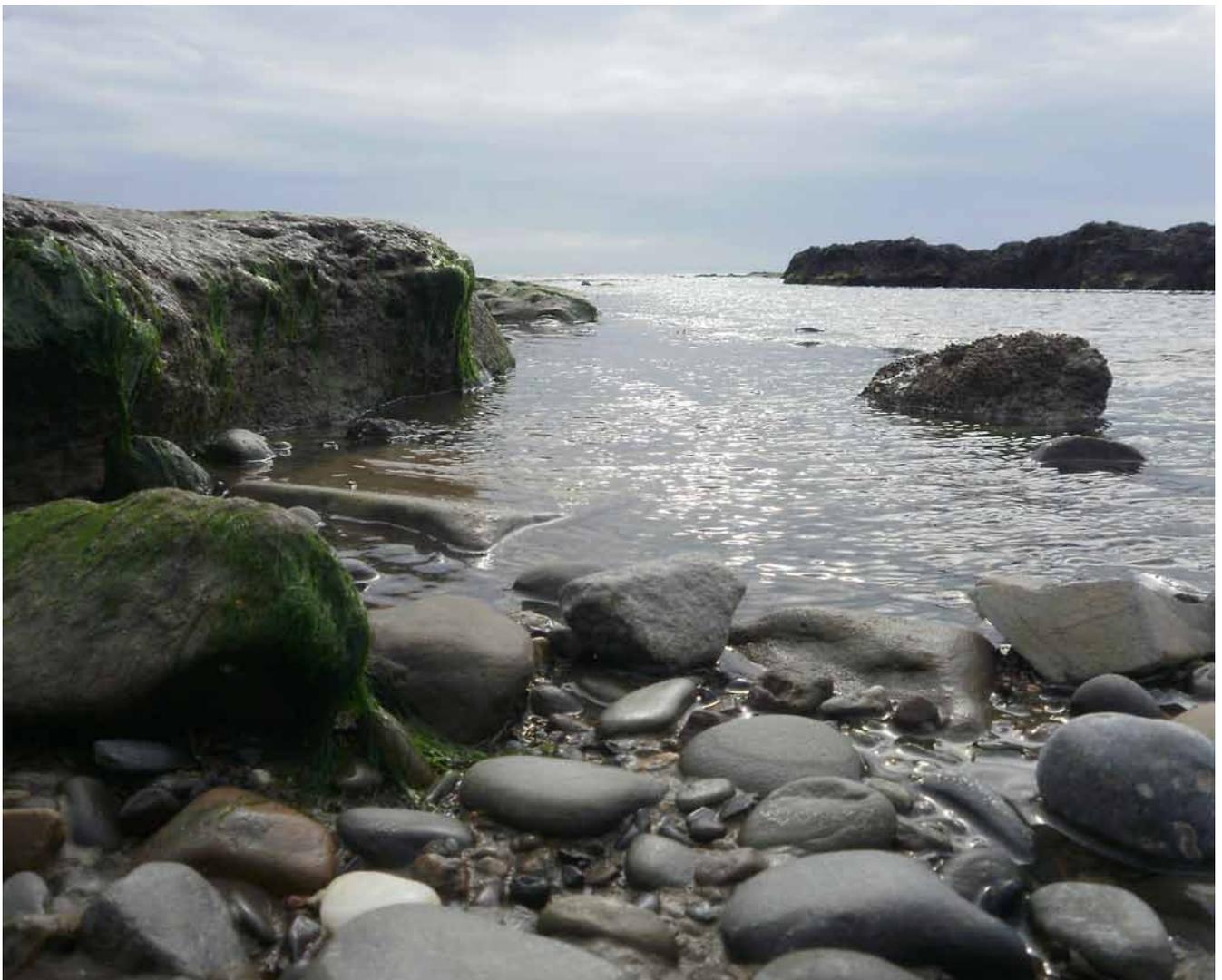


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## Editorial

This summer edition of earthQuaker goes to press as climate negotiators head back to Bonn for another round of talks in the run-up to Paris. Laurie asks whether the tide is turning in humanity's response to climate change. Other contributions range from Mery Curd and Richard Battson's practical experience making their house into an eco-home (p.4), to Steve Hull wondering whether his connection with nature is spiritual, rational or delusional (p6).

