

March 2013 Email Update

Dear 1010 and Greening Campaign Supporters

Plans for 2013

We've crunched the ideas from the January Planning Meeting down to five main focus areas for 2013. Hope you approve – and you'll be tempted to get involved:

- A revamped Give Your Stuff Away Day starting on Sunday 7th April and running quarterly over the year. We have a new indoor gathering point at Steyning's Catholic Church, so we can dodge any dodgy weather. See below for details.
- Tasty tips on eating well, and wasting less a series of events to get us thinking about what we eat, how we can grow more food locally, turn out tasty nutritious meals, and avoid throwing good stuff away unnecessarily.
- A Compost Campaign to encourage us to get going on composting, so we can
 recycle more of our green waste in our own back yards. To include a 'compost clinic'
 with advice on how to get your compost heap steaming.
- Meet your meter and cut your bills we'll be lending out energy meters and
 offering hands-on help in tracking your fuel consumption so you can spot where
 energy is being wasted, and savings can be made.
- Walks, talks, and tweets we'll be continuing with our monthly 'Green Drinks' talks and debates and are lining up some great topics and speakers (see below). They're on the last Wednesday of most months but venues will vary so make sure you check the website. A summer walk is also planned including an introduction on bee keeping, and we're getting going on using Facebook and Twitter (@steyning1010) so we can keep the buzz going on all matters green.

Detailed plans are still being worked up for most of these, so keep an eye on the website and email update for latest news. *Fancy helping out with any of these?* Drop us an email at 1010steyning@gmail.com or come along to a Green Drinks evening.

Give Your Stuff Away Day kicks off on 7 April

It's back. And this time it's bigger and better! The format's similar to last year – leaving unwanted items outside your home for others to pick up for free. But in addition we're going to use Steyning Catholic Church on Bramber Road as our central collection location. We'll be doing 'make do and mend' demos, providing recycling tips, and offering delicious teas and cakes. It's from 1-5 pm so come along! See the Recycling Page on the website for full details. Future GYSAD dates are July 7th and October 6th, with a post-Christmas "stuff-shuffle" on January 5th 2014 so get them in your diaries now.

Green Drinks Speakers - planes, campaigns, and food chains

The next Green Drinks will be on Weds 27 March (8.00pm at the Norfolk Arms) - where we have local resident Malcolm Quigley, an engineer with Virgin Atlantic, talking the steps the airline industry is taking to **make flying more environmentally friendly**.

We're working to finalise speakers for the rest of the year. Malachi Chadwick from 1010's London HQ will be joining us to talk about their experience running the global 1010 campaign; we've invited the Coop to talk about their perspective on sustainability; and are hoping to run a session later in the year on green investments. Keep an eye on the website for latest details.

Other events coming up

There's a number of other events coming up in the next month you may be interested in:

- 26 March Brighton the national Greening Campaign are running an in depth briefing on the Green Deal
- 28 March Brighton Friends of the Earth are organising an event on <u>"Energy we can all afford"</u>
- Starting 31st March Daylands Farm are running a series of "Pick it, Cook it events a programme of foraging and cooking events reflecting the rhythm of the seasons".
 Check out their website for details.

So it's shaping up to be a busy year ahead. Hope to see you at one or more of these events.

Best wishes

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