



Mission Statement

2G3S aims to promote a positive vision of a society that enhances, rather than degrades, the natural environment on which we all depend. We hold events in our constituent villages and spread information to raise awareness of green issues and to show how we can work together, both at an individual and at an organisational level, to make changes to our way of life that will lead to a more stable and sustainable future.

Contact us at greengroupssss@gmail.com. Website: <http://2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk>

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2G3S NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018

A briefer newsletter this time, for reasons I won't bore you with...!

Summary of events detailed below:

10 November Fulbourn Repair Café

17 November Cambridge Sustainable Fashion Festival

3 December 2G3S planning meeting, Stapleford

8 December Barrington Repair Café

8 January 2G3S Palm Oil conversation evening, Stapleford

2 February 2G3S Repair Café, Sawston

FUTURE 2G3S EVENTS

2G3S next social/planning evening Monday 3 December

Do join us at our informal meeting at **8 pm on Monday 3 December** at The Rose, Stapleford. This time we shall be in the main bar – ask the bar staff if you can't find us. All are welcome; if you'd like an agenda email us at the address above, but otherwise just turn up. I hope to put a mini agenda on the website nearer the time.

Conversation evenings

We intend to hold a series of conversation evenings, at which someone will introduce a topic and then there will be a general discussion. We are starting off with palm oil, a subject we have focused on in past newsletters. If you have ideas for future such evenings, do get in touch (and if you would be willing to introduce the topic, so much the better!). Meanwhile, see you on 8 January – bring your friends:

From Mince Pies to Birds-of-Paradise: a conversation about palm oil

Have you heard all the publicity about palm oil and wondered what all the fuss is about? Or have you decided that you will try to cut down on products containing palm oil, and then despaired of finding anything suitable that doesn't?

If so, come along to **The Rose, Stapleford, at 8 pm on Tuesday 8 January** when Janet O'Boyle will talk about the issues surrounding palm oil before opening up a general conversation. If you have found products that don't contain palm oil, come along and tell us about them!

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Repair Cafés

The next 2G3S Repair Café will be at the **Free Church, High Street, Sawston on Saturday 2 February from 2 – 5 pm**. This will probably be before the next newsletter comes out, so if you are interested, keep an eye on both our website (details above) and the Circular Cambridge website, which also has more information about Repair Cafes in general: <http://circularcambridge.org/repaircafe/>

Other RCs (not organised by 2G3S) coming up soon:

10 November, Fulbourn

Fulbourn Forum are holding their third Repair Cafe from 2 – 5 pm on Saturday 10 November at the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre. You can take your items along, but better to book in advance. Email fulbournforum@gmail.com

17 November, Cambridge

Sewing repairs as part of Circular Cambridge's Sustainable Fashion Festival – see below.

8 December, Barrington

2 – 5 pm on Saturday 8 December at the Village Hall. Send a brief description of your item and the problem to barringtonrepaircafe@gmail.com or take your chance on the day.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS' UPCOMING EVENTS

Sustainable Fashion Festival, Saturday 17 November

A free event from 11 am to 4.30 pm at St Barnabas Church, Mill Road, organised by Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

Clothing is a big polluter and accounts for 12% of global greenhouse emissions. But we don't have to don the sackcloth just yet. This day will give you lots of ideas on how to care for clothes, reduce microplastics, and have an eco-friendly wardrobe.

There'll be bookable styling workshops; a fashion show; clothes swop party; a panel discussion on 'Fashion the Future'; sewing repairs; a pop-up market; and of course a (home-made) café! Sounds great. More details from

<http://circularcambridge.org/events/sustainable-fashion-festival/>

CAMPAIGNS

Transport

2G3S member Janet O'Boyle attended the Green Living event in Cambridge on 22 September, advertised in our last newsletter. She found some interesting facts about electric vehicles; here is her report:

'At the Cambridge Green Living Event I was interested in the electric scooter display, a vehicle I hadn't heard of before. An electric scooter is faster and goes further than an electric bike, and costs less than £3000. So it would be suitable for journeys that are too far for a bike (like my 12 mile commute) but it uses less energy and takes up less road space than an electric car. You can charge it overnight from a 3-pin socket. Further details at www.supersoco.co.uk.

There was also an electric car stand, promoting a tie-in between an octopus energy tariff specifically designed for economical car charging, installation of a home charging point, and lease of a choice of electric cars (from Leaf to Jag) at less than dealer rates (they said). More details at www.octopus.ev.com.'

Cycling: For a report on the September Festival of Cycling, organised by Camcycle, go to their website at <https://www.cambridgefestivalofcycling.org/>

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Plastic

Rather than carrying out a full survey of local businesses' use of single-use plastic, we have decided to continue to highlight good practice in the local area. Following on similar items in earlier newsletters, we'd be delighted to hear of any business which you feel deserves a mention (in the newsletter and on our website) for their initiative in using less plastic, or indeed in reducing packaging in general.

Here is a Greenpeace petition you can sign urging clothes manufacturers to take steps to reduce pollution from microfibres:

https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/act/micro-fibres-petition?new&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=paid-social&utm_campaign=plastics&utm_content=2018-09_static2_text&utm_expid=.H5fUHbqqSO2Hwq8VfQlsYA.1&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2F

and one from WeMove.EU calling on EU member states to support the EU's single-use plastic reduction strategy: <https://act.wemove.eu/campaigns/eu-single-use-plastic>

GREEN NEWS FROM THE WIDER WORLD

Have you heard about the 'Happy City' Thriving Places index? Read this short but inspiring Positive News article about Liz Zeidler, who is CEO of an organisation that seeks to put wellbeing at the centre of government thinking, rather than a blind reliance on GDP as a measure of success. I particularly like this pithy summing up from Kate Raworth, author of 'Doughnut Economics':

We currently have an economy that “needs to grow, whether or not it makes us thrive”. What we need is a society that “makes us thrive, whether or not the economy grows.”

https://www.positive.news/society/measuring-what-we-treasure-what-if-human-contentment-shaped-policy-making/?utm_source=Positive%20News&utm_campaign=9c701d484a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_24_02_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3a293415a0-9c701d484a-339743589&mc_cid=9c701d484a&mc_eid=41b3265186

If you're so persuaded by this article that you want to do something, consider signing this petition from Kate Raworth, Tim Jackson and others calling on the EU to end its growth dependency:

https://you.wemove.eu/campaigns/europe-it-s-time-to-end-the-growth-dependency?utm_source=civimail-18575&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20181030_EN

Finally, a reminder from the last newsletter:

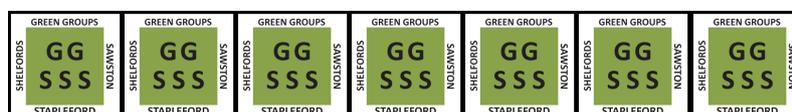
Event funding

2G3S is willing to help fund local events that aim to raise awareness in line with the 2G3S Mission Statement (see header of this newsletter). We are happy to consider applications of up to £75 from organisations or individuals who wish to put on such an event but need initial financial support. If, after the event, sufficient funds have been raised to reimburse some or all of the amount, that would be welcome but this is not a precondition. Further information from greengroupssss@gmail.com

Best wishes

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For Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston



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