Gwen Prince reviews George Marshall's book Don't Even Think About It: Why our brains are wired to ignore climate change (p.9). George thinks faith groups have something to contribute in the global response to climate change, and Laurie asks on page 3 "What's Quaker about our sustainability commitment?". He invites readers to respond to some questions, and we hope to make your contributions on this the focus of the Autumn edition of earthQuaker.

Meanwhile... there is a new opportunity to use and perhaps develop your creative skills! My time is increasingly devoted to teaching Woolcraft at a special needs college and we are looking for help to produce earthQuaker. This includes designing each issue, responding to contributors, editing and laying out articles, writing the editorial, and organising the printing and distribution. If you think you could take on some or all of these aspects please get in touch with Laurie ([laurie@livingwitness.org.uk](mailto:laurie@livingwitness.org.uk)) or me ([dee@livingwitness.org.uk](mailto:dee@livingwitness.org.uk)).



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### Is the tide turning on climate change?

Laurie Michaelis

Laurie Michaelis looks forward to the Paris climate conference.

It can be hard to keep hold of the big picture on climate change – partly because of the scary and depressing aspects but also because it's so complex. This year the so-called hiatus in global warming has evaporated. Some scientists say we may be entering a period of accelerated temperature rise. But in researching causes of variations in warming they have developed a much better understanding of ocean-atmosphere interactions, glacier melt, and more. Backed up by growing scientific confidence, the political world has taken steps forward too. Many of us have been pleasantly surprised by new commitments from America and China, although we are dismayed by our own government's rolling back of climate change policies.

So where does the Paris climate conference come into all this? It is a forum for intergovernmental negotiation but also a meeting place for the media, intelligentsia, and civil society. It is an opportunity for the world to focus on our human response to a problem we have created. And it is a talking shop with no real power. The negotiators' hands are tied because, while earthQuaker readers may think the urgency of responding to climate change is obvious, there is as yet no global sense of a 'right' way forward. Some of the reasons are explored by George Marshall in his book Don't Even Think About It, reviewed by Gwen Prince on Page 9.

The Quaker UN Office started attending the climate talks following the disastrous Copenhagen conference. Lindsey Cook of QUNO has now built relationships with many of the negotiators and organised a series of dinners where they can get to know one another better, talking about their values and feelings – things that don't normally enter the negotiating dialogue, and finding points of commonality. At the last round of talks in Bonn, Lindsey and I organised a side-event on working with conflict, and we've offered similar workshops in Paris, though we have yet to hear whether we'll get the slots.

As the Transition mantra goes, everyone is needed in responding to climate change. That means we have to build relationships and community. The challenges are much the same at all levels, from our own streets and families to the international negotiations. The resistance we all encounter is a sign of the strength of the growing recognition, at all levels, of the direction in which we must move.

# What's Quaker About Our Sustainability Commitment?

Laurie Michaelis

Over the years I've asked a lot of groups what they think it means to approach sustainability as Quakers. Mostly they talk about the ways in which caring about sustainability is congruent with being Quaker – how the concern is grounded in spiritual experience, how it relates to the Quaker testimonies, and how it connects to the writings of Friends, in particular John Woolman but also George Fox, William Penn and others.

I find Friends less comfortable talking about what is distinctively Quaker about our approach to sustainability and climate change. Partly that's to do with modesty. But I think there's also a risk of a kind of climate denial that says "we've got nothing special to offer so we aren't going to engage". And if there is something particular Friends can contribute, I believe we have a moral obligation to do so.

