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Sussex Climate And Nature Network (SCANN)

November 2026 Newsletter #3.

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Updates

I. How SCANN is shaping the SBSA Prosperity strategy

The draft of the SBSA Prosperity strategy was published today, Wednesday 4 Nov. We are delighted that it includes the definition of Prosperity proposed in a SCANN-supported open letter.

"Prosperity in Sussex is when people, place, the economy and nature are resilient and thrive together, now and in the future"

The challenge now is to make that a reality, and SCANN has a huge part to play. We have not yet analysed whether the proposals uphold that commitment, but are diving in now.

Consultation on the opening in the week commencing 16 November 2026 and closing at midday on 18 January 2027. The SBSA say "Consultation will widen participation and test both documents with residents, businesses and organisations. It will combine online consultation, targeted resident engagement and stakeholder discussions…"

It is a short timeframe and we will need to mobilise quickly. We will think through best ways of sharing information with our networks and supporting engagement in the consultation phase. SCANN can do this!

We have created a WhatsApp Group to share analysis and to plan how to engage during the consultation phase (and beyond!)

https://chat.whatsapp.com/BK0Ou9pFoog3TJFc8QbeZ4

Other ways SCANN members are influencing this process: SCANN members and letter signatories took part in a Rural, Coastal and Nature Symposium to inform those chapters of the Prosperity Strategy. Cat Fisher's takeways from the Symposium.

II. Action points from our SCANN gathering in September 2026 in Haywards Heath.

The SCANN Steering Group met to review the recent successful gathering of over 30 SCANN members in Haywards Heath, and agreed the actions below:

- **Review SCANN's High-level asks** and map them to the authority's competences, and use the agreed structure to refresh the website.
- **Communications and Structure.** The group discussed technical and organisational improvements for member engagement. There was also a discussion on managing WhatsApp fatigue by utilising the "announcements" feature rather than the full forum.
- **Finalise and submit the Environmental Audit Committee consultation** This was submitted on 21 October
- **Organisational Growth** SG to draft a constitution for SCANN. This is a vital step toward opening a dedicated bank account and facilitating crowdfunding.
- Our priority is to grow the network and expand the already broad representation across Sussex.

Next SCANN meeting proposed December/ January

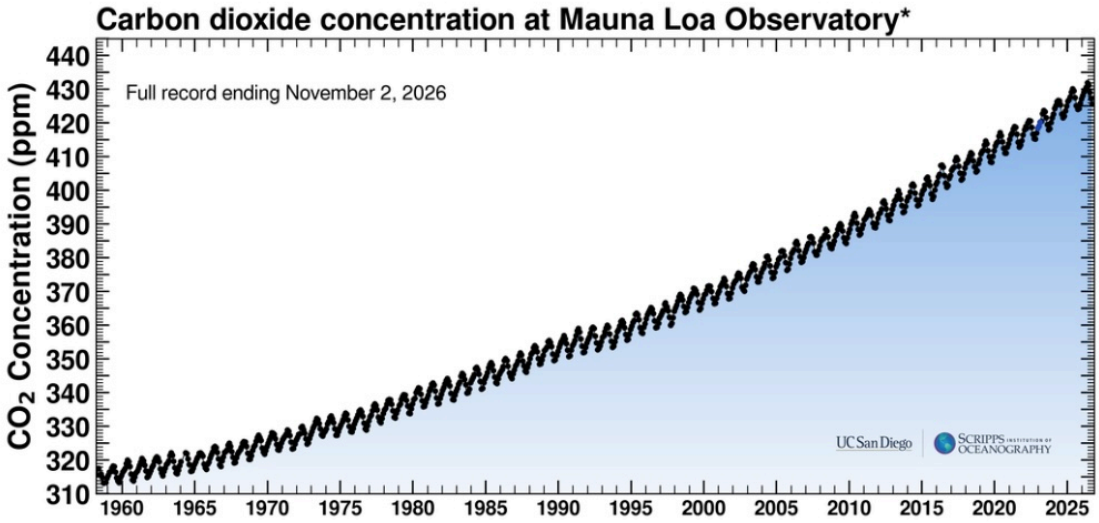
III. Other major SCANN responses

- As a result of the September meeting in Haywards Heath, a dedicated team of SCANN members worked intensively in September and October to submit a detailed response to ***the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) inquiry on Climate Adaptation .*** The FINAL submission is here FINAL SCANN Submission to EAC- :- Please do not publish this elsewhere until the EAC notify us we are free to publish the document. We shall update members if anyone is called to give evidence at the Inquiry.
- Further to this, a briefer submission was made to the National Heat Risk Commission (NHRC) call for evidence on their 15 questions relating to heat events this summer. The FINAL submission is here SCANN_NHRC_FInal_Response(1)(1).pdf Again please do not publish this elsewhere until the NHRC notify us we are free to publish the document. We shall update members if anyone is called to give evidence at the Inquiry.
- A group of SCANN members created a considered response on the recent Brighton & Hove City Managing flood risks across the City (of Brighton & Hove) consultation. Our suggested comments are here: 'suggested responses'.

