



# Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre

## Newsletter No.23

### July/August 2024



#### Mint Lane Saturday 2–4pm 'Drop-In' Events

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| 6 July  | Climate Conversations & Crafts    |
| 13 July | Lincoln Litter Pick. Meet midday. |
| 20 July | Nature Connections with Debbie    |
| 27 July | Climate Café with Rachael         |

We will be closed during August, reopening September 7th...

#### Review of recent events:

##### Film Showing 'Six Inches of Soil'

'Six Inches of Soil' is a British independent full feature documentary shining a spotlight on soil health and regenerative farming. It tells the inspiring story of young British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food – to heal the soil, our health and provide for local communities. The aims of the film are to sound the alarm on a broken system, but to also give hope that there is a way to fix it; to inspire farmers to adopt agroecological and regenerative farming practices; and to encourage consumers, food corporations and policymakers to support their efforts.'

The 96 minute film, with its original music score and beautiful animation, was completed at the end of 2023, and was launched at the Oxford Real Farming Conference on 4th January 2024. After weeks of planning, we were finally able to show it on Saturday 15th June at Bailgate Methodist Church.



##### Litter Pick

*Join us for a Litter Pick in central Lincoln (near the Brayford Pool) on 13th July. Meet at Mint Lane Hub at 12.00. Bags, gloves and equipment will be provided. We will then return to Mint Lane for refreshments and a general EarthLincs meeting afterwards (approx 3–4pm).*

##### Great Big Green Week (GBGW) 8–16 June

During GBGW, members of Lincoln Climate Hope were able to use the Community Stall in the newly refurbished Cornhill Market. EarthLincs took their turn on Wednesday and enjoyed a busy day talking to visitors and stall-holders, whilst Debbie from Pachamama was busy making seed bombs. Members of EarthLincs also joined the Lincolnshire Organic Gardeners at the Farmers Market at Castle Square.

Here's a link to a short video on GBGW activities in Lincoln:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a5NGMQ7FLZXK-fZ1cesxpKLR-GiJMW3Ct/view>



##### Jolli Workshops

These four events at Burton Road Methodist Church Hall (organised by Jollification CIC) proved popular, and between 34 and 49 people attended each day. EarthLincs joined in with the *Jolli Nature Workshops* on 25th May & 29th June and everyone enjoyed themselves!

## Liquorice Park Community Open Day

The event saw a sunny day on Sunday 23rd June 11am-2pm with various attractions, refreshments and musical entertainment.

More details on forthcoming events see:

<https://liquoricepark.co.uk>

## London, Saturday 22nd June – Resore Nature Now

We took to the streets of London alongside many other environmental groups with a great gathering of thousands united behind one simple message:

*Restore Nature Now.* The family-friendly, legal march saw nature, wildlife and climate groups and campaigners come together to call for all political parties to take urgent action to restore nature and tackle climate change in the UK.



Despite over 60,000 people taking to the streets in a colourful and moving event, led by well-known TV naturalist Chris Packham, media coverage was disappointing and the BBC received many complaints due to their failure to mention the event on the national news.

## Future impact of fossil fuel projects must be assessed, says Court. How will this affect plans to drill in the Lincolnshire Wolds?

A momentous decision was made by the Supreme Court on 20th June in a case which has challenged how planning authorities make decisions on new fossil fuel projects. The case was brought by Sarah Finch of the Weald Action Group, who have been campaigning to stop oil drilling at Horse Hill in Surrey since 2013. The court agreed with Ms Finch that the greenhouse gas emissions from using the oil should be considered when making an Environmental Impact Assessment. It's incredible that

this hasn't been the case in the past. Indeed, the concept of drilling for new oil and gas, when our planet is experiencing record-breaking temperatures month after month is absolute madness. To approve such projects without even recognising the impact of burning the oil & gas flies in the face of Net Zero targets. It is 3 years since the International Energy Agency stated that new oil and gas exploration is incompatible with the Paris Agreement and keeping global warming to 1.5 °C, yet we have seen no abatement in the number of new developments being proposed.



As reported in previous newsletters, SOS Biscathorpe campaigners have been fighting for a decade to stop Egdon Resources (now Heyco, a U.S. company) drilling for oil in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB – now designated a ‘National Landscape’. In October 2021 Lincs County Council had refused to grant permission for the scheme -only for their decision to be overturned in November 2023 by a government-appointed Planning Inspector acting for the Secretary of State.

It was then that SOS Biscathorpe campaigners decided to file a legal challenge on five grounds, one of which was similar to the Sarah Finch case. This decision took their fight to the High Court in London for a 2-day hearing on 5&6 June.

Amanda Suddaby, member of SOS Biscathorpe, said: *‘The Supreme Court decision makes it absolutely crystal clear that decision-makers must have information relating to downstream emissions before them when considering the environmental impact of fossil fuel projects subject to EIA regulations. We have always felt that it was completely nonsensical to ignore that fossil fuels once extracted, will be burned, and they will have an inevitable impact on climate change. Now the Supreme Court agrees with us.’*

*‘At the Biscathorpe Appeal Hearing in October 2022, despite numerous objectors raising concerns about the impact on climate change that the development would have, the Inspector did not consider the impact of downstream emissions, and we have therefore argued that his decision was unlawful. We are hopeful that the Supreme Court ruling will lead to the Biscathorpe decision being quashed but we must now wait to see if the judge in our case agrees.’*

### 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](mailto:earthlincs@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074](https://www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074) and via our website: [www.earthlincs.co.uk](http://www.earthlincs.co.uk)

### Other local Events and Activities



#### Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub

Alt-Ed Lincs is a new initiative based at Mint Lane Hub this summer.

‘We offer a range of exciting and engaging programmes for 7-14 year olds in Lincolnshire, UK. Each Summer School runs from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.’

There are three themed programmes:

*Natural World Summer School (22–26 July)*

*Arts & Crafts Summer School (29 July – 2 August)*

*Cultural Exploration Summer School (5–9 August)*

For more information visit:

<https://alteredlincs.co.uk/summer-school-2024>

#### Jumble Sale

Next Jumble Sales at Dunholme Village Hall are on Saturday 20th July and Saturday 7th September, 1pm. All proceeds go to local charities

#### Extinction Rebellion Lincoln Events

For information visit:

<https://rebellionlincolnshire.org/>



If you would like to join the local Lincoln Extinction Rebellion group, please contact [lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk) for more information



#### ‘Stuff to Borrow’ Tool Library Update

Unfortunately, EarthLincs were again unsuccessful in our Lottery Funding application which we had hoped would see us start up this project over the summer. However, we are looking at alternative funding and would welcome any ideas from our supporters. There will be a meeting when we return in September to take ideas forward.

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