Newsletter #6
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Welcome to Deeside CAN's Newsletter #6
We hope you and your families are keeping well.

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

COP26 SPECIAL!!
As many of you will know COP26 started on 1st November in Glasgow. It is a critical conference aiming to get world leaders to agree to four objectives:

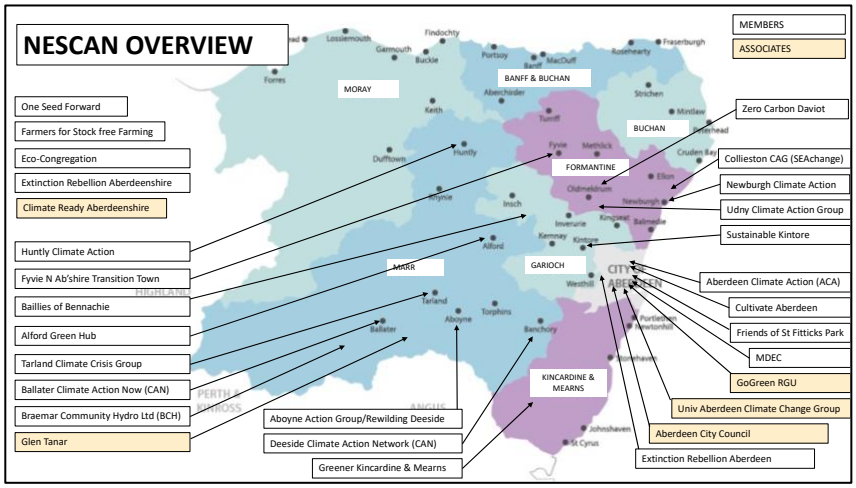
- Commit to net zero by 2050 or earlier (to keep the rise in temperature to within 1.5°C)
- Ensure protection for people and natural habitats most vulnerable to a warming world
- Deliver £100 billion a year climate change finance pledge from richer nations
- Increase collaboration across business, civil societies, and nations.

If you're interested, there are many free online events you can sign up for. Here are a few examples:
https://www.list.co.uk/events/cop26/online-events/price:free/sort:date/#results
https://cop26.uk/innovation-zone/calendar
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--glasgow/cop26/
https://climatefringe.org
https://chathamhouse.cplus.live/sign-up/chatham-house-climate-risk-and-security-pavilion
https://visitscotland.eventsair.com/scotlands-climate-ambition-zone/public-programme/Site/Register

This month we've attached a couple of leaflets to explain

- What is COP26
- How to reduce your carbon footprint

NESCAN
September saw the launch of NESCAN (North-East Scotland Climate Action Network), which is a partnership network of 29 different community organisations working on climate action issues in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and includes Deeside CAN (see map).



The aim of NESCAN is to be an information and collaboration hub for climate action organisations within North-East Scotland, build capacity and skills of those organisations and support members and local community.

The NESCAN Hub is being funded by the Scottish Government as one of two pilot hubs in Scotland to map and interconnect climate action activities. The other is in Thurso for the Northern Highlands and Islands.

NESCAN is going to be an exhibitor at the Green Zone at COP26 on Thursday 4th November, showcasing local views on what they would like their community to look like by 2030, taking a just transition into account. We undertook 3 separate but related consultations – a questionnaire, local community workshops, and a schools' competition. The results are summarised here https://aberdeenclimateaction.org/nescan-cop26/.

What have Deeside CAN been doing

We continue to work on the **Wildlife Friendly Village** project in Banchory and Torphins, aiming to set aside 20% of all public and private spaces in the villages to create habitats for wildlife to thrive. There are now almost 70 Wildlife Friendly Communities across the UK. Following our successful projects this summer, we are planning to plant more wildflower areas and fruit trees in Banchory over the next few months.



We are progressing our **Tiny Forest** in Banchory (now called the **Wee Forest**, inspired by the 8 Wee Forests planted in Glasgow this year). We have permission to plant our Wee Forest at the far end of Bellfield Park, and hopefully work will start early next year.

In the UK about 33% of all food is wasted and contributes about 8% of our greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing food waste is a triple win - for the economy, food security and the environment. You can reduce food waste at home, by planning meals, only shopping for what you need, and by using up leftovers. Supermarkets can also help by re-distributing excess food to local communities.



In collaboration with Number One, we are working on a **Food Waste** project, picking up excess food from local supermarkets every Monday evening and offering it for free every Tuesday morning at Number One. Come along and visit us from 9.30am - and help reduce landfill as well as Banchory's carbon footprint.

We are starting work on a **Net Zero Banchory** project, aiming to establish the scale of the effort required for Banchory to reach the Scottish Government's target of Net Zero by 2045.

Upcoming events

Aberdeen Climate Café 'What happens at COP?'
Tuesday 2nd November 7-9pm. Register here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-happens-at-cop-tickets-191655846797?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

'Saving Energy in Traditional North-East Homes - energy, carbon saving and home insulation advice for homeowners and landlords'
Part 1, on Tuesday 6th November, 6.45-9pm. Register here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saving-energy-in-traditional-north-east-homes-part-1-tickets-194711606657?aff=ebdssbeac
Part 2, on Tuesday 30th November, 6.45-9pm. Register here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saving-energy-in-traditional-north-east-homes-part-2-tickets-196163007837?aff=ebdssbeac

General

We regularly post news, updates, interesting articles and tips on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DeesideCAN), as well as on our website (https://www.deesidecan.org.uk), and Instagram page account, and we encourage you to have a look.

We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas, and especially if you'd like to get involved in any of our projects! Please write to us (deesidecan@gmail.com) or join us at one of our **fortnightly meetings on Mondays at 4-6pm alternately face-to-face and on Zoom**. Everyone is very welcome to attend; just tell us that you'd like to come along, and we will let you know details of dates and agenda, as well as the Zoom log-in information.