IV. Other upcoming consultations and pre Mayoral events are:

- Review of the July 2026 Sussex Nature Recovery Strategies for East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove; **deadline 26th November 2026.** If anyone has replied to, or is working on this consultation, please let us know by emailing contactscann@gmail.com.

Members section



CO_2 matters: Why are we burning our planet too fast?- Steve Cookson, Crawley

Most people have heard that global warming is primarily caused by CO_2 in the atmosphere. We've known about this since at least 1896, when Swedish chemist Svante Arrhenius, later a Nobel Laureate, wrote a famous paper on the subject. We have heard about Net Zero and the Paris climate conference and the Kyoto Protocol, and thought it was all in hand.

If you look in Wikipedia on CO2 there is a graph called the Keeling Curve (see figure – you can even see the seasonal changes on it) and we realise that, despite decades of talk, CO_2 in the atmosphere is not just still rising: **it is accelerating.** Nothing, literally nothing, has been achieved in curtailing the global rise in CO_2, and therefore in limiting global warming.

*That CO_2 causes global warming is established science.
*That CO_2 is rising dramatically is established science.
*That climate change follows from that rise is established science.

Everything else is noise, driven by a few bad actors using the same tactics pioneered by the tobacco industry. "Climate change is cyclical" is misleading. It's not cyclical to this degree. "CO_2 is plant food" is misleading. It can boost some plant growth in some conditions, but not nearly enough to offset heat, drought, nutrient loss and ocean acidification. "The climate has always changed" is misleading. Past changes were generally slower and driven by different causes; this one is unusually fast and tracks fossil fuel use.

The nay-sayers are noisy, poorly informed and sure of themselves, but they are wrong. Check the Keeling Curve for yourself and don't let the noise destroy our futures and our children's futures.



SCANN member Chris Todd, Brighton, is on
The Sussex And The City Podcast Episode #68 Are We About To Repeat Sussex's Planning Mistakes At A Bigger Scale?
Guest: Chris Todd – campaigner, activist and founder of Transport Action Network

Be Part of South East Climate Alliance's (SECA's) Future!

SECA's team were delighted to hand over to an experienced team who've supported SECA from the beginning. They have exciting ideas for continuing to grow the coalition of environment, community and faith groups across South East England, uniting for urgent action on climate

community and faith groups across South East England, uniting for urgent action on climate change and biodiversity loss. Planning has already started for the Spring in person gathering!

See SECA's October Newsletter for more information:
https://mailchi.mp/70967422174e/seca-newsletter-18177405

If you are a representative of a group that would like to join SECA or update your information, please email: southeastclimatealliance@gmail.com

Individuals are welcome to sign up online for SECA's newsletter: https://seclimatealliance.uk

Forthcoming events & training

Friends of the Earth training events

Devolution and Mayors: Opportunities for Local Campaigners, Wednesday 18 November, 6.30pm England's devolution landscape is changing fast. Join Friends of the Earth activists to explore the latest developments on devolution, Mayoral Strategic Authorities, local government reorganisation, and opportunities for climate and nature campaigning. There'll also be space to share experiences and look ahead to the 2027 and 2028 mayoral elections.Tickets

Creative campaigning tactics, Tuesday 24 November, 7.30pm
Join our creative campaigning tactics session to be inspired by tactics which helped shift the power and win campaigns in the social justice movement. We'll also discuss the strength and impact of these tactics, be thinking about our own comfort zones, and what has power to change people's thinking or put people in positions they need to take action. Tickets

Council attacks on climate action, Tuesday 26 January 2027, 7.00pm
This webinar is for groups who are facing political attacks on local climate action since the local elections in 2025 and 2026. It will be a space to share experiences and learn from each other and about the support available.Tickets

Membership update and a thank you

We now have 164 individuals and 90 groups as members!
We're delighted to say **thank you to Friends of the Earth** for their new group fund grant, which made our September 2026 in person meeting in Haywards Heath possible. The grant covered the hire of a hall, tea and biscuits (always essential!), and stationery, all of which helped make the day a real success.
With the remaining money, we have organised a banner for SCANN, so we can proudly announce ourselves at any future events. Keep an eye out for us & come and say hello!

The grant also included a tree planting award of £50. If your group either has a tree planting project in train or could use the money to start one please contact us at ContactScann@gmail.com

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Please tell us about the project: where it is, the number/ type of trees, how you would use the money and date when it will be completed and we will see if we are able to help.

Finally - Joining SCANN, the website & WhatsApp

*If you have not done so already, please Join SCANN, and the SCANN Community on WhatsApp

Take a look at our our website and also check out our padlet-based SCANN Noticeboard that you can all contribute to.

We now have a list of organisations that our members belong to. If your organisation, group or company is NOT listed then email us to get added (see below).

For any other queries please email contactscann@gmail.com

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