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What can we do to help stop Climate Change?

– Stop buying stuff! – Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle!

This was an answer I recently heard to the question, 'What can I do to stop Climate Change'? A simple answer, but it's true. Our consumption is driving Climate Change, through all the emissions produced from making the items we are encouraged to buy, whether it's clothes, cars, mobile phones, or smart TVs. Additionally, our consumption is exceeding the Earth's capacity to regenerate those resources. The day in the year when we take more than our Planet can sustainably provide is called Earth Overshoot Day. Back in 1970, Earth Overshoot Day was on 30th December, this year it fell on 1st August!

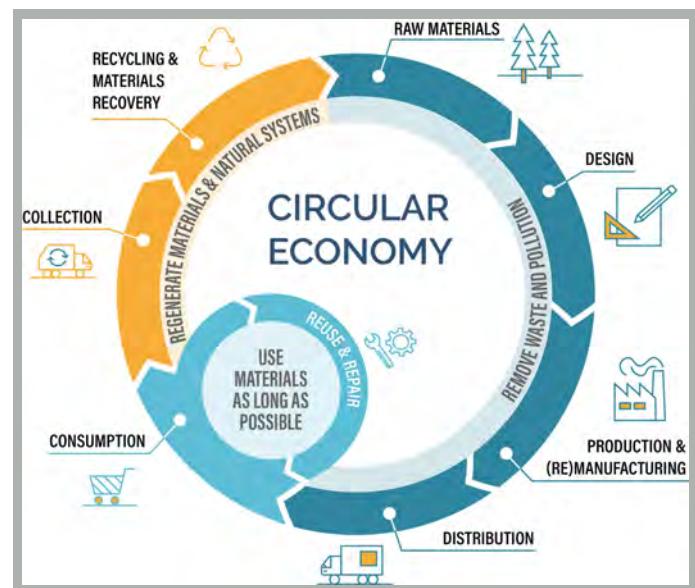
Our planet can support the huge population of over 8 billion people but we have to live within planetary boundaries. For those of us living in countries which have developed economies we need to reduce our consumption by about two thirds, whilst in other parts of the world governments may need help to grow their economies to provide life essentials, access to clean water, food, healthcare, education, etc.

RECYCLING IS GOOD. BUT WE CAN DO BETTER...



Reducing our impact by cutting consumption and eliminating waste is achievable, if we move to sustainable, circular economic systems. The graphic below of the Waste Hierarchy Triangle, shows the changes we can all make.

Do you need to buy a new item when you could borrow it instead? EarthLincs are hoping to open 'Stuff to Borrow' (Library of things) in the near future for all those things you need to use now and again but don't need to own, so you save money too. Try swapping, instead of shopping, 'Swishes', (clothes swaps) are great places to refresh your wardrobe. There are now a number of websites available, (e.g. Vinted), where you can buy pre-loved clothes and other items, and you can also visit your local charity shop. Use items again and again, and if it breaks – repair it. Repair Cafés are opening up all over the country, where you can get household items, clothing, tools, electrical appliances, bikes, etc, repaired for free! You can find them locally in Lincoln, Louth and Sleaford. For bigger appliances you will find tradesmen locally to repair your electrical items. Should you find you no longer need something, don't store it, rehome it – social media can help you do this with FaceBook, 'Owt for Nowt' sites. Finally, when it can no longer be reused, repaired or rehomed, it's time to recycle it, further minimising waste.



Tim Grigg



Victory for SOS Biscathorpe!

The Planning Inspector's decision to allow oil production in Biscathorpe in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has been quashed after concession from the Secretary of State.

Permission was first granted to drill for oil at Biscathorpe in 2014 and the current application for further exploratory drilling and 15 years of production should oil be found was refused by Lincolnshire County Council in 2021. This decision was overturned by the Planning Inspectorate in November 2023 after the applicant, Egdon Resources UK Ltd (now owned by US-based group Heyco Energy), appealed against the decision.

However, permission was then granted for a statutory review hearing before a judge at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, and following a landmark Supreme Court ruling, which halted a similar plan for oil production in Surrey, defendants the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Egdon Resources accepted an invitation from solicitors on Leigh Day's environment team to concede the case.

Biscathorpe campaigner, Mathilda Dennis said: 'We're delighted that all the hard-work and campaigning over the last 10 years has finally paid off, not just for the beautiful area of Biscathorpe, but we hope that it will also help and encourage other groups fighting similar battles; on the back of the Finch ruling and now also SOS Biscathorpe, it is clear that the unequivocal link between fossil fuel extraction and climate crisis can no longer be ignored.'

Amanda Suddaby from SOS Biscathorpe added: "It was also encouraging to see that these very senior judges seemed to recognise and value the importance of public participation in addressing the enormous issue of climate crisis. Our hope now is that this paves the way to a full and proper understanding of the great harm that each and every new fossil fuel development represents.'

Leigh Day solicitor Julia Eriksen, who represents the campaigners, said:

'This case illustrates the significant implications of the Supreme Court's landmark judgment on fossil fuel production in June, which ruled that planning inspectors must take into account the downstream emissions from burning fuel when considering fossil fuel applications.'

