Hello all. The main issue of the day is . . .

## Bath XR is gearing up for the forthcoming REBELLION

Actions will be taking place in Bath and nationwide on Friday 28, Saturday 29, Sunday 30 and Monday 31 August. On 1st September there will be a peaceful blockade of the UK Parliament in London and actions in Manchester and Cardiff (where SW rebels are encouraged to be). All socially distanced of course.
More details in the next newsletter, 22 August. And via the Telegram links below.

We'll be sharing ideas at the **Bath XR online Community Meeting on Tuesday 4 August** at 6pm.
**Here's the invite - please join us.**
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bath-xr-community-meeting-tickets-115389319561

If you've been absent for a while (and there are plenty of reasons why that might have happened!) then this is a great opportunity to **get back in touch with Bath XR**. We need you! Helping out behind the scenes or joining us on the day, both are equally important. If you'd like to reconnect and aren't sure where to start please get in contact with our friendly welcome team at welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com

And follow the links to find out what XR UK and XR South West are planning:
XR South West: https://xrsw.uk/we-want-to-live/ (excellent site full of information, talks, training)
XR UK: https://extinctionrebellion.uk/uk-rebellion-2020/

## Communications up to and during the Rebellion

We will continue to send out essential information on actions via the WhatsApp Broadcast channel. Please follow this link to join so you're in the loop: https://chat.whatsapp.com/DqFtcHW12YhFCZXmzNQPXC

But **we are also encouraging people to use Telegram**, a widely used and highly secure (and not owned by Facebook) messaging channel.
**This would be the ideal time** to make the move to Telegram! Just click on this link https://t.me/xrbath to download the app and join - or you can simply access it via our website where we post all our most important messages: https://xrbath.org.uk/telegram/

XR UK have set up a special channel especially for the Rebellion: Rebellion Broadcast. Click on the link to join and find out what's planned. https://t.me/rebellionbroadcast

And for  XR South West:: https://t.me/joinchat/AAAAAEJjk_dCpN9zm3Jbtw
And specifically for the Cardiff rebellion:  https://t.me/cardiffrebellion

## Social justice at the heart of Extinction Rebellion

Bath XR held a People's Assembly on 14th July to discuss social justice as a focus for actions within the group and following the meeting a new Social Justice working group was set up.

"The climate and ecological emergency will only be addressed if social justice is at the heart of our movement. The same forces of power who have brought the planet to the point of climate and ecological catastrophe have also ensured that peoples are divided through racism, prejudice and oppression.
In line with our principles and values, we look forward to engaging in non-violent direct action to bring about collective liberation and to create a world that is just for all peoples and the ecology of the planet. Climate activists, environmentalists, conservationists, this movement is part of the core of our fight for social justice, use your voice, show your support, every voice counts. Now is the time to stand together." Bath XR statement (in response to Black Lives Matter, 9 June 2020)

The Social Justice WG will be working to centre social justice as a focus of Bath XR, its actions and messaging, and to foster an environment of inclusion and safety, with a focus on accessibility.

If you'd like more info please get in touch. social.justice@xrbath.org.uk

## Bath XR Social. Together . . but sitting slightly apart

We're missing you! So a get together is being organised at 4.30 on Sunday 16 August in Victoria Park. Bring your own picnic. A chance to say hello to fellow rebels, and bond again in preparation for rebellion. Please keep an eye on WhatsApp Broadcast and Telegram Broadcast channels for more info.

## More Bath XR events for August

https://xrbath.org.uk/events/2020-08/

## Bath XR Facebook page

Our page was taken down by Facebook two weeks ago, along with several other XR groups' pages. XR Legal is looking into it. More info here.
https://xrbath.org.uk/2020/07/28/xr-bath-appeals-facebook-move-to-unpublish-page/

**Why is Extinction Rebellion important to you? Please tell us for a new video**

New rebel Josh has volunteered to make a Bath XR video for social media - he's interested in showing the people within Bath XR - why is XR important to you? What spurred you to join? Please record 15 seconds of video of yourself telling us why. Then upload it here (by Friday 14 August please).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRonrWGeEYj6NgGUCr6DBDzwFuljBBWxwltZY2FerKInT0kQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

**We're up sh*t creek - Pulteney Bridge action - how we did it**

Film by Bath XR rebel Zac Star Thomas, featuring photos by Jamie Bellinger www.jamie.fm @jamiebellinger Please like, comment, share!

Here on our Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/CDCAWYDnJvm/

And

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8FCUaIFQweQ

**Make a Difference - one quick thing you can do now**

It takes half a minute to email your MP via this site: https://www.cutcarbonnotforests.org/email-your-mp/

Cut Carbon not Forests is a new campaign launched last month by a coalition of environmental advocacy groups targeting the UK's huge subsidies for companies producing dirty biomass energy and calling for billions of pounds to be redirected to fill a critical funding gap for genuinely clean and renewable energy solutions like solar and wind. Drax, the UK's largest biomass-burner, receives more than **£2 million per day** in subsidies despite serious concerns about the company's impacts on the climate, air quality and forests. Without further reform, UK energy billpayers will spend **£13 billion** in direct support to large biomass power plants through to 2027 when most subsidies are due to end, including £10bn for Drax alone, according to a new report by climate think tank Ember. Moreover, Drax and other biomass plants not only benefit from billions in direct subsidies but are unfairly exempted from paying carbon taxes and thus indirectly subsidised with billions more in tax breaks. Over the entire period during which subsidies are available to burn biomass (2012-2027), the UK government will forgo £2.8 billion in carbon taxes, as revealed by Ember. Both these direct and indirect subsidies rest on the same false assumption that burning trees for electricity is a climate solution, yet government policy continues to lag behind scientific consensus. (https://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/2020/cut-carbon-not-forests/)

**Bath XR, let's tell our MPs how we feel: email your MP via this site: https://www.cutcarbonnotforests.org/email-your-mp/**

**Roles we're looking to fill**

Details here: https://xrbath.org.uk/roles/

**Finally . . .**

The next Bath XR Newsletter will be out later in August with more information on the Rebellion - hope to see you there.

If you'd like us to add something to the newsletter:
xr-newsletter@protonmail.com

If you'd like to add something to the website calendar:
calendar@xrbath.org.uk

**PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

One way in which you can support us whilst we're all separated . . .

Please follow Bath XR on Twitter @XRBATH Instagram: @extinctionrebellionbath
Facebook https://www.facebook.com/extinctionrebellionbath/ (down at the moment)

Like us! Share us! And if you have stories to post, please let us know.

**If you have any access needs about XR Bath events or meetings, please contact us on welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com. We want everyone who wants to be involved, to be able to be involved.**