Newsletter #2
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Deeside CAN
Climate Action Network

Welcome to Deeside CAN's Newsletter #2!

You are receiving this because you expressed an interest in keeping connected to what we are doing. Please feel free to forward this on to others who may be interested, and please let us know (DeesideCAN@gmail.com) if you no longer want to be contacted by us.

We hope you are well and coping with the current pandemic situation.

We are writing to let you know that over the past 6 months we have:

- **supported** our local communities and each other;
- been active **giving input to various consultations**, including Scotland's Just Transition, the Advisory Group for Economic Recovery, and Scottish Pilgrims; and Aberdeenshire's Local Development Plan;
- supported **local initiatives** like Re-Wilding Deeside and Number One's recycling of food waste;
- worked on helping to set up a **Regional Community Climate Action Hub** across NE Scotland, including providing an overview of community groups and activities;
- continued to **raise awareness** through our Facebook page, which is reaching more people every week (www.facebook.com/DeesideCAN), and our own website (http://deesidecan.org.uk);
- organised a webinar about Community Wealth Building, based on the **Preston Model** (https://cles.org.uk/the-preston-model/);
- **planted 8 apple trees** on Council-owned land in Banchory;
- organised an initiative encouraging children to take photographs of local wildlife to **map out our local biodiversity** online;
- attended numerous webinars, online workshops and training courses to **learn more** about climate change, biodiversity loss and reducing waste, which has helped us to **decide our next steps**.

Over the next 6 months, we plan to:

- Hold a **Carbon Footprint workshop** on Tuesday 10th November at 7-9pm on Zoom. All are welcome – please sign up for free via Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-footprint-workshop-tickets-123344969123)
- Hold an **Effective Lobbying workshop** (date and time to be confirmed);
- Help Banchory and Torphins become **Wildlife Friendly Villages**. This is an initiative started in the Suffolk town of Risby (https://www.wildlifefriendlyvillage.co.uk) and featured on a BBC1 Countryfile programme in August 2020. The initiative was inspired by the Wildlife Trust and aims for 20% of all public and private spaces in the village to be set aside for wildlife;
- Continue to **raise awareness** of climate change, our local biodiversity, and how to reduce waste;
- Encourage everyone **to grow food locally** either in their gardens, allotments and/or in public spaces, offering advice and workshops;
- Re-start our **Upcycle and Repair workshops** based in Banchory's Bellfield Rose Garden Shed, when the Covid-19 rules allow it

We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas, and especially if you'd like to get involved!

Please write to us (DeesideCAN@gmail.com) or join us at one of our **fortnightly meetings on Mondays at 4pm on Zoom**. Everyone is welcome to attend; please tell us that you'd like to come along and we will let you know details of dates and agenda.