My background is in the mainstream of energy and climate change policy. I thought there was something missing from that world that Quakers could contribute – that's why I started working with Friends in 2002. In fact, for me it seems really clear that Quakers have particular, much needed gifts to bring to the sustainability agenda. I wouldn't claim that Quakers are the only people who have these gifts, but I do think they are part of a distinctive Quaker way of being and of doing things. I would summarise them in three core disciplines:

1. Quaker faith and practice starts with ourselves, with the promptings and love and truth in our hearts, with personal experience of the Light that shows us our darkness and brings us to new life. This openness to change is fundamental. It leads to 'being the change' we wish to see in the world, living our testimonies.
2. We are called to answer that of God in every one. This one tends to get a bit dissipated into "believing there is that of God in every one", or even "good in every one". But answering that of God in the other means a particular approach to community, to conflict, to collaboration, to the violence and injustice we encounter in the world, and to working for systemic change.
3. We seek unity in a way forward together – discerning and following God's will. That means being willing to let go of our own positions and to identify with something bigger. Quaker business method is not just a set of rules, a form of consensus decision-making. It is a personal and collective transformational spiritual practice.

If humanity is to prevent catastrophic climate change, we need to develop a collective will for self-change – at the level of individuals, communities, organisations and whole societies. I don't think there are many people other than Quakers who have regular experiences, or a half-way reliable practice, of deliberately developing a collective will. I apologise if you've heard this from me before – but I hope that it will prompt you to respond to some questions:

- How is our sustainability commitment grounded in/guided by
  - our personal and corporate spiritual experience and leadings
  - Quaker Testimony and corporate discernment – whether expressed in statements, minutes, epistles, publications, examples of Quaker lives, initiatives, witness, structures...
- What is particularly Quaker about our commitment?
- As Quakers, what is not part of our commitment?

Please do write to me or Dee with your thoughts. I hope we can include some of them in the next edition of earthQuaker!

# Eco Home

Richard Battson

For 2 years running we have opened our home as part of the local eco homes open weekend. We had money available so spent it to make our home super insulated. The result is a cosy warm home without having to have the gas boiler on, thus preventing escape of CO<sub>2</sub>. Our thermostat is set in the hall to 12 at night and 16 in the day which gives a living room temp of about 18. This winter the boiler came on for an hour on only 3 mornings. I recommend this route to anyone who has the money and a commitment to sustainability.

## Overview

Address: 39 Downlands Avenue, Worthing, BN14 9HD

Owners: Merry Curd and Richard Battson

Type: terraced

Age: built in 1930, house recently eco refurbished

Beds: 3

Walls: Brick, cavity filled, solid wall insulation

Area: 95m<sup>2</sup>

Residents: 2 adults

## Features

Cavity wall insulation

Condensing boiler

Food cultivation

Loft insulation

Low energy appliances

Low energy lighting

Natural Materials

Solar gain

Solar PV (3kWp)

Solar thermal

Solid wall insulation (internal and external)

Triple glazing

Wildlife garden and woodland



Houses in Downlands Ave - image googlemaps

## Introduction and approach

This house demonstrates a deep commitment to sustainability, having been eco refurbished in 2012, with a specification drawn up by architects Ecotecture and the work implemented by Kithurst Builders, member of AECB, the sustainable building association.

The walls, windows and roof of this typical terraced house have been superinsulated to such an extent that heating losses have been cut to minimal levels, requiring very low gas and electricity consumption. In fact, with the offsetting input from renewables, solar thermal and solar PV, it has now become carbon negative, i.e. it offsets more carbon than it emits!

This approach goes well beyond energy conservation, as Richard and Merry have aimed to green all aspects of their lives via transport, food and recycling, as well as supporting and building biodiversity with their garden and woodland project.

## Energy efficiency measures

### Heating and hot water

The house has a gas condensing boiler, with good programmer and thermostatic radiator valves. However, due to the high level of insulation and relatively modest thermostat setting of 16°C, gas use has been kept extraordinarily low. Heating can be boosted in colder weather by an open log fire or electric bar and convector fires.

This is assisted in part by the input from solar thermal panels for hot water, as well as solar heat gain in winter via the generous glazing on the south west facing rear wall.

