

# GLOBAL DIRECTORY 2007/8

## CLIMATE CHANGE

**BIOFUEL WATCH** The European Biofuel Directive is creating a massive unregulated market in biofuels. There are biofuels which are truly sustainable and climate friendly. Palm oil or soya from rainforest land are not. *Web: [www.biofuelwatch.org.uk](http://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk), <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/biofuelwatch>*

**BRISTOL BIKE SHED AT MUD DOCK** Innovative project to encourage the local workforce to cycle to work by offering high-quality facilities for cyclists, including secure locking, showers, repairs, etc. *Contact: 40 The Grove, Bristol BS1 4RB. Tel: (Cycleworks) 0117 929 2151 Email: [mail@mud-dock.co.uk](mailto:mail@mud-dock.co.uk) Web: [www.mud-dock.co.uk](http://www.mud-dock.co.uk)*

**BRISTOL CITY CAR CLUB** Cars for people who can't quite live without them. BCCC provides an alternative to car ownership by giving people access to cars parked across Bristol. Monthly membership fee, plus time and mileage fees. *Tel: 0845 258 2989 Email: [richard@citycarclub.co.uk](mailto:richard@citycarclub.co.uk) (local contact person) Web: [www.citycarclubs.co.uk](http://www.citycarclubs.co.uk)*

**BRISTOL CYCLING CAMPAIGN** Do you ride a bike because you believe in a more sustainable lifestyle? Prefer socialising with like-minded people who share the same values? Enjoy cycling trips into the countryside for picnics, visiting pubs and enjoying the scenery, but without gruelling distances and racing up hills? Then the Bristol Cycling Campaign is the group for you! To receive a free copy of the BCC Newsletter, including a diary of rides and social events, visit the website. *Web: [www.bristolcyclingcampaign.org.uk](http://www.bristolcyclingcampaign.org.uk)*

**CAR SHARES** For car shares in the Greater Bristol area. *Web: [www.2carshare.com](http://www.2carshare.com)*

**CITY SPRINT** Cycle courier service for central Bristol. *Tel: 0117 955 5566 Fax: 0117 955 5566 Email: [bristol@citysprint.co.uk](mailto:bristol@citysprint.co.uk) Web: [www.citysprint.co.uk/courier/service\\_centres/bristol.html](http://www.citysprint.co.uk/courier/service_centres/bristol.html)*

**CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER TRANSPORT** brings together national experts, local campaigners and organisations to create transport policies and programmes that give people better lives. Working nationally and locally, collectively and as individuals, through high-level lobbying and strong public campaigning, we make good transport ideas reality and stop bad ones happening. *Contact: Campaign for Better Transport, The Impact Centre, 12-18 Hoxton Street, London N1 6NG. Tel: 020 7613 0743 Email: [info@bettertransport.org.uk](mailto:info@bettertransport.org.uk) Web: [www.bettertransport.org.uk](http://www.bettertransport.org.uk)*

**DRAGONFLYER MOBILITY** provides sustainable mobility services along the A38 corridor, thus encouraging lower carbon emissions from local transport. *Contact: Steve Tainton, 19 Eastfield Rd, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 4AE. Tel: 07771 583860 Email: [flyer@dragonflyermobility.co.uk](mailto:flyer@dragonflyermobility.co.uk) Web: [www.dragonflyermobility.co.uk](http://www.dragonflyermobility.co.uk)*

**ECOLANE** Consultancy providing independent advice on how to reduce the environmental impact of road transport through the promotion of low-carbon vehicles. An associate member of the Sustainable Transport Solutions Network. *Contact: Ecolane, Spike Island, 133 Cumberland Rd, Bristol BS1 6UX. Tel: 0117 929 8855 Mob: 07896 299354 Email: [info@ecolane.co.uk](mailto:info@ecolane.co.uk) Web: [www.ecolane.co.uk](http://www.ecolane.co.uk)*

**ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (ETA)** offers reliable and competitive recovery services to both motorists and cyclists. An ethical alternative to the AA

## Handy tips to... Cut the carbon

**INSULATE.** Heating is the biggest single domestic energy user. Insulate your loft (save 80 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/month) and walls (save 200 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/month): [www.thinkinsulation.com](http://www.thinkinsulation.com)

and the RAC, in that it campaigns against more roads and for a sustainable transport system. *Contact: 68 High St, Weybridge KT13 8RS. Tel: 0845 389 1010 Email: [eta@eta.co.uk](mailto:eta@eta.co.uk) Web: [www.eta.co.uk](http://www.eta.co.uk)*

