

HoTT JoTTings

Working Towards Sustainable Living in the Holme Valley



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Community Carbon Reduction

This week we learned that the US president-elect has appointed as head of the Environmental Protection Agency a man who has spent the last few years honing his skills at fighting Obama's efforts to make US policy more climate friendly.

If US policy on tackling climate change is turned on its head, it will be all the more important that other countries, including the UK, work harder to reduce our carbon emissions.



Would you like to join **Footpaths**, the Community Carbon Reduction Programme that HoTT is aiming to start up in the New Year?

There's always more we can learn and do to support each other to reduce our carbon footprints, which is very gratifying! More from Nigel at 688041 or Janet at 686912.

HoTT's new-look website

If you haven't investigated HoTT's new website yet, take a look - <http://www.hott.org.uk/>. It brings together our history as a Transition Town with new efforts to introduce information about climate change as the science develops and news of HoTT's upcoming events.

The website provides also information and resources for our HoTT supporters and others on our current and past activities.

If you missed some of the 2016 Film Programme you can find links to the films shown about climate change, food, energy and transport. We are planning another season for 2017. Watch this space!

We welcome your views about what HoTT does. You can post comments, questions or as Caroline Aherne used to say, "let's have a heated debate".

Staying Warm this Winter

Do you know anyone who lives in a cold house? Are they elderly, do they have a chronic health condition that could be exacerbated by the cold, or do they have small children?

Severe cold could affect any one of these people particularly badly. The DoH chief medical officer this week announced the shocking possibility that severe weather this winter could "substantially add to the average winter death toll" to the extent of 40,000 excess deaths.

HoTT can assist people in these circumstances with free draught proofing materials to help keep heat in and draughts out, and thermal curtain lining at £1 a metre.

We will be at **Holmfirth Library on Fridays, 6th January, 3rd February and 3rd March, from 10.00 a.m. till noon.** Please spread the word to anyone you know who might benefit.

Plans for 2017

HoTT's core groups are working on plans we want to accomplish in the coming year. Ideas so far include feasibility studies for possible renewable energy schemes; moving on with the cycling strategy as an alternative to the car for commuters travelling into Huddersfield; working more closely with other groups and local organisations.

We are seeking people who would like to help promote HoTT and its activities regularly on social media. HoTT can offer the opportunity to join with us on a Social Media workshop run by Social Progress of Honley, if you are interested.

Want to join in our activities?

Have a particular interest?

Looking how to help in getting the message out about the need for Climate Change action?

Then send us a message via Contact Us on the HoTT website!

We wish you a happy Christmas and a productive year in 2017!

Janet Williams