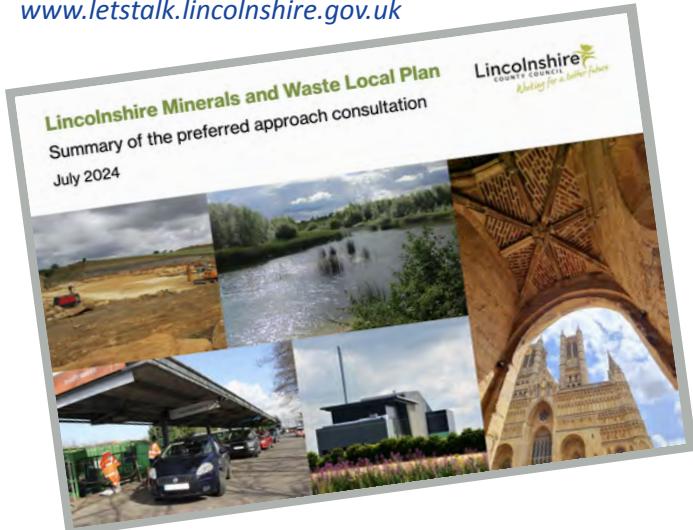
We hope this success in Lincolnshire is a positive sign for similar cases still before the courts.'

Lincolnshire County Council need your views!

Lincolnshire County Council are seeking views on a new blueprint for oil and gas planning in the county for the next 15 years. The draft 'Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan' is at the 'preferred approach' stage, and the county council plan to adopt the final version of the plan in 2026. It is important that we let the council know our views now, so that they can be taken into account as the plan is updated. It is a long report, 129 pages, but the key sections are: 1. Introduction, 2. Legislative and policy context, 5. Overarching strategic policies, and 6. Providing for minerals, pages 40 – 43 are about Hydrocarbons (oil and gas).

The plan acknowledges the need to mitigate and adapt to climate change as a core principle, but based on strategies and guidance put in place by our previous government, this plan would permit the development of new oil and gas production in the county. The United Nations and the International Energy Agency both state that there is no need to issue new oil and gas licenses as we transition to renewables, indeed it is imperative that there should be no new drilling, if we are to limit Global Warming to 1.5 degrees.

We should take this opportunity to have our say and we have until Tuesday the 24th September to respond. View or download the plan from the online portal at www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk



You can complete an online response form or download a hard copy of the form and email it to mineralsandwaste@lincolnshire.gov.uk. If you would like to receive any of the consultation material in another language or format, or have any questions about this consultation, email or call 01522 782070.

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 www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074 and via our website: www.earthlincs.co.uk

WHAT'S ON...

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

7 September Harvest Festival event at Mint Lane*

14 September Plant-based recipe share

21 September Climate Circle with Rachael

28 September 'Get Stuff Fixed' – bring your textiles and clothing, we will see what we can do!

* The Harvest Festival event (see below) will be from 10.00am to 2pm – not our usual 2–4pm times.



EarthLincs volunteers will be at the Harvest Festival event with a gardening theme and an educational display on composting with our expert, Geoff.



Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub

Other events at Mint Lane in September:

Happy Cooking Club: each Monday, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September.

Permaculture Weekend: 15-16th September.

Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub are now hosting a new anxiety support group. The Lincoln Anxiety Resilience Association (LARA for short) for adults will meet every fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon at 1.00pm (until 3pm) – this month that's 10th and 24th September.

For further information please contact Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub on 07778 705979 or visit our website:

<https://involvelincoln.org.uk/mint-lane-wellbeing-hub>

Visit our website!

use this url or scan the QR code

www.earthlincs.co.uk



Other local Events and Activities

Jumble Sale

The next Jumble Sale at Dunholme Village Hall is on Saturday 7th September, 1pm.

Three Acres + A Cow

Friday 11th October at the Blue Room, Lincoln.

Three Acres And A Cow connects the Norman Conquest and Peasants' Revolt to contemporary issues via the Enclosures and Industrial Revolution, drawing a compelling narrative through the people's history of England in folk song, story and poem. Come and share in these tales as they have been shared for generations.



'I think about this show all the time. It has totally changed the way I think about colonialism, direct action and English nationalism. Thinking about it today, four years after seeing the show, it's clear it was a life changing event for me.' Monique

Extinction Rebellion Lincoln Events

For information visit:

<https://rebellionlincolnshire.org/>



Upgrade Democracy in Windsor Great Park

(30 August – 1 September)

Lincoln XR are in the final preparations for a weekend of peaceful, creative protest to highlight the links between our unfit political system and the climate and ecological emergency. Join a big theatrical action to highlight how oily money controls our world.

If you can't join in, write to King Charles telling him how you feel: Send your letter by post to: ***His Majesty the King, Buckingham Palace, London SW1 1AA.***

This is also an incredible opportunity to be part of the Massemby – the biggest yet! The Massemby will be a huge gathering of citizens debating, 'How might we make meaningful steps to upgrade democracy in the UK?' However, if you can't be there, you can get involved online:

<https://www.tictailor.com/events/assembliesescalation/1363848>

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



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