

# Torfaen Friends of the Earth

## Global Issues at a Local Level



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Torfaen Friends of the Earth is part of a unique network of campaigning local groups, working in over 200 communities across the UK. Friends of the Earth is the largest grassroots environmental campaigning group in the world.

# Think Global Act Local

**What global and national issues will have an impact on us in Torfaen in 2007?**

## Climate Change

Pressure from local people in the Big Ask Campaign has made politicians take climate change more seriously and they are now supporting the call for new legislation.

Climate change affects everyone. Support this campaign by visiting the Big Ask website: [www.thebigask.com](http://www.thebigask.com) or join in at a Torfaen Friends of the Earth meeting

## Waste Management

...is a hot issue globally and locally. Friends of the Earth welcomed a vote in the European Parliament on 13 February which backed waste prevention and recycling as the key elements for dealing with waste in Europe.

## The UK Nuclear Issue

...comes to Wales. Environmentalists say NO to Nuclear Power in Wales

## 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

The Welsh Assembly Government will be consulting on new GM crop legislation in Wales during 2007.

This will affect the food that you eat.

To find out more and to

**have your say**

see [www.foecymru.co.uk](http://www.foecymru.co.uk)

## Keep in touch

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**Value**

**Torfaen's Natural Treasures.**

**Value Nature**

## STOP PRESS

FREE HELP LINE... Friends of the Earth's free environmental legal advice line was launched in January—FREEPHONE 0808 801 0405 (between 6.30 - 8.30pm Wednesday evenings only)

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## Local Campaigns in Brief

- South Sebastopol—Torfaen FoE is trying to mitigate the environmental impact on existing communities
- Friends of Llanfrechfa Action Group (FLAG) - Torfaen FoE is helping FLAG in their successful campaign. See [www.cwmbran.org](http://www.cwmbran.org)
- New Local Development Plan—consultations between the local council and the public are under way—this will affect your living environment—make sure you have your say.
- Stop the Quarry, HELP SAVE BLAENCUFFIN "CANYON" - see [www.stopthequarry.blogspot.com](http://www.stopthequarry.blogspot.com)

The FoE "Right to Know" Campaign can help you in your local planning issues—visit the website: [www.foe.co.uk](http://www.foe.co.uk) and look for **community** or **resources**.



## 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

The Welsh Assembly elections on 3 May provide an important opportunity for Friends of the Earth to take The Big Ask forward in Wales. No party currently has a majority in the Assembly and it is widely expected that they will have to work together to form a coalition government.

We need our new Assembly Members to feel the heat on climate change. In particular, we want them to support new renewable energy schemes and to oppose the massive Gwent Levels motorway project.

## National Assembly for Wales - Election 2007

The current assembly member for most of the county borough of Torfaen is Lynne Neagle, Tel: 01495 740022, Email: [lynne.neagle@wales.gov.uk](mailto:lynne.neagle@wales.gov.uk)  
But if you live in Croesyceiliog North, Croesyceiliog South, Llanyravon North or Llanyravon South Wards you are represented by the Monmouth AM, David Davies, Email: [david.davies@wales.gov.uk](mailto:david.davies@wales.gov.uk)  
In addition, we have 4 regional members: Michael German, Jocelyn Davies, William Graham and Laura Anne Jones

### **Tribute to Mike Jacob**

*It is with great sadness that the Torfaen group announces the death, in October 2006, of Mike Jacob, long term dedicated campaigner for Friends of the Earth, both locally & nationally. A memorial for Mike, to celebrate his enormous contribution to environmental injustices, is being planned.*

## Torfaen Friends of the Earth Group meets ...

On the first Tuesday of every month  
(except August)  
Greenmeadow Golf & Country Club  
7.30pm.

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All welcome  
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