



## Footsteps to Copenhagen for THIS December

We are looking at climate change and what we in Cornwall can do about it. You may know a good deal about this subject or very little, but one thing is now agreed by most scientists, **we are at the beginning of a crisis.**

**We know we can do something about this crisis if we start acting now.** In April Truro Cathedral

hosted a meeting of potentially interested individuals and organisations to discuss ways of:

- a) Raising awareness amongst local people of the United Nations climate change negotiations to be held in December in Copenhagen, and
- b) Delivering a message from the people of Cornwall to our Government about the need to make the necessary commitment at those negotiations to help ensure global warming is kept within the critical 2°C.

50 representatives of organisations from local authorities, charities, churches, political parties and educational establishments agreed to support these objectives and a planning group was set up consisting of: Canon Philip Lambert (Truro Cathedral), Claire Eason-Bassett (Event Cornwall), Oliver Baines (Groundswell/Transition Ladock), Howard Curnow (Cornwall Wildlife Trust), Bert Biscoe (County/City councillor), Phyllis Reddock (WI), Robin Sellwood (Transition Truro/Truro Cathedral), Sarah Wetherill (Transition Truro), Lindsay Southcombe (FOE/Green Party) and Jemma Roberts (Coast).

Many events are being planned to highlight **The Cornish Declaration**. We want as many people and organisations as possible to sign and return it to the Cathedral by **Friday 9 October**. This is the date of a Cathedral event to raise awareness of the Copenhagen negotiations, deliver a clear message to local politicians and to show the level of local concern about climate change. The “Cornish declaration” will then be delivered to London in the most carbon cutting way possible (novel suggestions welcome!), this could be on **Saturday 5 December** which is the date of the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition march in London.

If you are a part of an organisation or business please put this on your agenda and please tell your friends, guests and visitors.

We have not got a lot of time so please join in and sign the declaration and send it back to us, or perhaps you could display the poster and look out for events in your community over the coming months. All are available on the website <http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/> under the **HOT TOPICS** button.

We will be successful in our objectives if Cornwall raises its voice with this campaign; a voice heard not only in London, but Brussels and Copenhagen- our voice- your voice. We can do this with your support and that of your organisation.

Here is a flavour of what we hope to do so please note them in your diary:

### **Friday 9 October.**

The Cathedral event to raise awareness of the Copenhagen negotiations and collecting together of the **Cornish Declaration**.

### **Monday 19 – Friday 23 October**

Schools undertake their own individual events/marches in their localities the week before half term.

### **Saturday 24 October to Friday 30 October**

Penzance to Saltash march/cycle ride starts in Penzance on Saturday 24 October and finishes in Saltash on Friday 30 October, averaging 7-8 miles a day. Local events will be encouraged during this week at each over-night stopping off point and elsewhere.

**Saturday 31 October** - Groups/organisations from the local events, and other interested individuals joint the marchers/cyclists in Saltash on Saturday 31 October crossing over the Tamar for a mass rally on the Plymouth side featuring prominent/high profile speakers and politicians.

Delivery of the **Cornish Declaration** to 10 Downing Street.

### **Carbon cutting in Cornwall**

The declaration sums up how we will strive to make less of an impact on our resources which in turn affect the climate. Soon easy and real carbon cutting pledges will be available for everyone to make a big and instant difference in carbon consumption and will enable us to document your role and participation. Along with the declarations taken to the government, we hope this additional evidence will show what the people in Cornwall are capable of in

the hope to inspire and empower them to make the right decisions in December. This will be easy one-phonerecall or one-step tasks that will lead to a great carbon cutting exercise. Watch this space for an announcement soon of when they will be available. It is likely they will be in the Cathedral, on-line and available to you by post or from the Cathedral Office.

This is a really exciting opportunity for individuals to make an impact on some of the most important decisions the United Nations will ever make.

### **Further support.**

All of this is being financed by private donations. If you would like to contribute something no matter how small or large, cheques should be made payable to "Truro Cathedral (Footsteps to Copenhagen)" and sent to the Cathedral Office.

### **Information**

If you would like to become involved or would like to know more, please call the coordinator of the Footsteps to Copenhagen project: Luci Scholes 01872 241239 or 07909 530 730.

**Please find a declaration card attached to this email to sign and return.** If you would like more **declaration cards** to hand out and **posters** to display in your window or a notice board you have access to collect them from the Cathedral Office. If you would like some posted to you the Office 'phone number is 01872 276782.