



# Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.16

## October 2023



### Drop-Ins at Mint Lane during September

During September we had various activities at Mint Lane.

There was a really great turnout to the plant-based baking day on 2nd September when Carolyn demonstrated a recipe for delicious vegan scones and we managed to eat two batches as well as other bakes. It was great fun discussing our baking tips as a group, we will be repeating this idea soon and trying new recipes.



### Mint Lane Saturday 2–4pm 'Drop-In' Events October/November 2023.

- 7th October** Community Assembly Training\*
- 14th & 15th October** *Permaculture Course* (Full) – waiting list now in place.
- 21st October** Climate Café with Rachel Burnett (2)
- 28th October** Pilot Community Assembly
- 4th Nov.** 'Greening Lincoln' proposals & plan with Ania Hewis.
- 11th Nov.** t.b.c.
- 18th Nov.** Climate Café with Rachel Burnett (3)

### \* Community Assembly Training

Community Assemblies help create a politics that works for everyone and that lets people from all walks of life decide on their future. We need to put fairness at the centre of decision-making as we grapple with the enormous challenges of the climate crisis. Community Assemblies will help ensure that decisions about, for example, solar farms, on-shore wind turbines and new oil and gas extraction in Lincolnshire have the backing of the local community as well as meeting the UK's legal target of Net Zero by 2050.

EarthLincs will be hosting free Community Assembly training from 3-6pm on 7th October, with a view to arranging a pilot assembly in Lincoln in the near future. No need to book – just turn up!

### An appeal...

We are still looking for someone who can design a simple website for EarthLincs. Please get in touch if you have the experience to create something for us at minimal cost. We do have a small budget for the right person.

### Charity Pot Event at Lush

On 9th and 10th September we were in Lincoln's Lush store to promote EarthLincs and to raise funds – a scheme where Lush donates 100% from sales from a small 'charity pot' of hand & body cream. Thank you to Lush for this opportunity!



### The Climate Café with Rachael Burnett

Based around the Death Café model, Climate Cafés are safe, empathetic, inclusive spaces for people to come together and explore the myriad of feelings they may be having about the climate crisis. We will be holding monthly in-person cafés for up to 10 people each time (numbers are limited to ensure everyone has chance to talk and reflect). If you would like to join us for either of our Cafés (21st October and 11th November) at 2.00pm please register your interest by emailing:

[theclimateimps@gmail.com](mailto:theclimateimps@gmail.com)



### Greening Lincoln

#### *It's time to start Greening Lincoln!*

Dotted around the City are open spaces, verges and "waste land" crying out for a bit of love and attention. Find out how to go about recruiting local volunteers to enhance these places by planting native and fruit trees and creating wildflower areas. Grants, help and advice are available to get you started. Come along to EarthLincs on 4th November to find out more.

### 'Defend Our Juries' Silent Protest Outside Lincoln Crown Court

On Monday 25 September, a group of Lincoln residents risked prison by holding signs outside Lincoln Crown Court, as part of the growing public campaign Defend Our Juries. Their signs communicated the centuries-old right of all jurors in



British courtrooms to acquit a defendant according to their conscience and irrespective of the directions of the judge.

Rosemary (retired, 69) said:

'I am a climate activist with Extinction Rebellion. The climate crisis is my sole motivation for taking part in peaceful protests, which carry the risk of getting arrested and charged. Yet some judges will prevent me from explaining why I am in court, with the threat of contempt and a possible jail sentence if I don't comply. I will be barred from even mentioning the climate crisis, and juries will be denied "the truth, the whole truth" when reaching their verdict.'

### What's On – elsewhere

#### Tabletop Sale at St Peter in Eastgate Church

Saturday 4th November 10am – 2pm.



### Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

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

[earthlincs@gmail.com](mailto:earthlincs@gmail.com)

or find us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074](https://www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074)

**The EarthLincs Team**

### Jumble Sale at Dunholme Village Hall

To be held on Saturday 7th October starting at 1pm.

Entry 30p. Refreshments served.

*All proceeds go to local charities.*



## **BAD NEWS: Rosebank oil field granted consent**

Reacting to news that Rosebank has been given the green light, Friends of the Earth climate campaigner, Danny Gross, said:

‘This is yet another colossal failure of leadership from a government that seems determined to ignore the scientific warnings on the climate crisis.’  
‘Giving the green light to Rosebank will send UK emissions soaring while failing to boost energy security or reduce bills.’

‘The government should be investing in real solutions to the challenges we face by prioritising homegrown renewables and developing a nationwide insulation programme – not pouring more gas and oil on a burning planet.’

Shame on both the Government and the opposition who will not commit to reversing this decision, despite Keir Starmer promising in May 2023 that new drilling in the North Sea would be banned.

## **Editorial**



Nothing could be further from the truth: 90% of Rosebank’s reserves are in oil but will be ‘sold on the open market’ with the most likely destination being the continent of Europe, according to Equinor, the Oslo-listed company that part-owns the field, thus proving the move is highly unlikely to make the slightest difference to UK energy bills. When an over-reliance on fossil fuels in fact makes us less energy secure, locking ourselves into yet more oil and gas will exacerbate rather than mitigate the problem.

