

# 2010 Year in Review



**JANUARY 2010** kicked off with street campaigning (in quite cold weather!) to get postcards signed for the **Get Serious about CO2 campaign**. We ran a **bag-making workshop** at a pop-up shop in Parkway, making bags from recycled T-shirts. We also heard from new Executive Director Andy Atkins at the **FoE Regional Gathering**.

In **FEBRUARY** we had stalls at the UCL **Go Green Fair** and also the UCL Eco Fashion show - where we got lots of support for the Get Serious campaign! We also had a cinema trip to see Oscar-nominated documentary **FOOD Inc.**

**MARCH** saw our **deputation to Camden Council** where we handed over the Get Serious about CO2 postcards to councillors, and asked Camden to sign up to the target of reducing carbon emissions in Camden 40% by 2020.

In **APRIL** we held a very well attended **'Ask the Camden Question' MP Hustings** together with the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition, Transition Belsize and Camden Greenpeace. Over 100 members of the public turned up to quiz prospective parliamentary candidates on their eco credentials!

Group members also took part in a stunt with Brent FOE **flying an inflatable dinosaur** to the height of the incinerator chimney proposed for the Brent Cross Cricklewood development.

**MAY** saw the general and local elections where we were pleased to see *all* local parties had the 40% emissions cuts by 2020 target in their manifestos! After the election we joined in with Campaign Against Climate Change **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 with home-baked cakes at the popular **Camden Green Fair**, which made a welcome return to Regents Park! 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 the event 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** and protest bike ride. 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.

*Many thanks to everyone who helped with our campaigns, events and activities in 2010... we're looking forward to an even more successful 2011!*