### Insulation

**Cavity wall insulation** – this consists of blown Superglass, comprising 84% recycled bottles, and was fitted free under the old CERT scheme at the end of 2012, by RSI Insulation.

**Solid wall insulation** – at the front this consists of 60mm of Pavadentro, compressed woodfibre insulation, finished with lime plaster. The rear was insulated using 80mm of Diffutherm woodfibre insulation on the outside walls and finished with a lime based render. Pavadentro and Diffutherm are natural breathable materials, which allow humidity in the house to self regulate and preserve a healthy environment. Final u values are a very low 0.24W/m<sup>2</sup>/K.(Ecotech made it 0.30!)

**Triple glazing** – all windows and the back doors have been replaced by new timber triple glazed units made in Bolton, which have extraordinarily low heat loss due to their u value of 0.86W/m<sup>2</sup>/K.

**Loft insulation** – the loft originally had 100mm of insulation between the ceiling joists. In the central boarded storage area, this has been increased to 300mm by adding two layers of 100mm x 50mm joists at right angles to one another and filling with Warmcell flakes, made from recycled newspaper. The eaves spaces were simply topped up to 300mm Warmcell, over the original joists. At the junction with the eaves, woodfibre insulation was run down between the rafters to prevent the Warmcell from blocking the eaves ventilation.

## Renewables and Low carbon technology

**Solar Thermal** – hot water comes from a flat array on the rear roof slope which was installed in 2007.

**Solar PV** – In November 2011 South Downs Solar fitted a 3 kWp group of high output hybrid panels, which maximise generation from the limited area available.

Electricity

**Low energy lighting** – all lamps throughout the house are CFL delete LED which use 80/90% less energy than conventional lights.

Appliances are low energy rating and high usage equipment is reserved for sunny weather to try and maximise output from the PV panels. Can we mention that our supply company is Good Energy, which sources entirely from renewables?

## Carbon emissions

Energy Use: Electricity 900 kWh pa, Gas 2400 kWh pa, PV 3000 kWh pa.

Net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: Total -0.4 tonnes (106% less than average UK dwelling), -4.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (107% less than UK average).

## Other sustainable Measures/ Lifestyle decisions

**Wildlife** – The garden is a wildlife haven, with natural ponds and sympathetic planting to host native species. Various areas have been built up with internal cavities to aid overwintering by newts and other wildlife. At the rear is a small patch of abandoned land which was bought five years ago and is slowly being transformed into natural woodland by growing native trees and shrubs. There is also a bee hive.

**Recycling** – Richard and Merry are committed to recycling, with nothing wasted and even the old windows reused as growing frames. In the house they aim to buy second hand rather than new and prolong the life of equipment as far as possible by repair rather than replacement.

**Transport** – the couple walk, cycle and use public transport as far as possible, with the car only used where no other option exists.

**Natural Materials** – renovation work was done as far as possible using natural materials such as FSC wood, lime, woodfibre, Warmcell insulation, recycled glass cavity fill and a new cast iron soil pipe. This also extends to natural products for cleaning and washing.

**Food cultivation/ local produce/ vegetarian** – some food is cultivated, whilst the rest is local produce or fair trade. Being vegetarian is also a major contribution to a sustainable lifestyle.

**Water conservation** – rainwater is collected for use in the garden via linked water butts and bucketted upstairs for wc flushing!.

## Lessons learned

Although it was useful to have had advice from and the specification drafted by an architect, as the job progressed, the specification changed due to input from the builder and other factors. In effect, Richard ended up largely managing the project himself.

## Professionals

Architect - [www.ecotecture.co.uk](http://www.ecotecture.co.uk)

Solar PV - [www.southdownssolar.co.uk](http://www.southdownssolar.co.uk)

Triple glazing - [www.greenbuildingstore.co.uk](http://www.greenbuildingstore.co.uk)

Builder – [www.kithurstbuilders.co.uk](http://www.kithurstbuilders.co.uk)

## My connection with Nature: How it evolved, and if it is spiritual or rational or delusional Steve Hull

I was born in north east London in a very urban place. My family had no interest in nature or conservation, though they took me to stay in a caravan near the river Lea, and to go fishing. When I was 5 we moved to a housing estate on the edge of Chelmsford, where there were ponds, rivers and fields that got steadily swallowed up by housing estates. I started to see civilisation as destructive and oppressive.

