Newsletter #1
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Deeside CAN
Climate Action Network

Welcome to Deeside CAN's Newsletter #1 following our public event on June 20th, 2019. You are receiving this because you expressed an interest in keeping connected to what we are doing. Feel free to forward this on to others who may be interested, and please let us know if you no longer wish to be contacted by us.

We are planning our next public event to be held on Tuesday 26th November at the Barn in Banchory, at 7pm. Save the date - all are welcome!

After a quiet summer with many of us away at various times, things are getting going again, and we wanted to let you know our news. The following **activities and groups** have started following the event in June:

1) A group is working on the idea of setting up a **Zero Waste Shop** in Banchory. If you want to get involved, please contact Annabel Hope (annabelhope14@gmail.com).

2) There is the potential to open a **Community Pantry/Fridge** in Banchory to distribute the excess food being made available by local supermarkets. If you are interested in helping to set this up, please contact Jean Henretty (jean.henretty@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). See also https://fareshare.org.uk.

3) **Upcycling and Repair** workshops are being organised every 3 weeks in Banchory starting on 30th October. These will be based at Number One:

- 30th October 9 – 10.50am and 7.30 – 8.30pm. *Fun with Buttons* (Free taster)
- 20th November 9 – 10.50am and 7.30 – 8.30pm. *Darning with a difference (£3/donation)*.
- 11th December 9 – 10.50am and 7.30 – 8.30pm. *Christmas trees from fabric (£3/donation)*.
- 8th January 9 – 10.50am and 7.30 – 8.30pm. *How to use a sewing machine (£3/donation).*

Please contact Fiona Hope (fionahope5@gmail.com) for more information.

4) A group is forming to classify the areas of high and/or rare **Biodiversity** in the Deeside area which are deemed important to safeguard. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Fran Getliff (getliff@f2s.com).

5) An initiative is underway in Banchory to identify spaces where fruit trees and bushes can be planted to encourage **Local Food** production. Wild flowers and herbs might also be planted to increase biodiversity. If you are interested in participating and have a green space somewhere near your home, please contact Mark Hope (pmarkhope@gmail.com) and/or Fiona Hope (fionahope5@gmail.com).

6) The **Bellfield Rose Garden project** is well underway. This aims to promote growing and eating local produce, and the team is already growing edible plants in the centre of Banchory and running cooking demonstrations at Number One. For more information please contact Beatrice Charnley (beatricecharnley1@gmail.com).

7) Don't forget that using your local **second hand and vintage shops** is a great way to re-cycle clothes and household goods.

8) A project to help individuals and groups map their **Carbon Footprints** and find ways to reduce this by 80% by 2030 is starting soon. If you want to help or join in, please contact Richard Orren (richard.macorren89@gmail.com) and/or Sue Paterson (s.paterson@rbd247.com).

9) Jeff Rogers (jeff54rogers@gmail.com) is available to give **Climate Change awareness talks**. Please contact him directly.

We are working on improving our **communications**. This includes writing regular Newsletters like this one and articles in the Piper, as well as setting up a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/deesideCAN) to publicise events and activities. We are considering setting up a website to allow access to more material, including minutes of our regular meetings. We hold fortnightly meetings on Mondays at 7.30pm at Number One in Banchory. Anyone is welcome to attend; please let us know (DeesideCAN@gmail.com) that you wish to come along and you will be provided with details of dates and agenda.