So what can we do? Despite everything that our government and other governments across the world have been told by Climate Scientists, they seem unable and unwilling to act to secure a liveable planet for future generations. And we let them do it, we are allowing them to destroy our planet. This week we saw Chris Packham wrestling with his conscience in the Channel 4 documentary, ‘Is it Time to Break the Law.’ As a climate activist he feels despair – as do all of us who have been involved in climate activism – that, after years of campaigning, nothing has changed, in fact things are getting worse. Not everyone can break the law, but we can all do something, all become part of the solution. At present we’re not a big enough movement... and until we get a mass uprising we will continue to be marginalised, dismissed as eco zealots. But maybe, just maybe, this is a pivotal moment, the tipping point in our society, a line in the sand, when we say enough is enough.

The Green MP Caroline Lucas says, ‘Today will mark another grave day in our history books unless we take action now to stop it happening. Write to your MP, support #StopRosebank on social media, attend demonstrations – do all you can to let the government and its co-conspiring oil giants know: Rosebank will not happen in our name’.

And maybe even break the law...

**Tim Grigg**

## **# Stop Rosebank – Is it Time to Break the Law?**

On Wednesday 27th September, the government gave the go ahead for drilling in Rosebank, the biggest undeveloped oilfield in the North Sea, estimated to contain 500 million barrels of oil, potentially creating more CO2 pollution than the combined emissions of 28 low-income countries, home to more than 700 million people, according to the World Bank. This field’s operational emissions alone would exceed the UK’s entire carbon budget allocated to oil and gas production. And this at a time when we see Climate records smashed across the world as our planet burns.

Ignoring the Science and the recommendations of his own Climate Change Committee, Rishi Sunak, has shown himself to be a ‘dangerous radical’ pursuing ‘moral and economic madness’. That is not the judgment of Just Stop Oil, or any other environmental campaign group, but the United Nations secretary general, António Guterres. ‘The truly dangerous radicals are the countries that are increasing the production of fossil fuels’ Guterres said in 2022, after another searing report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

How does the government justify this climate crime? It will cut energy bills and deliver ‘energy security’ for the British people, ministers claim.

## Lincolnshire Libraries Green Week

In 2023, Libraries Week becomes Green Libraries Week! Between the 2nd and 8th October, UK libraries are celebrating the work going on which focusses on sustainability and climate change.

In Lincoln's Central Library there will be an exhibition which explains climate change and other environmental concerns and stalls with various eco-conscious organisations in Lincoln, including EarthLincs.

There will be a 'Swish' – sale and swap of preloved clothing – on the 7th October, organised by Lincoln Sustainable Fashion Forum.

*See below for details*



## Lincoln Clothes Swap

**11 am - 3 pm**  
**Saturday, 7th October**  
**Lincoln Central Library**  
**Free School Ln, Lincoln LN2 1EZ**

Join this free & fun community clothing swap as part of Green Libraries Week! Bring pre-loved clothing, shoes, or accessories to swap for new-to-you pieces.

**How does it work?**

Drop off up to 5 gently used items at the library between 11 am and 12 pm. For each piece donated, you will receive a token that can be exchanged for an item in the swap. Pop back to use your tokens in the swap between 12 pm and 3 pm. Please make sure items are in swappable condition (no stains, rips, or tears).



**For more information or to volunteer contact:**  
[lincoln.clothes.swap@gmail.com](mailto:lincoln.clothes.swap@gmail.com)

*Celebrating Sustainable Fashion Week!*

## Lincoln Sustainable Fashion Forum

Lincoln Sustainable Fashion Forum is hosting a clothes swap on Saturday, 7th October at Lincoln Central Library, as part of Green Libraries Week. The aim of the event is to provide sustainable and ethical fashion alternatives for residents to help reduce the city's environmental impact, whilst also addressing the huge contribution to the climate crisis made by the textile industry. Donate up to 5 gently used items at the library between 11am and 12pm on the day and receive tokens which can then be exchanged for new-to-you items in the swap between 12pm and 3pm.

Follow @LincolnSustainableFashion on Instagram for more information.



## LINCOLNSHIRE

**Extinction Rebellion Lincolnshire:**  
To find out more about XR and upcoming activities, please visit:  
<https://rebellionlincolnshire.org/>

## XR Open Mic Night at The Birdcage

An evening of musical entertainment with Extinction Rebellion on Thursday 12th October, 8pm at the Birdcage pub, LN2 5BQ.



To book a performance slot, call Enzo on 07944 907051.

## University of Lincoln Climate Action Festival

This will be held between 11 to 18 November. This coincides with International Doughnut Day (Monday 13 November) and Christmas Lights switch on weekend with the new indoor market space available for community events (Saturday 11 November).

If you are interested in learning more, contributing or participating – please email:

[AFoxleyJohnson@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:AFoxleyJohnson@lincoln.ac.uk)

Limited space available.



## Instagram:

EarthLincs has an Instagram account: Follow us on earth\_lincs

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