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April 6 Call to Real Action, 62 page grassroots report on what the Council and people of Manchester can start doing about climate change enjoyably launched. www.calltorealaction.wordpress.com

April 6 Manchester Independent Economic Review launched. But low carbon-ness was not in their remit...

April 8. AFL! GMWDA PFI! Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) signs a 25 year Private Finance Initiative (PFI) waste and recycling contract with Viridor Laing.



April 6 Research carried out by the Universities of Manchester Edinburgh and Toronto published in the journal Nature, reveals that storing carbon dioxide underground in water-filled gas fields could have important implications for reducing climate change.

April 7 Northwest Business Insider reports that "North West Biogas" is looking for £2m to build a new plant will be designed to accommodate an initial 40,000 tonnes of commercial organic waste. The company is looking, natch, to grow market share and provide a cost-effective means of processing organic waste streams into renewable energy.

April 9 Nuclear Management Partners (NMP), decommissioners of Sellafield, are ponying up £20m over the next 5 years to help support west Cumbria's Energy Coast Masterplan.



April 5 According to the Times Online, a government-sponsored report to be released later this year recommends "the price of permits to emit carbon dioxide should be at least £85, about eight times the present price, if they are to meet their goal of getting big polluters to cut emissions."

April 6 The Confederation of British Industry argues that government ministers are not doing enough to cut global warming emissions or make sure the UK does not run out of power and that billions of pounds of necessary investment will move to the US and China unless the government takes "urgent action."

April 9 Leila Dean, who mandelsoned Peter Slime, accepts a police caution.



April 6 The Italian city of Parma (Italy, think the cheese) is working with IBM to create a new model for a sustainable "smart city." "The initiative seeks to generate citizen-focused innovations that will provide new "intelligence" for the city's existing infrastructure..."

April 8 Gone with the Wind? The developers of London Array, the project to build the world's largest offshore wind farm in the Thames estuary, have approached the European Investment Bank for a bailout.



April 3 A draft government report says climate change could cost California tens of billions of dollars a year.

April 8 The latest UNFCCC negotiations, in Bonn, end with "little progress on drafting a text, but succeeded in "narrowing gaps" among parties." MCFly feels safer already..

Scary Science



Global warming is likely to overshoot a 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 F) rise seen by the European Union and many developing nations as a trigger for "dangerous" change, a

Reuters poll of scientists showed recently. Now *that's* fear-reviewed science...

Manchester : what's coming up

Tues 14, 6.45pm for 7.15pm - 9pm Friends of the Earth full group meeting, Green Fish Resource Centre, 46-50 Oldham St.

www.manchesterfoe.org.uk

Thurs 16 Announcement of Northwest Climate Fund projects. MCFly will report on them.

Thurs 16 at 11am "Climate Crisis: Public Sector Programmes" 10.09 Harold Hankins Building, University of Manchester. Professor Markus Milne and Professor Amanda Ball from University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Fri 17, 6pm to 9pm The Fight Against World Poverty: Where next for the UK? Department for International Development Regional Consultation Event at New Century House, Manchester

Sat 18 Launch of arcSpace, St Wilfrids, Hulme
www.arcspacemanchester.org.uk

Tues 21 from 7.30pm, Call to Real Action follow-up meeting. Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St
www.calltorealaction.wordpress.com



Best laid eco plans fall short in China

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Climate Change too important to be left to the environmentalists

Stephen Hale, Grauniad 8 April

<http://tinyurl.com/c5q3ut>

BBC "cheat's guide" to EU laws

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/7959853.stm>

Arresting Crap of the Week

The cleantech website

www.greenbang.com reports students

at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology have calculated that

revolving doors help reduce the

amount of heat lost from buildings

when people walk in or out. The

trainee boffins reckon that an average

of eight times as much air is lost to the

outside when using a standard door,

compared to a revolving door.