

# Manchester Climate Fortnightly

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## "Green Guru" appointed

As we reported in August (MCFly #5), the University of Manchester has been looking for a boffin to identify "technically plausible and socially viable options" for urban environments in their response to climate change. Well, they found their person- it's an internal appointment, of Dr Jeremy Carter

([www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/planning/staff/carter\\_jeremy.htm](http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/planning/staff/carter_jeremy.htm)).

His specific research interests include "Climate change mitigation and adaptation, environmental planning and management, strategic appraisal procedures, stakeholder participation and flood risk management."

He was involved in putting together the final report of the ASCCUE project (Adaptation Strategies for Climate Change in the Urban Environment.) Let's hope he has other dreadful acronyms up his sleeve (e.g. "SCORCHIO"), since they are a gift to headline writers...

Dr Carter has kindly agreed to be interviewed- it will be posted on our blog soon. We are far too polite (no, seriously, we are) to ask him about other aspects of the university's activity over which he has no control. Things like their biofuels ambitions, as reported in MCFly 9.



## What's coming up

**Mon 10 4 - 5pm.** "Technology, sustainable development and innovation policy" 10.04-10.05, MBS Harold Hankins building, Manchester University Precinct Centre.

**Mon 10 from 7.15pm** Campaign against Climate Change meeting at Friends Meeting House, Mount St  
[www.gmcacc.org](http://www.gmcacc.org)

**Tues 11 from 6.45pm** Friends of the Earth full group meeting = vegan cake! Greenfish Resource Centre 45 Oldham St  
[www.manchesterfoe.org.uk](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk)

**Thurs 13 7.30-9pm** Green Party meeting Friends Meeting House, Mount St

[www.manchestergreenparty.org.uk](http://www.manchestergreenparty.org.uk)

**Thurs 13 from 7pm** The South Manchester Reporter Big Debate on the TIF proposals, Parrs Wood High School, East Didsbury

**Weds 19 7.30 - 9.30pm.** TIF debate and SERA AGM Manchester Town Hall, Albert Sq  
[www.en4m.org.uk/?q=node/839](http://www.en4m.org.uk/?q=node/839)

**Weds 19 7.30- 9pm** "Faith and Climate Change" at Cafe Nexus, Dale St.

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## Campaign Victory!!

The Climate Bill is soon to be the Climate Act. It includes the fought-for 80% reduction target for 2050, more gases than just carbon dioxide included, *and* international aviation and shipping "taken into account" once a method of measuring "international" emissions is found. This is the culmination of a long hard slog, so congrats to all, especially Fiends of the Earth.

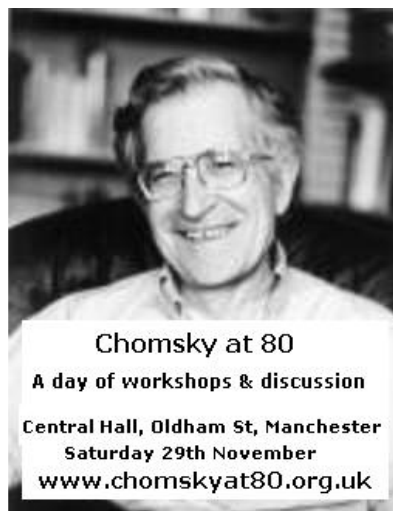
Manchester Friends of the Earth ([www.manchesterfoe.org.uk](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk)) have promised a briefing meeting about this, after December 12. MCFly will let you know when and where ... For a gloomy assessment, see Andrew Warren in the Daily Telegraph Nov 3 "When a promise isn't a commitment." <http://tinyurl.com/5cthr9>



i.e. "Help"

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- getting active(r) on Climate Change and then telling us about it so we can report it
- saying what's good/bad/missing from MCFly
- printing off copies and giving them to your friends and neighbours
- getting involved in the making of MCFly- email [editor@manchesterclimatefortnightly.info](mailto:editor@manchesterclimatefortnightly.info) for a chat



Chomsky at 80

A day of workshops & discussion

Central Hall, Oldham St, Manchester  
Saturday 29th November  
[www.chomskyat80.org.uk](http://www.chomskyat80.org.uk)

## Quotable quotes

"Appointing a new, dynamic, sane and competent captain for the Titanic seconds before impact is no cause for relaxation."

[www.throbgoblins.blogspot.com](http://www.throbgoblins.blogspot.com),  
November 6

## Local and Regional

**Oct 27** "Crain's Manchester Business" nominates itself for Amusing Misprint of the Week award with the following: "Baking giant Goldman Sachs may be in the Manchester Airports Group's corner when it bids for Gatwick Airport, according to reports today."

