will be covered in fruit! I am so excited at the thought of going into my garden and picking the freshest tomatoes and chillies I have ever had.

I would recommend everyone to try growing one thing and see where it leads, even if it's cress in a potato. I now have a variety of seeds to plant and I am looking forward to the autumn, as I have never done before, because I will have a huge crop of tomatoes but also I can't wait to prepare a whole plot for next year's batch of fresh vegetables!

Imagine if everyone in our group grew one thing: we would have a whole grocery store's worth of fruit and veg to share. You don't need much to start: buy some seeds from [www.organiccatalog.com](http://www.organiccatalog.com), get yourself a small trowel and save some of your old yogurt pots, and you can start growing seedlings right away!

I would also recommend getting a book just to refer to for pest problems or for ideas on what to grow. I particularly like Carol Klein's "Grow your own Veg": it is easy to understand and has helpful pictures, hints and tips to grow organic veg. Before you know it you will have the bug and will want to grow everything!

## Manchester's Climate Change Strategy

Manchester's Climate Change Strategy consultation, Wednesday 26th September, 5.45 – 8.30pm at Bridge 5 Mill, Ancoats, M4 7HR.

- A chance to say what you think should be in the strategy and action plan for Manchester.
- Share what you're doing to tackle climate change.
- Learn more about climate change and the contribution you could make to reduce Manchester's impact.

Light refreshments provided.  
Travel expenses and childcare costs can be reimbursed, please ask for more details.

For more information please contact Tricia ([en4m@merci.org.uk](mailto:en4m@merci.org.uk)) or Julie ([sustainable@merci.org.uk](mailto:sustainable@merci.org.uk)) or give them a call on 0161 273 1736.





## Go Ape !

### Taking time out from saving the forests, to swing in them.

For the last few months in the pub, a number of us have been talking about organising some sort of social event, as a break from all the hard campaigning we do. Eventually we decided on a date and time, and a couple of weeks ago, eight of us from Manchester Friends of the Earth went off into the depths of the Delamere Forest to enjoy the tree-swinging experience of Go Ape.

For those of you who haven't heard of it before, Go Ape is a "high wire forest adventure course of rope bridges, Tarzan Swings and zip slides up to 40 feet up in the trees" - very appropriate for environmental campaigners! There are twelve courses around the country, and conveniently one of them is at the Delamere Forest, with a train station nearby, so we could even get there by public transport.

Each course is slightly different, but they all involve crossing from one tree to another using a variety of methods, including rope ladders, zip wires, and even swinging across using a rope (making a Tarzan noise is optional but highly recommended).

We had a great time doing the course, and there are lots of photos and videos which we took

whilst we were going around, which will hopefully make it to a website near you soon. Unfortunately the heavens opened right at the end of the course, so we got a bit wet, but we were still laughing all the way back to the cabin.

We're always looking to do more social events as a group, so if you're interested in organising something for Manchester Friends of the Earth, please feel free to arrange an event - you don't need to ask anyone first and if you let us know we can be sure to mention it in our meetings and on the mailing list. We've got over one hundred members, so you won't be the only one who wants to do something - all it takes is for someone to make the initial push to get things going.

You can find out more about Go Ape, including some videos of other people doing the course, on their website at: [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk).

Paul Waring



## Letters

Congratulations to Michael, whose letter in last quarter's edition of Act!on, which he also sent to the Environment Agency's 'Your Environment' publication, was awarded their star letter accolade and won him a digital radio.

Letters to Act!on are welcome, and we will endeavour to publish and respond to them. Email [newsletter@manchesterfoe.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@manchesterfoe.org.uk), or send a letter to the address on page 2.

## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 4th December in our office in the Green Fish Centre. This is your chance to hear about what the group's been up to this year and to vote in the people who will be taking on important roles, such as co-ordinator, in 2008.

The AGM will be followed by our Christmas Social. All welcome - just get in contact for details.

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## Funny, provocative and free for all to use in their campaigns - a new cartoon web resource.

A Manchester-based team of writers and cartoonists is launching a website to showcase their cartoons about climate change.

The pair, Marc Roberts (cartoonist and writer) and Marc Hudson (writer and web-monkey) have been working together for almost two years. They began by working on a series of cartoons about laboratory rats (a website for that will be launched soon). More recently they have been producing cartoons comparing our reaction to climate change to that of an addicted smoker, or a morbidly obese man, or even the captain of the Titanic. There have already been some recurrent characters-like Klaatu and Gort, the intergalactic Health and Safety inspectors who are appalled at Earth's carbon dioxide levels.

The cartoons have been distributed at climate change related events like the recent Camp for Climate Action. The cartoons range from single panels to 8 page booklets, and a steady stream of cartoons is planned for the coming months.

