

## **COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONAL SUPPER No.1: exploring climate change in our community**

Hosted by Creative Beings CIC, Wed 25th March, 19:00 at The Honiton Inn, Awliscombe

We're starting a series of informal Community Conversational Suppers where someone picks a topic then we gather to chat, eat, hear a speaker (sometimes from East Devon?) and chat some more. For the first one, we're proposing a chat about environmental change and our part in it. (Just a small topic then!) Here's an introduction and invitation ...

Most people agree that mankind's impact on the environment is accelerating global warming. National governments can be slow to change whereas smaller communities can find it easier to act in new and different ways. However, both our Parliament and Honiton Town Council have taken the plunge and declared a Climate Emergency.

We (Sue and Martin) wear out clothes until they have holes in them. We recycle. We cycle (sometimes). But we also use oil-fired central heating. And drive a diesel car. And it's a 4WD. We believe there is a climate emergency that mankind is fuelling. We've changed some habits but then, when we look at the scale of the issues, we wonder if we're just rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic? Nothing seems simple or straight-forward. Is it better to work with the anxiety or bury our heads in the sand? Extinction Rebellion (XR) are raising awareness of some of the issues and position themselves as catalysts for the solution, though some disagree with how they choose to get their messages across. And what can this movement achieve in a world that's still building coal-fired power stations? We'd love to learn more, so we've invited Chris Wood from XR in Exeter to come and share some thoughts.

So, why not join us, on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March, in The Honiton Inn? We'll start with informal chat then supper at 7pm. Around 7:30, Chris will share a 45min presentation about the climate/ecological crisis we are in and the role XR is playing. Then we can discuss the issues raised and what they might mean for us locally. Come along, listen, ask questions and chat. Over a pint, if you like.

Greg & Amie in The Honiton Inn are putting on a simple but appropriate menu for the evening:

- Beef burger and chips (made from Kentisbeare beef from Fordmore Farm Shop) £9.99
- Special vegan burger and chips £9.99

Please let us know if you'd like to come so that they can get most of the food prepared in advance. There will be an opportunity to contribute to Chris' travel expenses (coming by car) and Creative Beings CIC will pick up any shortfall.

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Or call Greg & Amie at the Honiton Inn 01404 46161