I was taken to Norfolk by my grandfather who also gave me the Observers Book of Birds. I did a project at school when I was 10, and started a list of what I saw – a list I have updated to this day. I collected PG tips cards on... Wildlife in Danger amongst others. I was rather disturbed when I saw the card album justified conservation for purely practical reasons such as medical and commercial, and thought 'How dare they evaluate these beautiful things in such a way!'

I began to develop a fascination with wanting to absorb the essence of each natural habitat in turn, and went through various phases: ponds, seashore and rockpools, woodland, meadows, chalk downland, rivers, reedbeds, even old walls and compost heaps, and later mountains, dunes, heath and moorland.

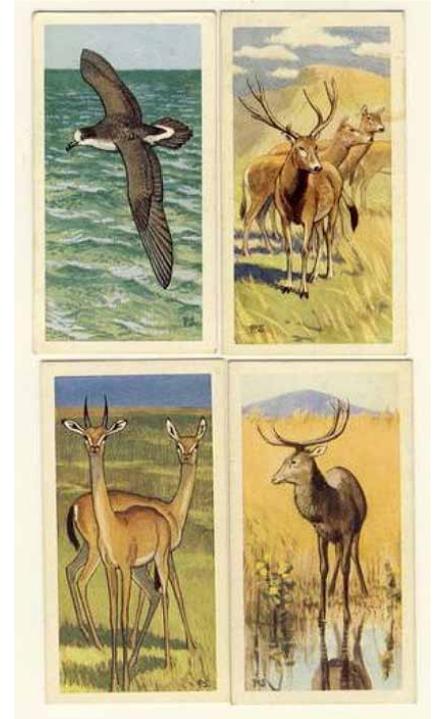


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When I was about 24 and living in Kent, I drove on my motorbike to Langdon Cliffs where there was a kittiwake colony. I walked down the zigzag path to the shingle beach where I found a partly oiled and apparently exhausted immature razorbill. I picked it up and walked back up the steep path with it in my balaclava helmet, trying to stop it biting me. This was the first time I had seen one of these and I was angry that my first encounter should be such a sad one... the first car in the car park turned out to contain the secretary of the Dover branch of the RSPCA and his wife! They had all the equipment for cleaning up and feeding the razorbill, and I was very relieved to hand it over. A week later they sent back my balaclava and a note saying the bird had fully recovered and flown off to sea. I was amazed that the only people amongst millions that could have helped me and the bird just happened to be there!

A less extreme case of serendipity was last week when I rescued 3 cygnets that fell over a weir and were being washed downstream. I do my bumblebee survey there once a month for about 10 minutes or so, and I calculated it was a chance of 1 in about 2880 that I was there just at the right moment!

I have always felt that trying to stop the biggest major extinction in 65 million years is incredibly important. It shows contempt for whatever created the rich diversity of life to treat its extinction as a trivial thing, and human 'progress' as of paramount importance, ( as if we could progress without nature anyway!)

An alien looking down on us from above would I am sure judge us not according to whether we were Christian or Muslim, capitalist or communist, promiscuous or not, creationist or evolutionist, or any of the other things we split ourselves into, but how we treat our world and all its inhabitants. When I was about 12, I first realised that the world was heading towards the destruction of what I loved best for the sake of the greed, apathy and aspirations that I most despised.

I feel that God, whatever that is, manifests in all the natural habitats far better than in the cities, motorways, offices, airports, and agricultural monocultures. Nature seems to be unconscious: it doesn't appear to have ethics, at least in the short term, but I suspect it may be the physical part of God, his or her body rather than his or her mind.

