



Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.19

February 2024



Recent activities

December is always busy for most people and we closed for the Christmas period following our AGM and social on 9th December, re-opening on 6th January with our 'Greening Lincoln' meeting.

We are now planning our 2024 Drop-Ins and as always, need your help to offer workshops, skill-sharing and other activities. All suggestions and offers of help are welcome!

Climate Café

We held another well-attended Climate Café, run by Rachael on 20th January.

If you would like to join us for one of our next Cafés please register your interest by emailing:

theclimateimps@gmail.com

Tool Library consultation

We are planning to re-submit our funding bid to the new *National Lottery Awards for All England* scheme with a working title of '**Library of Things – Stuff to Borrow**'. We have now held a number of in-person consultations at the EarthLincs Saturday Drop-Ins and have distributed a questionnaire both via email and on paper in public spaces such as the Central Library, Christmas market, Lincoln High Street and the Mint Lane Hub. We have received 74 responses which have helped to guide our new bid.

80% of the respondents thought that there is a need for such a library in Lincoln with 76% saying they would use the facility. The survey suggests that those who would benefit the most would be low income households and young people.

If successful, the bid would enable a 2-year project (which would then continue on a self-sustaining basis) starting in the summer of 2024.

Fingers crossed we will be 'winners' this time around!



Mint Lane Saturday 2–4pm 'Drop-In' Events February/March 2024

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| 27 January | Wayapa with Debbie + XR meeting |
| 3 February | EarthLincs Volunteers Day |
| 10 February | 'Love your Planet' Valentines' crafts |
| 17 February | Children's clothing swap and sale |
| 24 February | Climate Café with Rachael |
| 2 March | Planting/gardening/composting |
| 9 March | Crochet & Knit skill-share (t.b.c.) |
| 16 March | t.b.c. |
| 23 March | Climate Café with Rachael |

Volunteers Day 3rd February

Wanted! Volunteers to help run the Drop-Ins. 'Duties' involve opening up, greeting and chatting to visitors and making teas and coffees – an enjoyable, but undemanding way to make new friends and bring the community together in the face of climate change. Come along to the Volunteers Drop-In on 3rd February and find out more, with no obligation.

EarthLincs website

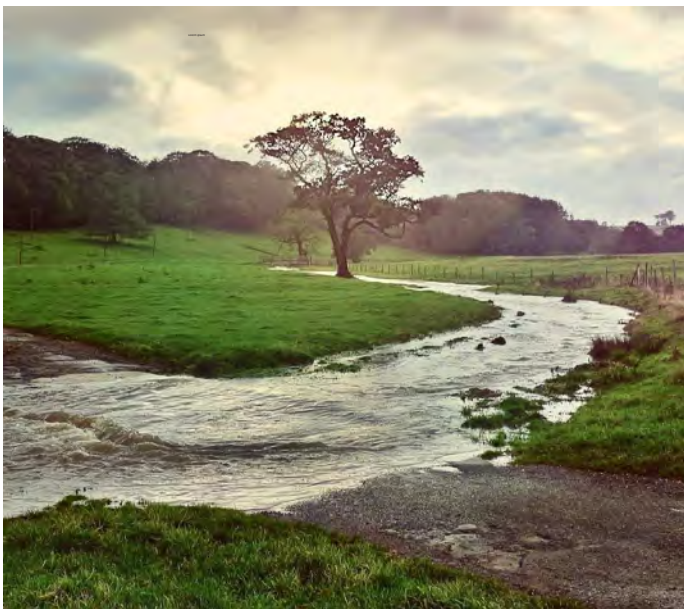
We are now in the process of putting together the new EarthLincs website – a new way to promote our organisation and make information available easily.

Grateful thanks to both our anonymous donor and to Beth for volunteering to design it for us!

Watch this space...

Free Native Trees

Small bare-rooted saplings – oak, birch, alder, hazel, hawthorn and walnut – can be planted between now and next March. Order your free trees from Rosemary at earthlincs@gmail.com or text her on 07809 290399



Please support our Legal Challenge to Save Lincolnshire Wolds A.O.N.B. from Oil Drilling

SOS Biscathorpe is a group of local volunteers who are campaigning to prevent oil drilling going ahead in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), home to a precious chalk-stream; there are only 200 of these fragile ecosystems in the world.

On 3rd November 2023 a government-appointed Planning Inspector decided to over-rule Lincs County Council and allow 15 years of oil drilling at Biscathorpe. The Inspector acknowledged that the development would cause harm to the AONB and that it contravened local planning policies.

He also recognised that the amount of oil to be extracted will be very small (meeting UK energy demands for only a few days) and it could be exported. Nonetheless, he concluded that it was 'in the national interest'.