"People respond quite well to cartoons- better than being lectured or given a double-sided leaflet in tiny size letters. You can get a lot of information across, and give people a laugh too" said Marc Hudson.

"The key thing for people to know is that they can use the cartoons for non-commercial purposes" said Marc Roberts. "If they need a cartoon to illustrate a campaigning leaflet or something, and they can't find one that suits them on our site, then they can contact us and we'll come up with something for them - free of charge if needs be. Our email is [info@climatecartoons.org.uk](mailto:info@climatecartoons.org.uk)"

The website address is [www.climatecartoons.org.uk](http://www.climatecartoons.org.uk)  
The booklet of cartoons will be on sale at the launch for £2.

## Ethical Shopping Guide

### Sam on one of our latest projects.

Thought about buying ethically but didn't know where to start? Thought it was too expensive or too difficult? Not any more! Greater Manchester now has its own, dedicated guide to all things ethical. From where to buy organic food or environmentally friendly cleaning products, to ideas for gifts that benefit people and planet, you'll find it all at [www.ethicalshoppingguide.org](http://www.ethicalshoppingguide.org)

Building on the success of The Real Food Guide, Manchester Friends of the Earth has worked together with other local groups such as Stockport and Bury Friends of the Earth, to produce an on-line guide to everything ethical in Greater Manchester.

So, if it's someone's birthday or you just fancy treating yourself but don't want to be responsible for supporting poor working conditions in developing countries or the destruction of the rainforest, then log on to [www.ethicalshoppingguide.org](http://www.ethicalshoppingguide.org) to find all sorts of ideas for how and where you can buy things that won't weigh heavy on your conscience.

Fancy treating yourself to some new clothes or need to do a bit of work around the house? You'll find ideas and information for how to avoid harming the environment or people in the product areas section of the website.

You will also find articles that help make sense of all the ethical labels that have sprung up in recent years, from organic to Fairtrade and FSC to energy ratings.

There is then a link to places all around Greater Manchester where you can buy them.

This is a brand new website that we're still developing so if you know of anywhere that we haven't included, please let us know. Also, we're still in the process of adding a lot of information to the site so if what you want to know isn't there yet, please bear with us and visit again soon. You can email [sam@manchesterfoe.org.uk](mailto:sam@manchesterfoe.org.uk) if you have any ideas for more things we could include.





## September 2007

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm : Cam p for Clim ate Action public m ee ting at the Friends M ee ting H ouse on Mount Street

Th ursday 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm : Transport and Clim ate Change public m ee ting at the Friends M ee ting H ouse on Mount Street, with speakers including Prof. John Whitelegg from the Transport Research Unit and Jason Torrance from Transport 2000.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, 5.45 - 8.30pm : Manchester's Clim ate Change Strategy consultation at Bridge 5 Mill, Ancoats, M4 7H R. A chance to say wh at you th ink sh ould be in the strategy and action plan for Manchester.

## October 2007

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8pm : Action for Sustainable Living is launching its first Sust Swap Shop at Eighth Day cafe on Oxford Road.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm : MFoE Full Group m ee ting, Green Fish Resource Centre, Oldham Street

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 4pm : "Urban Harvest" festival, part of the Manchester Food and Drink Festival, in Albert Square.

Th ursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm : "Clim ate Change: Wh at's happening and wh at you can do in Manchester" at the Friends M ee ting H ouse on Mount Street

## November 2007

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm : MFoE Full Group m ee ting, Green Fish Resource Centre, Oldham Street

## December 2007

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm : MFoE Annual General Meeting, Green Fish Resource Centre, Oldham Street, followed by Christmas social

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> : National March against Clim ate Change in London, part of a global day of action - see [www.campanigncc.org](http://www.campanigncc.org).

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm : MFoE Full Group m ee ting, Green Fish Resource Centre, Oldham Street

## and every month...

As well as full group m ee tings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we also hold monthly campaign sub-group m ee tings at 7pm in the Green Fish Resource Centre:

3rd Tuesday: Clim ate

3rd Wednesday: Transport & aviation

3rd Thursday: Corporates, trade & food

4th Tuesday: Waste & recycling

Please check our website for the latest details: [www.manchesterfoe.org.uk](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk)

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"We want clean air. More and more public transport is crowded and poor quality. We have to find a way of investing. The real gamble is doing nothing."

*dave coleman, at the channel 4 and manchester evening news televised debate on the transport innovation fund, 29th july*

"It is a great concern for Friends of the Earth and we want shops to either ban plastic bags or charge customers whenever they take one. If a more responsible approach was adopted it would be possible to reduce the amount of packaging waste going to landfill."

*sarah redman, south manchester reporter, 28th june*

### Get Active!

We hold full group meetings at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Green Fish Resource Centre. We also hold campaign sub-group meetings throughout the month - please check our website for details.

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Please see inside front cover for details of membership.