



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 AUTUMN 2020

Hello everyone – and an especially warm welcome to all those receiving this newsletter for the first time. It comes out roughly quarterly; the next issue is due in February. You can unsubscribe at any time (or send items for inclusion) by contacting us at greengroupssss@gmail.com.

FUTURE 2G3S EVENTS

To take part in either of these meetings, please email greengroupssss@gmail.com with the header 'Sustainable Dietary Choices' or 'Annual Open Meeting' as appropriate, and the Zoom link will be sent to you before the meeting. If you haven't used Zoom before there are tutorials on their website, or on YouTube.

Conversation Evening: Monday 23 November, 8 pm

SUSTAINABLE DIETARY CHOICES



With Duncan Catchpole. As the founder of Cambridge Organic (formerly the Cambridge Organic Food Company), Duncan has over twenty years' experience in the sustainable food and drink sector. He will talk and answer questions about how the food system is contributing to climate change, and how we can make good **dietary choices from an environmental perspective**.

He will also update us on an exciting project to transform the local food system for the better: the **Cambridge Food Hub**

Annual Open Meeting: Monday 7 December, 8 pm

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with local green issues? Meet like-minded people to discuss issues of local and national importance and share ideas? Are there green issues you would like to know more about but don't know where to start?

Then why not join the 2G3S Annual Open Meeting to help brainstorm what events we organise for 2021 and what issues we might like to get involved in next year?

We are a friendly bunch and always welcome new members so this is a great chance to join our online meeting to find out a bit more about us, chip in if you want to, or have a think about getting involved (no obligation!).

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OTHER UPCOMING GREEN EVENTS

[COP26 Coalition's From the Ground Up](#): Global Gatherings for Climate Justice, 12 – 16 November. A wide-ranging series of free online events.

[Cambridge Literary Festival](#), 19 – 22 November. Online talks with, for example, Dara McAnulty (winner of the Wainwright Prize) & Robert Macfarlane; James Rebanks; Helen Macdonald; Jonathon Porritt, Dieter Helm & Caroline Lucas. £5 per event.

[An Introduction to Doughnut Economics](#) 7 – 8 pm Monday 23 November. Free.

Anglia Ruskin University Global Sustainability Institute Seminar: [So what is the GSI?](#) Tuesday 24 November 12.00- 13.00; free.

[Cambourne Repair Café](#), 11.00 am to 2.00 pm, Saturday 5 December. As of now this is still scheduled to go ahead – but best to check nearer the time.

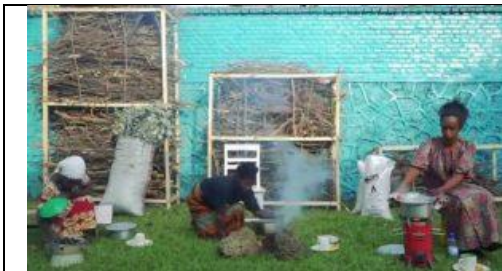
([Circular Cambridge](#), who co-ordinate our local **Repair Cafes**, are unfortunately not anticipating face-to-face Cafes returning before 2021. However, possible developments in the meantime include repair tutorials on YouTube, and online public-facing skill-sharing sessions. Excitingly, they are also forging links with the community workshop [Makespace](#), in Mill Lane, Cambridge, which has space and equipment where repairs could potentially be carried out. Watch the [Circular Cambridge website](#) for developments on all these fronts.

Meanwhile, 2G3S is seeking a person or persons to **help organise future Repair Cafes** more locally – if you might be interested in being part of the team contact us at greengroupsssss@gmail.com, or join us at the AOM on 7 December.)

PAST 2G3S EVENTS

Online Conversation Evenings

28 Sept: WHAT HOPE FOR COOKS AND FORESTS DYING IN AFRICA?



Bill Powell talked about the need for cleaner and more efficient cooking methods using farm and forestry waste in Uganda. He described some of the people and cookstove projects he has been involved with and answered questions.

26 October: EXTINCTION REBELLION

Jenny and Derek Langley from Cambridge Extinction Rebellion gave their personal insight into what XR is all about, and answered questions. You can see a fuller report, including some useful links for further information, [on our website](#).



