

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.

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2G3S NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

Hello everyone – and an especially warm welcome to all those receiving this newsletter for the first time. It comes out roughly quarterly; you can unsubscribe at any time by contacting us at greengroupssss@gmail.com

A slightly earlier newsletter than usual, as we are hoping you will take action on two issues: climate change, and the proposed Sawston Greenway.

FIRSTLY, YOUR MP NEEDS YOU!



Fair Trade bananas



Part of the S Cambs contingent



A placard that caught my fancy!

We – or should I say Heidi Allen, our MP - have a request to make. Along with thousands of others I attended **'The Time is Now': the mass lobby of Parliament about climate change held on 26 June**. Several people from South Cambridgeshire spoke to Heidi, who is working with a cross-party group of MPs in an organisation called 'More United' (<https://moreunited.org.uk>). This group is currently focusing on the climate crisis and hoping to influence the contents of the upcoming Queen's Speech.

Heidi is asking for our views on what climate change mitigation measures we would like More United to press for.

What is important to you? Concentrating on energy? Transport? Building? Perhaps the Green New Deal? Any specific policy which you think would be a crucial first step? Please email us at greengroupssss@gmail.com with your thoughts. We have to do a distillation of the replies and get back to Heidi quickly, so **DO IT NOW! – to reach us by 20 July**. Just a few lines would help – the more responses, the greater the impact. Thank you.

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WITH YOUR HELP GREENWAYS ARE COMING TO OUR VILLAGES

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is now consulting on outline proposals for a Sawston Greenway. See:

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/news/have-your-say-on-routes-for-melbourn-and-sawston-greenways-1/>

We strongly urge you to participate in this consultation, which closes on 5 August. You can complete the form online, or use the hard/freepost copy in the information sheet that has been circulated to all households.

Public exhibitions about the Sawston Greenway are being held as follows:

- Tuesday 16 July – Addenbrooke’s Concourse 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Tuesday 23 July - Spicers Sports Pavilion - 6pm - 8pm

Jim Chisholm writes:

Stapleford: most crucially, a new route ‘B’ is proposed that avoids the difficult section through Mingle Lane and Church St. A roughly similar route was proposed in 2000, but this failed due to landowner objections. At that time, Sustrans did obtain a licence, which still holds, for a 500m strip of land adjacent to the rail line S from Shelford station, under London Road and as far as Wedd’s land off Granta Terrace. The newly proposed Route B would run close to the railway as far as the new Dernford reservoir, before using a path, with public access already agreed, around the reservoir perimeter to rejoin the existing route beyond Dernford Lane.

Please strongly support route B from Shelford station.

Without such support negotiations with landowners for access to a 450m strip needed between the agreed Sustrans bit and the reservoir will be difficult.

If a further short link were to be created from the proposed path to the housing development on the old garage site, this would give a route from these dwellings to the London-bound platform at Shelford station, as well as an almost traffic free path to Sawston Village College.

*A route alongside the Sawston by-pass to the ‘Spicers’ crossing is also proposed. For this to be a 24/7 commuter route and to be family friendly it will need to be behind a hedge, as routes directly adjacent to busy roads are unsafe in the dark due to vehicle headlights, and difficult for families because of the proximity and noise of heavy traffic. **Please support this path, but with a hedge.***

I suspect widening of the Shelford to Addenbrooke’s path may need to await firmer proposals for 4-tracking of the adjacent rail lines as part of the E-W rail project and Cambridge South station.

Other Greater Cambridge Partnership News: Citizens’ Assembly

The GCP is to set up a 60-strong Citizens’ Assembly to “consider the evidence, discuss the challenges we face, and put forward ideas to help tackle problems with congestion and public transport”. People will be invited at random to register by 22 July.

PAST 2G3S EVENTS

Nature walks to Stapleford Parish Pit Saturday 8 June / Nine Wells Saturday 29 June

John O’Boyle led two interesting nature walks for us in June; watch this space for more of the same!

