

Community Alliance Monthly Meeting Climate Change (part 2)  
***Taking Action Together on the Climate Crisis***

Co-sponsored by Transition Salt Spring and The Climate Action Group

***Monday June 24th, 7pm, Lions Hall***

The June 24th community meeting will focus on the **personal and collective actions we can take** in response to the urgent need to transform our energy systems, our economy, our politics and our society - and push us towards a more sustainable way of living.

Come to the meeting to learn about personal actions you can take that will make the most difference, and inspire others with your ideas for collective actions that you can take together. End the overwhelm and isolation that is preventing real solutions. Find those who want to work with you. Together, we believe it is possible to avert this crisis, and to transform our world in the process!

Before attending the meeting we encourage you to read the links below to be informed and connected to some of the climate crisis activities happening on SSI and globally.

## **1. Highlights from the 2011 Salt Spring Climate Action Plan**

Read this summary of specific and local actions that could use more support through volunteers, political lobbying, community organising and funding: <http://bit.ly/2KtoDEd>

Full report here: <http://bit.ly/2Z4tMGE>

### **Top Local Actions:**

- **Transportation:** Drive less (use alternatives like biking, walking, bus, car pool, virtual meetings, EV's) and keep your vehicle well maintained.
- **Food:** Eat local and seasonal, less processed, more organic and vegetarian.

## **2. Project Drawdown**

[www.Drawdown.org](http://www.Drawdown.org)

**The Community Alliance and Transition Salt Spring have taken the top list of 80 actions suggested by Project Drawdown and compared it to what is already happening on SSI.** Check out this spreadsheet to be inspired and see where to connect in to support ongoing work or to initiate new projects. [LINK HERE](#)

Project Drawdown gathers and facilitates a broad coalition of researchers, scientists, graduate students, PhDs, post-docs, policy makers, business leaders and activists to assemble and present the best available information on climate solutions in order to describe their beneficial financial, social and environmental impact over the next thirty years.

Dr. Leon Clark, one of the lead authors of the IPCC 5th Assessment on Climate, wrote, "*We have the technologies, but we really have no sense of what it would take to deploy them at scale.*" **Together, let's figure this out.**

### **3. Greta Thunberg at the Austrian World Summit Vienna 2019**

Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=64&v=-uFO6p4lurw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=64&v=-uFO6p4lurw)

Greta says - *"This is above all an emergency, and not just any emergency. This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. This is not something you can like on facebook."*

### **4. Green New Deal Town Hall on Salt Spring – June 17**

<https://greennewdealcanada.ca>

**Please register for the Salt Spring Town Hall on July 17 here:**

<https://act.greennewdealcanada.ca/town-halls/ganges/>

Personal lifestyle choices will never be enough to avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Governments around the world must enact sweeping policy changes on many fronts. One of the clearest calls for national policy level changes is coming from the “Green New Deal” campaign. Just like during the original New Deal in America during the Depression, the Green New Deal envisions a radical and rapid transformation of both the economy and the culture.

Town Hall meetings are now taking place across Canada to ensure that many voices are included in the formation of this Canadian version of the Green New Deal. **On Salt Spring, the Town Hall meeting is on Monday June 17 at 5pm at Meaden Hall** (below the Legion).

A Green New Deal is a vision of rapid, inclusive and far-reaching transition, to slash emissions, protect critical biodiversity, meet the demands of the multiple crises we face, and create over a million jobs in the process.

The conversation about a Green New Deal for Canada must be led from the ground up. You are invited to be part of that groundswell.

### **5. Ecological Civilization: The Vision**

<https://davidkorten.org/home/ecological-civilization/>

An authentic economics for an Ecological Civilization will be grounded in the scientific understanding of how living communities of trillions of individual living organisms self-organize to create and maintains the conditions essential to life’s existence. It will measure economic performance by indicators of the healthy function of individuals, families, communities, local biosystems, and Earth’s global biosphere.

### **6. Extinction Rebellion – Local & international organizing for civil disobedience action on climate crisis**

<https://extinctionrebellion.ca/>

Social science shows us that peaceful civil disobedience is an effective way to bring about change. Extinction Rebellion organizes people to help them take direct action in response to the climate crisis. This is one way to move beyond personal actions into collective and political actions.