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IPCC report Nov 2018



You may have been expecting the report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, but the figures may well still have been something of a shock! We've taken the liberty of renaming the SW newsletter **0.5 °** just as a continued reminder (if we needed one) of the challenge ahead. Limiting global temperature rise to **0.5°** over the next **12** years. There's plenty for us to think about and do so without further dilly dallying let's get on with it!

So how we are going to do this ?

According to the reports on the IPCC Report, we all need to consider increasing our activity in the following areas:

1. Taking collective action
2. Voting
3. Reducing meat and dairy consumption
4. Insulating Homes
5. Switching to Renewable Energy Providers
6. Installing Solar
7. Walking, Cycling or using Public Transport
8. Reducing, Recycling, Reusing
9. Asking For Low Carbon Options everywhere

SW is developing a simple self assessment tool to see where we might choose to do more! Look out for it in on our [facebook page](#) or email sustwells@gmail.com for a copy.

The SWCore Group next meets on Nov 13th when we'll be looking at the Zero Carbon Britain plans. We'll be planning how we can work alongside other organisations to make Zero Carbon a reality. For further information please email me on sustwells@gmail.com or ring/text on 07525 347256. *Sarah Briton*



Saturday 24th Nov,
10 - 12 noon, BA5 2UZ

Our last Repair Café of 2018, please come along and support it, there will be plenty on offer in addition to the skills of our fantastic repairers. If you are a repairer and would like to take a look at what we do before considering volunteering, please come along and take a look or contact me in advance for a chat. You can find me on 07729 618368 on at lb.hpc3@gmail.com. This month we will be showing you how to make your own reusable make up wipes plus a demonstration of bread making ... and great company.

Laura Sorensen

Save The Date for our December Get Together Sat Dec 1st from 7:30 pm
at Wells Little Theatre
Good Music ... Good Food ... Good Company and most importantly the
opportunity to meet others as committed to tackling the Climate Crisis as you!
All for just £5 per person

Wells Freecycle !



What a popular event we had on 30 September !

Big thanks to everyone who took part and a particular thank you to the owners of the car park for allowing us to use the space. We had over 25 cars full of lots of things for free. There were some amazing giveaways so the early birds were really lucky. Some of the items finding new homes included chairs, children's clothes, tins of paint, a hostess trolley, lampshades, books, CDs, and all sorts of amazing bric a brac. We had lots of lovely chats with people too. What a great way to reduce waste and find something for free. This was our last event for 2018. Thanks to everyone who's supported us. We look forward to seeing you in 2019. Our next event will be **Sunday 7 April 2019 2.30 to 3.30 pm** Priory Road car park, next to the Good Earth. We hope to see you there.

Joanna Davey

Solar PV for Elim

Congratulations to the Elim Connect Centre and Avalon Community Energy who were successful in their application to Mendip District Council to install Solar PV on the roof of the Elim building. The next step will be ensuring they can access sufficient funds for the installation. We'll be posting updates on the facebook page and in O.5 °.

Plastic Free Wells (PFW)



PFW has been as busy as we can be following the achievement of Plastic Free (PF) status for Wells in the Summer. Look out for the PF certificate (shown below) that we have been awarding to local businesses who support the initiative; the full list is on our website. Wherever you can please use your local PF businesses and let them know that's why you are using them ! Please keep returning plastic to the supermarket; the impact of returning crisp packets to Walkers shows that it is often only as a result of us making the effort that companies change policy !

The PFW website has had an autumnal refresh so you may want to have another look there ... www.plasticfreewells.org. Of course the Beach cleans continue with our nearest at Burnham on Sea and Berrow happening monthly. There are lots of local organisations from small to large asking for advice on gaining Plastic Free status so we are always happy to welcome new volunteers to help with this alongside all the other activities we do, please get in touch if you want to join in using plasticfreewells@gmail.com or **07934284440**.

Tom Ronan



Extinction Rebellion



If you feel called to do more around the Climate Crisis you may want to look at the organisation Extinction Rebellion (XR). George Monbiot talked about XR in his recent Guardian column (October 18th) and referred to the formal launch taking place on October 31st. More info on XR can be found on www.risingup.org.uk/XR.

Bristol Festival of Economics, Wed 7th Nov - Sat 10th Nov

This year is the 7th Festival of Economics hosted by Triodos Bank taking place in Bristol, there is plenty to get your teeth if the individual session titles are anything to go by. You can find the full list at www.ideasfestival.co.uk/themes/festival-economics/.

Roundup Update

A big thank you to Wells Cathedral School

We heard this week that the Wells Cathedral School Grounds Team, are trying out a new weedkiller - 'New Way' which is a non-glyphosate product, based instead on acetic acid - a natural organic chemical compound. Sustainable Wells with the support of local people wrote to the school asked if they could stop using glyphosate as it is increasingly becoming apparent it is creating a toxic environment for wildlife and people. If you walk up the footpath along the Rugby ground at the bottom of Torr Woods, you will see that the vegetation looks in better condition. Ideally the school would strim instead, or leave the area as a wildlife corridor. However, it is pleasing that they are listening to us and trying new methods. Thank you to all members of Sustainable Wells who supported this campaign.



And finally ... if you want to check your own Carbon Footprint you could try this one at the WWF UK website:

<http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

In the next newsletter our very own Simon will be sharing the tracker he uses at work and at home. If you have a tracker you use please share it with us at sustwells@gmail.com