**Oct 27** Manchester is one of around fifty European cities pledging to fight climate change via concrete actions in areas such as housing (limiting urban spread, construction of energy efficient buildings), transport (promoting public transport and cycling) and energy (recycling of waste, production of renewable energies) at a "Eurocities" conference. [www.europolitics.info](http://www.europolitics.info)

**Oct 28** University of Manchester will play a "major role" in the "SUPERGEN" programme of research aimed at producing clean, cheap and sustainable hydrogen energy.

**Oct 31** "Eco-buses" that meet the toughest EU emissions standards are now running on the Greenfield, Manchester and Huddersfield run. Er, using biodiesel.

**Nov 3** The Piccadilly Basin development of "Town Centre Securities" has been awarded "carbon neutral" accreditation by TheCarbonNeutralCompany., thanks to offsets purchases in The Sichuan Hydro Power Project in China. The building also has a "living roof" and an "Excellent" BREEAM rating.

**Nov 3** Northwest European Regional Development Fund and NWDA have put forward a £8.65m funding package for SME projects which cut energy, save money and protect the environment. Enworks, based in Manchester, will be running the project and hopes to assist 1,500 NW businesses to make £31m in cost savings by reducing emissions and saving resources.

**Nov 6** BMI confirm that it will end all transatlantic flights from Manchester Airport (Chicago, Las Vegas and the Caribbean) from January and April next year.

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## Campaign dispatches

**Campaign against Climate Change** is having its annual march in London on Saturday December 6. Tickets on a coach there and back available for £25/£12 unwaged from [swpmre@yahoo.com](mailto:swpmre@yahoo.com) or 07958535231

**Only Planet** people are focussing on getting the first book distributed, and will meet again on Saturday December 13, 10.30am, at Nexus Cafe, Dale St. [www.onlyplanet.info](http://www.onlyplanet.info)

### Like falling off a blog...

With reports on the latest Green Drinks, on Manchester Evening News' first ever climate front page story, a transition review and "Obama and Climate Change." [www.manchesterclimatefortnightly.blogspot.com](http://www.manchesterclimatefortnightly.blogspot.com)

## Gone with the wind...

Plans for a wind turbine in front of the City of Manchester Stadium- which would have powered the stadium and neighbouring industrial estate- have been abandoned for fear of falling ice. And Coronation Power's proposed windfarm near Rochdale got knocked back by planners the week before.

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## National

**Oct 27** NGOs deliver a petition against Kingsnorth power station to E.ON, using Greenpeace's "Rainbow Warrior". And of course, they graciously acknowledge the hard work and guts of Climate Camp ([www.climatecamp.org.uk](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk)) in opening up the political space to make that happen. Not.

**Oct 29** World Wildlife Fund releases its bi-annual Living Planet Report. To sustain current levels of consumption, we need a second Earth. [www.wwf.org.uk](http://www.wwf.org.uk)

**Oct 30** BSI British Standards, the Carbon Trust and Defra launch a new standard- called PAS 2050- which tracks the life cycle of GHG in goods and services. This will allow businesses to assess – and hopefully reduce- their carbon footprints.

**Nov 3** Goodweather Holdings, part of the Peel group, has upped its stake in UK Coal to shares representing 28% of the voting rights in the business. Peel is also involved in wind farms and is exploring tidal energy in the Mersey estuary supplies.

## Global

**Oct 29** China says developed countries should be spending 1 per cent of their domestic product helping poorer nations cut greenhouse gas emissions. This would amount to 130 billion dollars from the US. Not likely.

**Oct 30** The European Investment Bank is pondering giving £31bn in "soft loans" to European carmakers for more fuel efficient technologies.

**Nov 3** The UN Environment Programme is co-sponsoring (with the US Department of Defense amongst others) a conference on the military's importance in protecting the climate...

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## Read all about it...

The Local Government Association publishes a plan for an "energy generating democracy" [www.lga.gov.uk](http://www.lga.gov.uk)  
"Defence Groups enter green zone". Qinetiq, Raytheon and others are mobilising their specialist skills in the battle against climate change, writes Sylvia Pfeifer in the Financial Times, 30 October 2008 <http://tinyurl.com/6owjmm>  
The Philanthropic Roots Of Corporate Environmentalism by Michael Barker [www.swans.com/library/art14/barker07.html](http://www.swans.com/library/art14/barker07.html)  
UKClimate Impacts Programme newsletter [www.ukcip.org.uk](http://www.ukcip.org.uk)

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Next issue out **Sunday November 23**, and will include a look at the NWDA ([www.nwda.co.uk](http://www.nwda.co.uk)) and their climate actions...

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