Film Screening: *Finite – the climate of change*
<https://www.finite-film.com/>

Directed by Rich Felgate

At the end of December, we held our first ever Film screening, co-hosted with Lincoln Extinction Rebellion at the new training room in Mint Lane. Over twenty people made it for a full house. The film features the Campaign to Protect Pont Valley and the occupation of the Hambacher Forest in Germany and is described as 'an insider's view of the world of direct action; a raw, authentic and emotional insight into the David and Goliath battle between frontline communities, activists and fossil fuel corporations. In Germany, concerned citizens step forward to save an ancient forest from one of

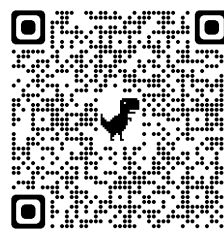
We think this decision is wrong.

The International Energy Agency has stated that there can be no new fossil fuel development if the world is to stay within safe limits of global heating and meet the goal of net zero emissions by 2050. The impact of burning any oil found at Biscathorpe was omitted from the Environmental Impact Assessment.

SOS Biscathorpe have brought together a brilliant legal team who believe we have good grounds to apply for a Statutory Review. Our legal challenge has been filed with the High Court and we need to raise an initial £20,000 to contribute towards the legal costs to date. Our lawyers are working at a fraction of their usual fees and every penny donated will go directly towards the costs of the case.

Please support our Legal Challenge.

THANK YOU – SOS BISCATHORPE



Find us on Facebook:
SOS Biscathorpe



Scan QR code to view & donate:
 or go to:

<https://gofund.me/85305081>

Please donate and also share with family, friends and colleagues. Together we can help protect this beautiful countryside and our planet from the lethal effects of oil production.

Europe's largest coal mines. They form an unlikely alliance with a frustrated community in rural England who are forced into action to protect their homes from a new opencast coal mine.' It was a somewhat harrowing experience for those attending but offering some small hope and inspiration too for 'direct action, creative protest and relentless campaigning' – well worth a watch.

www.coalaction.org.uk/2022/10/27/finite-film/

We hope to schedule more films so please keep an eye on the newsletter and social media.

If you would like to be involved in planning films or any other EarthLincs events, please get in touch.

Other local Events and Activities

Jumble Sale

at Dunholme Village Hall

Saturday 10th February

Saturday 16th March

1pm start. 30p entry, clothing items 40p. All proceeds go to local charities

Lincoln Vegan Market

Saturday 10th February

10.30am–4pm

Cornhill Quarter, 22 Sincil Street, Lincoln, LN5 7HB.

Join us this February as we take over Cornhill with an incredible collection of hot food, sweet and savoury bakes, drinks, ethical jewellers, local artists and loads more!

Clothing at Mint Lane



Mint Lane 'Thrift Fashion Thursdays'

Since December, Mint Lane Hub has been holding regular 'Thrift Fashion' events where anyone can donate and buy pre-loved clothing at bargain prices. All proceeds go to the Mint Lane Café. The events are planned for 10am–12noon on the first Thursday of each month. The next two events will be on **1st February and 7th March**.

If you would like to join the local Lincoln Extinction Rebellion group, please contact lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk for more information



Eco Art Therapy

At The Haven near Market Rasen

Reconnect with nature and nurture yourself, through creativity and being outdoors in beautiful surroundings.

Come and spend the morning on 11th March, with a celebration of All Mothers, embracing celebration of Mother Earth – You will be guided into a mindful walk around The Haven, collect nature's treasure and make an earth sculpture together in a group, or one of your own.

A perfect way to start the day and celebrate Mother's Day!

Everyone is invited to bring their own lunch so we can sit by the fire before heading home.

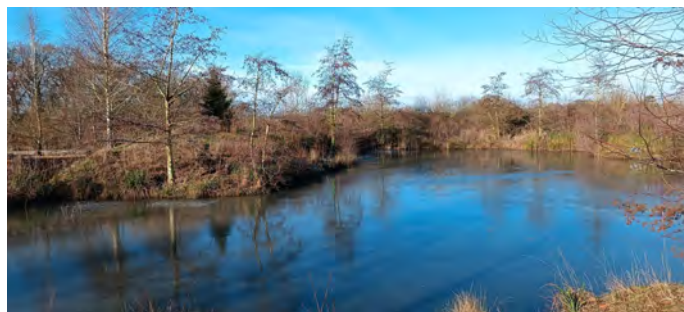
No experience necessary, only a wish to feel nature, fresh air and find meaningful connection with art and others.

Our first gathering is Free!

Eco Art Therapy Wellness sessions are offered monthly, at The Haven (also known as 'the Land'), Legsby, near Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

To book places call Charlotte Kessler on 07786 238026

(Charlotte holds an MA in Art Therapy and is currently Registering as an Art Therapist.)



The Haven near Market Rasen

Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

To book a Drop-in session, get involved as an individual or find out more about our plans, contact the EarthLincs team on

earthlincs@gmail.com

or find us on Facebook:

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The EarthLincs Team



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