We must take drastic action to reverse the loss of species – or be responsible for the next great extinction.

## Letters

### TTIP

Many of the press reported on 23rd May 2015 that the EU has scrapped planned pesticide regulations under pressure from US officials over the controversial transatlantic trade deal TTIP (Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership,) according to newly published documents. The press articles went on to say that documents obtained by Pesticides Action Network reveal that high-level officials from US Mission to Europe & American Chambers of Commerce (AmCham) in July 2013 convinced the EU to drop planned rules that could have led to a ban on three pesticides containing health hazardous chemicals. The EC at first resisted, claiming that though they back TTIP “They would not like to be seen as lowering EU standards,” but relented later that day, a letter from the desk of the Commission’s Secretary-General shows. The TTIP is an agreement between US & EU to encourage free trade by removing commercial barriers.

Samuel Lowe, TTIP campaigner for Friends of the Earth said “This is yet further evidence that the European Commission is more than willing to trade off, weaken, or delay much needed regulation & protections for the sake of completing TTIP trade deal. The repeated claims that TTIP will not undermine our standards here in Europe & UK are becoming less credible by the day.” The pesticides the rules would have affected contain endocrine disrupting chemicals linked to cancer, male infertility and other conditions - the health costs are estimated at 150 billion a year. There was massive lobbying by European firms over endocrine-disrupting chemical regulations leading up to the decision, with the European Chemical Industry Council claiming it “Could become an issue that impairs the forthcoming EU-US trade negotiations.”

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## QPSW Sustainability and New Economy Grants

**Have you got an idea for a project focused on building the new economy?**

**Does your meeting have a particular concern around sustainability?**

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) awards grants to innovative Quaker or Quaker-supported projects focused on sustainability and the new economy.

We hope to enable projects that help to build low-carbon, sustainable communities and a different type of economic system – ‘an economic system in which Quaker testimony can flourish’.

How much? You can apply for between £100 and £2000 to support a project on these issues.

By when? The deadline for applying is 14 September. Grants will be distributed by the beginning of 2016. We recommend you get in touch to discuss your project before applying.

For more information and application details please see [www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability-grants](http://www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability-grants)

## Useful internet links sent in by earthQuaker readers;

**Peace News** - the newspaper for the UK grassroots peace and justice movement, seeking to oppose all forms of violence, and to create positive change based on cooperation and responsibility.

[www.peacenews.info](http://www.peacenews.info)

**Films For Action** - is a community-powered learning library for people who want to change the world.

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

**Unity** - a new documentary about why we can't seem to get along with each other, even after thousands and thousands of years.

[www.unitythemovement.com](http://www.unitythemovement.com)

**Collective Evolution** - inspires us to begin expanding our way of thinking so we can take conscious steps towards creating BIG change on the planet.

[www.collective-evolution.com](http://www.collective-evolution.com)

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## Book Reviews

### The Green Gate

Poet Fiona Owen and painter Ann Johnson, both members of Quaker Concern for Animals, have worked on creative collaborations for a number of years. Many of the poems in Fiona's most recently published volume, *The Green Gate*, speak of the natural world and its animal and bird inhabitants but also the transient nature of life through both human and non-human animals.

Ann's drawings and paintings express the changing South Downs landscape as it fades through the seasons into winter. Her painting, *Autumn, South Downs* is reproduced on the cover of *The Green Gate*.

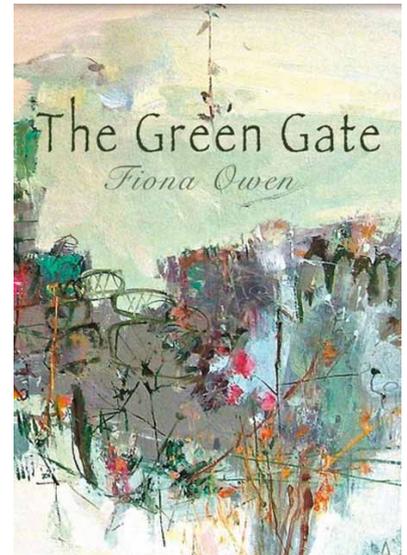
**Fiona Owen**

[www.rhwng.com](http://www.rhwng.com)

