

2010-2011 Activities



Read on to find out about our campaigns, events and activities in 2010/2011

MAY 2010 saw the general and local elections where we were pleased to see *all* local parties supported our **Get Serious about CO2 campaign** with the target of 40% emissions cuts by 2020 in their manifestos! After the election we joined the **Climate Candlelit Procession** to Parliament to remind the new government of the urgency of action on climate change.

We ran our **local citizens eco survey** in **JUNE** and had a stall at the popular **Camden Green Fair**. We also did some surveying at the Parliament Hill farmer's market followed by a **picnic on Hampstead Heath**, in beautiful sunny weather. In **JULY** we welcomed Camden's first ever **Camden Green Summit** which was well attended by people from all over Camden. Natasha also hosted our veggie

BBQ where Jess and Haruna entertained us with many eco songs!

Campaigning continued throughout **AUGUST** with stalls at the **London Permaculture Festival** where our 'moo masks' proved very popular with the kids! We responded to the London congestion charge consultation, and Alex met with council transport officers to discuss the results of our citizens eco survey.

SEPTEMBER saw Council run a seminar '**Cutting carbon in Camden by 2020**', a direct result of our Get Serious campaign. Sharat represented us on the Pirate Castle sponsored canal walk, we had stalls at the **Belsize Green Fair** and the **Festival of Life**. Group members also attended the **Local Groups Conference** in Reading.

In **OCTOBER** we had our very successful **vegan banquet**, one of over 7000 events worldwide for 10/10/10 day. Around 80 people enjoyed a 3-course vegan dinner, with a swap shop, live music and pedal-powered sound system and we raised over £1100 for Friends of the Earth! We had stalls at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine **Green Fair**, and the Campaign Against Climate Change **Zero Carbon Britain Climate Forum**. Group members also met MP Frank Dobson for a lobbying meeting and he agreed to sign the **Sustainable Livestock EDM**.

NOVEMBER saw the inauguration of our enthusiastic **Camden FoE youth group!** Tom Wright from head office joined us for a training session on **communicating to the public**.





We took part in the Stop Climate Chaos **Big Climate Connection lobby** and met up with both **MPs Glenda Jackson** and **Frank Dobson**. Following the lobby, Glenda even turned up to the Houses of Parliament to vote for the Sustainable Livestock Bill, although unfortunately the bill did not get enough votes.



We had a **party** at Natasha's, attended a live debate on '**What the green movement got wrong**' at the MTV studios in Camden and managed not to come last in the Ecology centre **quiz night** at Gillespie Park!

In **DECEMBER** we joined in with the **March for a Zero Carbon Britain**. At the after party Jess ably entertained the post-march revellers! We enjoyed lots of cakes at our **pot luck dinner** at the Pirate Castle and we were full to capacity for our **Food Inc film screening** at Inspiral.



We met up with other local groups at the **Regional Gathering** in **JANUARY 2011** where Daniel gave a talk on climate change communication and Susan spoke about using social media. We attended the **Camden Green Summit** and had the opportunity to feed back on the council's sustainability strategy.

In **FEBRUARY** we gave a **deputation** to the council with other local green groups to ensure sustainability remained on the agenda despite budget cuts. Following this Camden Council signed up to support our campaign for **Local Carbon Budgets**. We also responded to the council's Sustainability & Transport strategy consultations.

MARCH was a busy month, with group members attending **6 Billion Ways** – 'imagining a world where people and planet come before profit' – the **Energy Union London** event (and after-party!) and we explored how the UK can cut emissions by 80% by 2050 at the **DECC 2050 Pathways** event. Our recycling day of action at Camden Lock Market attracted lots of attention, with "**David Cameron**" talking half as much rubbish!

Together with other local groups we hosted the well-attended **Camden's Energy Future discussion** at Camden Town Hall, with guest speakers from Greenpeace, WDM, Age UK and MP Frank Dobson discussing the government's upcoming Energy Bill.

Our youth group held a **swap shop** at Camden Green drinks in **APRIL**. We continued our **waste & recycling campaigning** in **MAY** with letters in local media and had a great day out at the Brent FoE **Green Fair**.

Still to come in 2011... a trip to the **Centre for Alternative Technology**, our **Big Energy Conversation** campaign, we'll be holding stalls at **local festivals**, hosting a **mini street opera** on consumerism, and a '**womble picnic**' to promote recycling in parks

To get involved come along to our monthly meeting, 1st Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 7EA. All are welcome! For more details on our current campaigns and upcoming activities see <http://www.camdenfoe.org.uk>