**FRIENDS OF SUBURBAN BRISTOL RAILWAYS** Campaigning by groups like FOSBR has made the authorities admit that local railways can help relieve Bristol's roads. Change is in the air. It's in your interest to join the campaign. *Contact: 17 Belmont Rd, Bristol BS6 5AW. Email: [severnbeach@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:severnbeach@hotmail.co.uk) Web: [www.fosbr.org.uk](http://www.fosbr.org.uk)*

**LIFE CYCLE UK** promotes cycling throughout the region. Contact them for free cycle maps and detailed route advice. If you're new (or returning) to cycling, ask about Life Cycle's skills training courses. *Contact: Life Cycle UK, 86 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5BB. Tel: 0117 929 0440 Fax: 0117 927 7774 Email: [post@lifecycle.org.uk](mailto:post@lifecycle.org.uk) Web: [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk)*

**SUSTRANS** The UK's leading sustainable transport charity, based in Bristol. It works on practical projects to encourage cycling and walking, thereby reducing motor traffic and its adverse effects. Sustrans has completed the first 10,000 miles of the National Cycle Network and has ambitious plans for future projects. *Contact: Sustrans, National Cycle Network Centre, 2 Cathedral Square, College Green, Bristol BS1 5DD. Tel: 0117 926 8893 National info: 0845 113 0065 Fax: 0117 929 4173 Email: [info@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:info@sustrans.org.uk) Web: [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)*

**TRAVELWATCH SOUTH WEST** is the new name for the South West Public Transport Users' Forum, which promotes the interests of public transport users in the region. *Contact: TravelWatch SouthWest, Envolv, Green Park Station, Bath BA1 1JB. Email: [office@accesssouthwest.org](mailto:office@accesssouthwest.org) Web: [www.accesssouthwest.org](http://www.accesssouthwest.org)*

**VOIL** Vegetable oils are renewable fuel sources, whereby the oil crop is replanted throughout the year. Voil requires less processing than Biodiesel. *Email: [voil@riante.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:voil@riante.freeseerve.co.uk) Web: [www.voil.co.uk](http://www.voil.co.uk)*

## Pedal power

**Sustainable transport charity Sustrans has spent 30 years helping to reduce your carbon footprint, says Ruth Bowen**

● Did you know that nearly a quarter of all car trips are less than two miles (most of us can easily walk that) and more than half are less than five miles (a perfect distance to cycle)? But why should you swap your car trip to walk, cycle or take public transport instead? The truth is, our environment is under threat from the way we live our lives. Our climate's changing and temperatures may rise by up to 5°C. Governments, industry and businesses need to play their part, but so do we as individuals.

There are lots of ways to reduce our carbon footprint, and one of the easiest is to use our cars less for everyday journeys – a small change can make a big difference. Cars make up 13% of the UK's total CO<sub>2</sub>, and if everyone made one less car trip a week



and substituted walking, cycling or public transport instead, then we could reduce car traffic by at least 10%.

Sustrans' research shows that by combining improved facilities and infrastructure for sustainable transport – for example, better cycling and walking routes – with information and incentives for people to choose low-carbon travel, then they're more likely to change their travel behaviour. And choosing to swap to two feet or two wheels for your trip to the shops, work or school might be easier than you think. Almost 12,000 miles of National Cycle Network routes criss-cross the UK, a third of which are traffic-free, and 75% of the population now live within two miles of a route. So there's no excuse not to explore your local area in a healthy way that'll also help the environment.

**Ffi:** For help and info on switching to low-carbon travel, to find a cycling and walking route near you, or to support Sustrans' vital work, visit [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk) or call 0845 113 0065



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## Environment

**APE ALLIANCE** International coalition of organisations and individuals working for the conservation and welfare of apes. *Contact: Ian Redmond (chair, PO Box 308, Bristol BS99 3WH. Tel/fax: 0117 924 6489 Email: [info@4apes.com](mailto:info@4apes.com) Web: [www.4apes.com](http://www.4apes.com)*

**BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL** work globally through a large network of national organisations to protect threatened bird species and the environment. *Contact: Wellbrook Court, Girton Rd, Cambridge CB3 0NA. Tel: 01223 277318 Email: [birdlife@birdlife.org](mailto:birdlife@birdlife.org) Web: [www.birdlife.org](http://www.birdlife.org)*

**BRISTOL NATURALISTS' SOCIETY** exists to stimulate a greater awareness of natural history and geology in the Bristol area. *Contact: Bristol Naturalists' Society, c/o City Museum & Art Gallery, Queens Rd, Bristol BS8 1RL. Email: [info@bristolnats.org.uk](mailto:info@bristolnats.org.uk) Web: [www.bristolnats.org.uk](http://www.bristolnats.org.uk)*

**BTCV TREE LIFE CENTRE** A place for trees and people. Volunteers from diverse backgrounds work to grow native trees and wildflowers without using chemicals. Trees are for sale. The team also undertakes conservation tasks. *Contact:*