OTHER PAST EVENTS

SECOND ENVIRONMENT FORUM WITH MP ANTHONY BROWNE

Anthony Browne held another Environment Forum on 8 October, which several 2G3S members attended. See the notes of the meeting via the 2G3S website [here](#)

CAMBRIDGE CLIMATE CHARTER

In early September, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, together with the City Council, launched the Cambridge Climate Charter. Please support this exciting initiative! Here is an extract from the CCF newsletter: *We were thrilled that over 150 people joined ourselves and Cambridge City Council for the launch of the Cambridge Climate Change Charter and our new carbon footprint calculator. Head over to the [CCF website](#) to measure your footprint, pledge to take action and join others in signing the Charter. If you have any feedback (the site is still in beta mode) do [let us know](#).*

OTHER 2G3S NEWS

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL: ZERO CARBON ACTION PLAN

As reported in the last newsletter, 2G3S, headed by our convenor, **Claire Lord**, has supported parish councils in their bids for funding from this scheme. Specifically: a tree planting consultant and a review of energy efficiency in the Parish Office (Sawston); a tree planting consultant and some trees (with the Playscape Group) (Great Shelford); and an energy efficiency consultant for the Jubilee Hall (Stapleford). The results of these bids should be known before Christmas.

LOCAL TRANSPORT – WOOLLARD’S LANE, GREAT SHELFORD

In August and September 2G3S, organised by **Jim Chisholm**, carried out traffic surveys of Woollard’s Lane, Great Shelford, to assess the feasibility of introducing measures to stop some forms of through traffic (known as ‘modal filters’). Further discussions will be held with the Parish Council, local businesses, and the village Playscape project. (PS – congratulations to Jim on the successful lifting into position of the Abbey Chesterton Bridge on 7 November - a key milestone in the delivery of the flagship Chisholm Trail walking and cycling route!)

CAMPAIGNS, CONSULTATIONS ETC

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate, set up by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor James Palmer, has launched a [public survey](#) on the most pressing issues of climate change across the region and what action should be taken. Organisations or individuals wishing to submit a more detailed response can do so [here](#).

But be quick; the survey **closes at 5 pm NEXT MONDAY 16 November**.

Cambridgeshire County Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy

No further developments (March meeting postponed because of pandemic). However you can still [take a survey](#).

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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT BILLS

The **Agriculture Bill** received its Royal Assent on 11 November and is now the 2020 Agriculture Law. Read the official government announcement [here](#); and the NFU take on it, via 'our guest publication', Pig World, [here](#)

Progress on **The Environment Bill** was suspended due to the pandemic but has now restarted. We are at the Committee stage, and having been scrutinised by a multi-party Bill Committee, the Bill is now being debated in the House again (as of 12 November), so it's a good time to [remind our MP, Anthony Browne](#), to make sure he prioritises nature by engaging in the debates.



GREEN SHOOTS



(the section where we detail the latest 'green' developments in the area)

	We are delighted to announce that Green Weigh minimal waste shop has opened in Sawston High Street, offering a range of foods, household cleaning products, toiletries and gifts. All goods are sustainably & ethically sourced and vegan/cruelty free. Use your own containers or those available to purchase in store; sustainable paper bags for dry goods also provided. A click and collect service or home delivery via their fully electric vehicle are also offered.
For enquiries, contact	
hello@greenweighshop.co.uk	
Instagram @greenweighshop Website coming soon	

Meanwhile, **The Full Circle** zero waste shop, now based in Norfolk Street, Cambridge, is still open for [click and collect or delivered](#) food and drink, personal care and clothing care items. (The market stall is closed until further notice.)

Less happily, the **Stapleford Spar** has stopped having fresh fruit and veg from greengrocer Les Ward; everything is back in plastic again, alas.

And finally...a few links...

Net zero – what's that all about?

- [The Centre for Alternative Technology](#) in Machynlleth, Wales, have produced a report called Zero Carbon Britain: Rising to the Climate Emergency. Read it [here](#).
- Closer to home, Cambridge University's Zero Policy Forum has produced an ambitious multidisciplinary report 'A Blueprint for a Green Future'. Details [here](#).
- Meanwhile, 2G3S supporter **Anthony Cooper** has written a timely and very comprehensive paper entitled 'Planning for Net Zero' which you can read [here](#) (note the first page is intentionally blank).

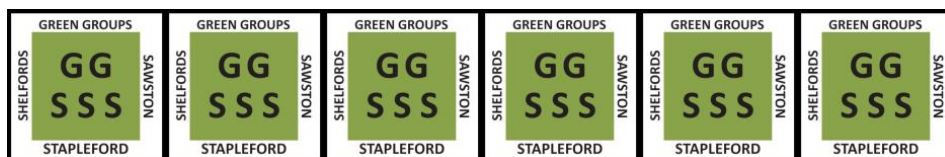
and another random one which caught my eye:

[Biodegradable, Carbon-Negative Straws and Cutlery Could Help Stop Plastic Pollution](#)

Stay safe and well everyone!

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