**Ann Johnson**

[www.annjohnsonpaintings.net](http://www.annjohnsonpaintings.net)

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### Ecovillage - 1001 ways to heal the planet

by Kosha Joubert and Leila Dregger

Ecovillages are now part of a worldwide movement for social and environmental justice and have become regional and national beacons of inspiration for the social, cultural, ecological and economic revival of both rural and urban areas. This book introduces a selection of ecovillage projects from all over the world.

*"What a beautifully, lovingly constructed book! It conveys not only the variety and ideals of the ecovillage movement, but the heart of it as well. Kosha and Leila's book affirms the importance of ecovillages not just as an inconsequential alternative in the margins, but as an invitation to transform every place into an ecological collaboration between humans and the rest of nature."* - **Charles Eisenstein**

[www.triarchypress.net](http://www.triarchypress.net)

## Don't Even Think about It: Why Our Brains Are Wired to Ignore Climate Change

by George Marshall

Climate change can be a taboo subject generally, and even amongst Quakers, as I have personally experienced. George Marshall explores the reasons in a very readable book full of humorous anecdotes, personal encounters and perceptive social commentary. He seeks to understand, not condemn, even gun-toting U.S. Tea Party climate denialists.

Based in my small town in Mid Wales, George Marshall went on a journey of exploration to understand the climate denial movement: The book explores our evolutionary history and personal psychology to explain why we are so passively moving headlong towards the destruction of our own life support system.

We are wired to be alert to dangers that are concrete, immediate and certain; that present an identifiable enemy with ill intent we can mobilise against. The disinvestment campaign against the fossil fuel industry is doing that with some success, and it is important and well supported by Quakers, but we must beware of projecting the enemy solely 'out there'. Climate change is not just the elephant in the room, the problem is that we are all inside the elephant. We are more concerned about terrorism than climate change, though the latter is far more likely to affect us.

Our rational brain recognises the threat, but our emotional brain does not recognise it enough to galvanise us into action. We need to be able to talk about climate change together in a safe space: We must express our feelings of fear and anxiety, of grief, loss and ambivalence, and support each other to act. "It is a long way" says the Patriarch of Constantinople, "from the head to the heart, and an even longer way from the heart to the hands."

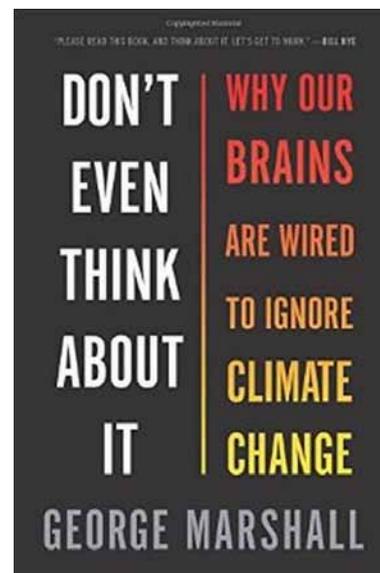
But this is a hopeful book, and one I think Quakers should take heart from. George Marshall sees faith communities as the part of society most able to move the issue of climate change from the head to the heart and thence to inspire action - he has a chapter entitled 'What the Green Team can learn from the God Squad'! We need to change the perception of it from an environmental issue to a human rights issue, an equality issue, a peace and justice issue, above all a moral and spiritual issue which engages our sacred core values.

The good news is that human beings are also wired to work together for common aims, and we have always been willing to make sacrifices if we are inspired to work with others for a common cause, as in the two world wars.

Our Canterbury Commitment was a bold step. This book helps to explain why we have found it difficult to implement, but it also helps us to celebrate how far we have come and to appreciate the resources we can draw on to make a real difference in the world. I recommend it as a lively read, and as a help in moving forward.

