Newsletter #13 - February 2024



Welcome to Deeside CAN's Newsletter #13

Thank you for reading our Newsletter! We hope you and your families and friends are 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. You can also access this Newsletter on our website https://www.deesidecan.org.uk/newsletters-overview/.

We now have an email list of over 300 that this Newsletter is being sent to, and almost 1,200 people following/liking us on Facebook, with numbers growing every day. Thank you for your support - together we can make a difference!

Deeside CAN Pop-up Hub



- We are delighted to announce that we will be organising various events at a **Pop-up Hub** in the Duncan's of Banchory premises on Dee Street over the next few weeks. We will be open on Wednesday afternoons 2-4 pm, and Saturday mornings 10am-12am (or longer when we host events). Many thanks to Graham Duncan, who has permitted us to use the shop and has been so encouraging and supportive. Thanks also to NESCAN for the seed funding award which will support this project.



- This month (February), we are focussing on **home energy,** and our first event will be a Drop-in where you can find out more about energy savings in your home, from the experts at Home Energy Scotland. This will take place on Saturday February 17th 10am-2pm. All welcome! Come and drop-in and find out how you can reduce your energy bills as well as carbon emissions from your home.
- Next month (March), we will be concentrating on **waste**. We have lots of ideas for events and interactive workshops which we will publicise once they are finalised.

What have Deeside CAN been up to?

Raising awareness:

- We continue to post news, updates, interesting articles and tips on our Facebook page, and website, and we encourage you to have a look. Our Pop-Up Hub will help us to share information, stories, and demonstrations on a wide variety of topics related to climate change, biodiversity loss and waste.

Reversing biodiversity loss:

- Our **Wee Forest** has been doing well over the winter. We will be having a Maintenance Day soon to clear the weeds and lay more mulch. We plan to install a small bench in the area.
- Recently we were offered **20 apple trees** which were snapped up within a day by keen gardeners and Banchory Academy. We will be sourcing more trees soon.
- As Spring arrives, we will be starting work again on the **Wildlife Friendly Village project**, together with Bellfield Rose Garden and Banchory Gardening Club teams. All welcome!

Eliminating waste:

- Working together with Number One, our **Food Waste project** continues to make a difference, reducing the amount of food waste our local supermarkets put into landfill. Our volunteers collect surplus food from 2 or 3 supermarkets on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday nights every week, and this is given away for free the next morning at Number One on Posties Walk in Banchory. We 'man the stall' on Tuesday mornings, and link into the Community Shop on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please contact us on deesidecan@gmail.com.
- As part of Climate Week NE 2024, we will be hosting a **fund-raising Zero Waste Deeside Ceilidh** on Saturday 23rd March at 7pm at the Banchory Scout Hut – see poster at the end of this Newsletter. Tickets (£15 per person, £7.50 for under 16's) are available through Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/zero-waste-deeside-ceilidh-tickets-753464872717) as well as from the Pop-Up Hub. We're encouraging people to come in their favourite vintage clothing and to bring their own supper, drinks, and re-usable glasses. Share your tips to reduce

waste and win a prize, try your luck with a raffle, and dance the night away to the sounds of the Crynoch Ceilidh Band.

- Our Zero Waste team is campaigning to **reduce plastic use**. We are engaging with schools and local businesses more and more with this - and would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved or support us. Keep an eye out for our tips on easy swops to reduce your plastic use, and consider joining "The Big Plastic Count" 11-17th March (https://thebigplasticcount.com). Together, we can do more to have less waste.



- A local veterinary group, Woodside Vets, is sponsoring a **tablet and blisterpack recycling scheme**. It's free of charge and open to members of the public, whether they are customers or not. Just collect a bag of blisterpacks and take them into one of their branches. The receptionists will point you to the recycling bin, where you can empty the contents into the bin. Let the receptionist know you learnt about the scheme from Zero Waste Deeside. Details Woodside Vets branches are:



    - **Torphins**: Woodside Road, AB31 4TR, 013398 82556
    - **Aboyne**: 6 Station Square, AB34 5HX, 013398 87474
    - **Banchory**: 17 Kinneskie Road, AB31 5RQ, 01330 820452 (opposite the golf club)

Local Place Plan/Sustainable Communities

We are working together with the Banchory and Crathes/Drumoak/Durris Community Councils to help deliver **Local Place Plans**. This is a way for communities to give their input into future Local Development Plans, based on questions like “What is great about living here? What do we want to keep? What do we want to change? In one or two words, what do we want this place to be like in future?”

We are keen that sustainability is at the heart of plans to ensure that we adapt successfully to the Climate and Nature crises and support a more circular economy – we become **Sustainable Communities**.

So far, we are considering four initial approaches to engage our communities:

- A Go Deep game, potentially at the beginning of March in the Pop-Up Hub
- Analysis of historical data and future projections of services provision (especially medical and education)
- Extension of the approach taken by Heritage Cairngorms 2030 to engage schools
- A survey and Word Cloud

Later, as plans develop, we will be looking for more wider engagement, still to be defined. If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with us at deesidecan@gmail.com, banchorycommunity@hotmail.com, or crathesdrumoakdurriscc@gmail.com.

General

We’d love to hear your feedback and ideas, and especially if you’d like to get involved in any of our projects. You can get in touch by:

- writing to us at deesidecan@gmail.com
- joining us at one of our fortnightly meetings on Mondays at 4-6pm. 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 meeting location or Zoom log-in details.

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Fundraising Event, Part of Climate Week NE2024

Banchory Scout Hut, AB31 5ST

Saturday 23rd March 2024
7pm - 11:55pm



Dress Vintage

Dances will be called

Amazing Raffle Prizes

BYO dinner, drinks and reusable glasses

Reusable crockery and cutlery provided

Dance the night away & share ideas of creating NO Waste

Booking via Eventbrite

or pop into Duncan's on the High Street

Adult £15, Under 16's £7.50

Music by MG Alba Scots Trad Music Aware Nominees:

Crynoch Ceilidh Band

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