

Torfaen Friends of the Earth

Global Issues at a Local Level



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Newsletter—Spring 2006

An interview with Mike Jacob—Co-ordinator for Torfaen Friends of the Earth (FoE)

What global and national issues will have an impact on us in Torfaen in 2006?

Waste Management is a hot issue nationally and locally. Up to 25% of Torfaen's waste plus waste from another County Borough will soon be incinerated *somewhere near you*. The implications for you will include:

- A negative environmental impact
- Health & safety issues
- And increased traffic

The UK Nuclear Issue comes to Wales. Environmentalists say NO to Nuclear Power in Wales

GM Crops —FoE would like to see Wales GM seed free

Climate Change—it is too late to stop it—we must change our ways & prepare for how we'll cope with the changes.

Increased public participation in the planning process—You must make sure you have your say

Planning

It is important that local residents have their voices heard in the planning process for major new proposals for their area, which so often are forced through by the council and developers, against local opposition.

GM food

FoE will be campaigning for no GM food for Torfaen school children—details of how you can support the campaign will be appearing on our website in due course.

Keep in touch with natural



Value

**Torfaen's Natural Treasures.
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STOP PRESS

Ancient Oak Tree Under Threat

Torfaen Planning Committee puts oak at risk in John Fielding & Llantarnam School field development site.

For more information contact Alan Smith—01633 871681

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Local Campaigns in Brief

- **South Sebastopol**—Torfaen FoE is trying to mitigate the environmental impact on existing communities
- **John Fielding Dev. Group (JFDG)** are keeping a close watching brief on the development.
- **Friends of Llanfrechfa Action Group (FLAG)** - Torfaen FoE is helping FLAG in their campaign. See www.cwmbran.org
- **New Local Development Plan**—keep an eye out for this.
- **Griffithstown**—Local press letters page details a reader's enquiry into the Persimmon Homes development at Station Road Sebastopol: "What happened to the Section 106 money paid to Torfaen County Borough Council - (£10,000 for the Railway Museum and £245,000 to the local community)?"
- The FoE "Right to Know" Campaign can help—visit our website: www.foe.co.uk and look in *community* or *resources*. Incidentally, the House Builders Federation has also expressed concern about the disappearance of Section 106 money upon handover to some local



In at the deep end

Climate Change—We must change our ways or we'll all be in deep water—for more information on this and all other campaigns, please visit the Friends

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STOP CLIMATE CHAOS



Torfaen FoE raised awareness of the FoE National Campaign about Palm Oil & Rainforest Destruction with a stall in Pontypool—October 2005

The UK Nuclear Issue

FoE Cymru believes that there's no need for nuclear energy in Wales & that our energy needs can be met by developing energy efficiency & renewable energy.



Torfaen Friends of the Earth Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month (except August) at Greenmeadow Golf & Country Club, Treherbert Road, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, at 7.30pm. Contact Mike Jacob (Co-ordinator) on 01633 875627 or michaeljacobfoe@hotmail.com for further details. Alternatively - you can contact Corinne Jones, (Group Treasurer) on 01495 751594 or noddingdog4@hotmail.com. Donations to support the group are most welcome.....contact Corinne