**Gwen Prince**  
Llanidloes

Book website  
[www.climateconviction.org](http://www.climateconviction.org)



## Diary

**GreenSpirit Annual Gathering**, Friday 30th October - Sunday 1st November 2015.

Holland House, Main Street, Cropthorne, Pershore. WR10 3NB.

Main Speaker - Alastair McIntosh. Spiritual Activism: Leadership as Service.

[www.greenspirit.org.uk](http://www.greenspirit.org.uk)

**Quaker Activist Gathering**, Saturday 21 November 2015, 10:00-16:30 at Friends House.

For a second year, Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) is organising an activist gathering at Friends House.

An action-focused day for Friends who identify as activists, framed in worship. An opportunity to meet with others, connect, learn, plan and be energised and inspired.

Book now, and tell us what you would like from the day. We'll use your feedback to help inform how we shape the agenda. No cost to attend. Lunch will be 'bring and share'. Please register online by 15 October.

[www.quaker.org.uk/activist-event](http://www.quaker.org.uk/activist-event)

**The Paris Climate Conference** (UNFCCC COP21) takes place 30th November to 12th December.

Look out for campaigns and events closer to the time.

[www.cop21.gouv.fr](http://www.cop21.gouv.fr)

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## Quaker Voluntary Action Work and Study Retreat

12th – 19th September 2015, at Freiburg, Germany

An opportunity to combine practical learning with time for spiritual reflection, enjoyment and fellowship.

We shall be staying at the Black Forest Hostel in the green city of Freiburg in southern Germany. Freiburg has had a Green administration for 15 years and has made significant changes. We will have opportunities to see these in action as sustainability success stories across the city. We will also be meeting with local Quakers. There will be an option to explore by hire bike and participants are encouraged to travel to the project by train.

During the daytime we will be exploring the sustainable and green elements of the city and its region such as public transport, cycling, planning, architecture, horticulture and research into solar energy. Evenings will give us the opportunity for reflection. We hope to offer times to work in one or two communal gardens in the city.

The hostel is clean and basic with a communal kitchen where we will have breakfast. Lunch will be wherever we happen to be. In the evenings we will eat in the University canteen.

The times of reflection in the evening will provide an opportunity to consider what we have learnt during the day about living sustainably. Readings from the writings of early Quakers about "truth of the heart" will set the context for these reflections.

- The event is open to Friends and those in sympathy with Friends
- Each day has a balance of practical learning, reflection sessions, social time, and free time
- There will be a Meeting for Worship each morning and a gathered Epilogue at the end of the day
- Accommodation is in basic shared hostel rooms
- We will do our best to accommodate abilities and ages 18 to 80+
- The facilitator is Gordon Matthews
- Cost £280

For further details/application form please contact:

QVA Working Retreats Bookings, Swarthmoor Hall, Swarthmoor Lane, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 0JQ

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[bookings@qva.org.uk](mailto:bookings@qva.org.uk)

## Deadline for the next issue of earthQuaker - 1st Oct 2015

The theme of this edition will be - What's Quaker about our sustainability commitment?

Please post or email contributions to the editor  
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**All contributions welcome  
articles, reports, poems, ideas, letters, photos**

Include your postal address and telephone number or email address but we will not include contributors' contact details in earthQuaker unless specifically asked to. Members wishing to contact a contributor can get in touch through the editor - contact details above.

We reserve the right to edit but will always try to check substantial edits with the author.

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*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

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Living Witness (LW) is a Quaker charity supporting Friends' witness to sustainable living and taking it to the wider community in Britain and elsewhere.

LW has worked since 2002 with a growing network of Quaker meetings, connected through regular link group gatherings, newsletters and shared resources.

At the beginning of 2008 LW merged with Quaker Green Action, which since 1986 has been the main forum for Friends sharing a Concern for sustainability.

We welcome both individual Friends and meetings as members of our network and participants in our gatherings. Please get in touch with the LW co-ordinator if you would like a workshop or speaker session in your meeting.

The co-ordinator is Laurie Michaelis.

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