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FUTURE 2G3S EVENTS

2G3S next social/planning evening Monday 22 July

Do join us at our informal meeting at **8 pm on Monday 22 July** at The Rose, Stapleford. We shall be in the lounge, to the left of the main entrance. All are welcome; if you'd like an agenda email us at the address above, but otherwise just turn up. We are currently looking for more people to get involved – but no pressure, it would be great to see you whatever!

Apple Day, Wandlebury, 1 – 4 pm Saturday 5 October 2019

The Education Centre, Wandlebury Ring, Gog Magog Hills, CB22 3AE

2G3S is teaming up with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CPPF) to hold an Apple Day at Wandlebury on 5 October. There will be various activities, including:

- Guided walks around the Wandlebury Orchard by Fruit Orchards East, who will answer your questions about the care and maintenance of fruit trees
- Apple juicing: bring your apples to be juiced (don't forget containers for the juice!)
- Cooking with apples – samples and recipes
- Archery

Still to be confirmed (see our website and village newsletters for up-to-date information nearer the time):

- Childrens activities
- Apple identification (it will be helpful if you can bring a photo of the full tree, and/or a twig with leaves as well as the apple itself)
- Other activities and stalls

There is no admission charge, but non CPPF members pay a £3 car park fee – why not come by bike?

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Repair Cafés

Waterbeach Repair Café Saturday 13 July 2019 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Waterbeach Barracks, High Street, Waterbeach CB25 9PA

Royston Repair Café Sunday 28 July 10.00am – 1.00pm
Coombes Community Centre, Burns Road, Royston, SG8 5PT

For more information on each of these go to <http://circularcambridge.org/repaircafe/> and follow the links.

Eco Festival

Great Shelford Free Church, Ashen Green, CB22 5EY
Saturday/Sunday September 28/29 2019

GS Free Church are to hold their first Eco Festival this September. Events will be held over the weekend of 28/29, mainly on the Saturday. Again, details are still to be confirmed but it is hoped to include stalls; craft activities for children; a nature treasure hunt; recycling of electrical items; wholefoods; textile repairs; recycled fashion. 2G3S may run a 'walk-up' Repair Café. See the August village news magazines for further information.

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GREEN NEWS FROM THE WIDER WORLD

Plantlife, the organisation which campaigns for greater protection for wildflowers, is asking councils and highways authorities to 'cut less and cut later' to save wildflowers on road verges.

More details here: <https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign>

An organisation you might find of interest: the **Rapid Transition Alliance**

<https://www.rapidtransition.org/>

They say: The climate is changing faster than we are. The danger of triggering irreversible environmental damage that spirals, feeding off itself, means that winning too slowly is the same as losing. That's why rapid, transformative changes are called for to prevent climate breakdown and create the conditions for people to thrive together. Rapid transition shows examples of evidence-based hope for change whose speed and potential scale will steer us towards staying within those boundaries and which advance social justice.

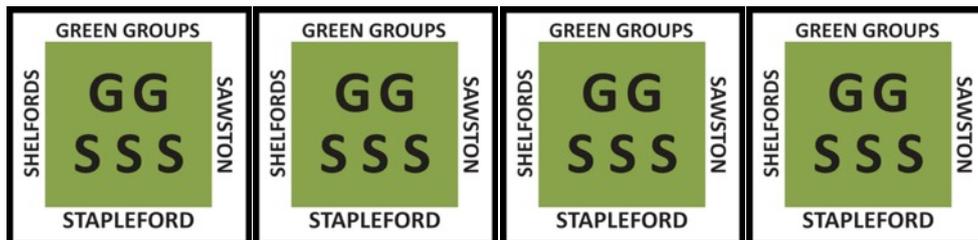
Go to their website to subscribe to their interesting, positive newsletter.

All for now; do please send us your thoughts on climate change policies, and participate in the Greenways consultation.

Enjoy the summer!

Linda Whitebread

For Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston



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