



2G3S Newsletter Extra March 2021

All the events listed are online and when you register you will be sent a link.

Upcoming 2G3S events

First, a quick reminder of some upcoming 2G3S events (if you want to come, email greengroupssss@gmail.com with the subject line 'Cambridge Nature Network', '8 April Planning' or 'Transport' as appropriate):

The Cambridge Nature Network: a talk by James Littlewood of CPPF

8 – 9.30 pm Thursday 11 March. More details on our website [here](#)

Planning meeting 8 pm Thursday 8 April

Transport Talk by Edward Leigh of Smarter Cambridge Transport 8 pm Monday 10 May.

South Cambridgeshire Climate and Environment Fortnight

Still to come:

Greening your older home, 1 - 2pm Tuesday 2 March

Shrinking your carbon footprint, 7.30 - 8.30pm Wednesday 3 March

Food for our Future workshop, 7.30 - 8.30pm Thursday 4 March

School Streets - a greener way to travel, 12 - 12.45pm Friday 5 March

More details [here](#).

You've missed it!

Several 2G3S members attended the session on **regenerative agriculture** in Cambridgeshire. It included a half-hour film of five local farmers showing how they are adapting their farming practices, followed by a Q&A. You can watch the film [here](#); if room I'll put further details in the next full 2G3S newsletter (in May).

South Cambridgeshire Zero Carbon Communities

May I commend the excellent and wide-ranging Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter produced by South Cambs District Council. The [latest edition](#) has information about the recently-awarded **Zero Carbon grants**; the **Doubling Nature** strategy; **StreetFocus** (a cycle route planner website, which helps you find out where planning applications are and see if new developments could pay for improvements to streets that would get more people cycling and walking); the new **Net Zero Now** scheme (see below); latest developments on **plastic**; **food waste**; **green grants**; and much more. It also gives details of how to get your own copy of the newsletter.

Net Zero Now

Cambridge Carbon Footprint and SCDC are launching Net Zero Now, a **training programme** designed to fast track our move to net zero emissions by building a network to deliver carbon reduction activities, events and communications that engage people of all backgrounds.

Training will begin this summer and will focus on

- taking action on climate change and how to communicate it
- improving practical organisational skills
- starting a carbon reduction project

2G3S will want to support this initiative: to find out more, or to take part in a short survey about it (by 7 March), visit the website [here](#).

Cambridge Festival 2021 and Earth Optimism

Friday 26th March - Sunday 4th April

The Science Festival and the Festival of Ideas have merged for 2021 and gone online. There are an incredible 350 events in total, with themes of Society, Health, Environment and Explore. Some events are streamed live, some are available for the 10 days of the festival. A few events that caught my eye (but there is far more so do take a look):

Film '2040' (which maps out a pathway for change that can lead us to a more ecologically sustainable and equitable future); free, 8 pm Friday 26 March

Earth Optimism events, eg films from around the world; [Q&A with David Attenborough](#) (may be too late now to submit a question) free, 2 pm Sunday 4 April; [Solutions Fair](#) (throughout)

[Mitigating inequality and the climate crisis through investments](#), free, 7.30 pm Wed 24 March

Collaborative board game '2050' (players work out strategies to move towards a future where climate change is mitigated) free, 2 pm on Sun 28 March and Sun 4 April

For more information about the Earth Optimism movement, see [here](#). For the full programme of Cambridge Festival events and booking details see [here](#).

Transition Cambridge Events

Some goodies coming up:

You might be just in time for

Safeguarding our local water resources - Stephen Tomkins Tues 2 March 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Stephen Tomkins's work with [Cam Valley Forum](#) to alert us all to the dangers threatening our rivers and streams is well known. His talk will show us why action is needed now to safeguard our water resources. [Book here](#) to receive the Zoom link; the talk is free, donations to Transition Cambridge [welcome](#).

For lots more really interesting events, including **Doughnut Economics** workshops, **food preservation, zero energy**; see [here](#). I am particularly looking forward to 2 well-known speakers:

Rob Hopkins (founder of the Transition Town movement) speaking on 'Why the next ten years needs to feel like a **revolution of the imagination**' on 16 March, and

Tony Juniper (local hero and conservationist) on '**Nature Recovery**' on 30 March.

Details of, and how to book, all these events [here](#).

Plantlife Road Verges campaign

You may remember I told you about the Plantlife campaign to introduce more wildflowers to road verges (there are methods to ensure that the wildflowers do not interfere with road safety and visibility). More councils are now joining in with the campaign. A talk on this that I attended recently can now be viewed online [here](#); latest developments in the campaign [here](#).

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