



**Eco-Congregation Scotland  
ESK and TWEED NETWORK**  
*Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016*  
**Carlops Church**

PRESENT : *Carlops* : Tom Alexander, Jo Blackburn ,Nan Buchan, Mike Clarke, Marjory Clarke, Mary McElroy, Rennie McElroy, Gill Gold, Jean Hunter, Andrew McMillan, Anne Steadman, Tosh Tully, Hilary Watt Bridget Wilcox, Anna Woolverton .

*Peebles* : Janette MacDougall, Isabelle Coghill

*West Linton* : Robert and Sheila Higgins

*Guests* : Cathy Brook, Elma Coghill, Susan Crosfield, Joan and Graham Noakes

David Bethune – Coordinator Eco-congregation Scotland

APOLOGIES : Penicuik North Kirk

**Notes:**

**Eco Congregation**

**Audio Visual Presentation and Network Meeting**

**October 3 2016**

We were delighted to welcome a very good turnout of members of Carlops and Peebles Old Eco-congregations and friends and David Bethune, Eco-Congregation Scotland Co-ordinator. Mike Clarke presented his excellent Audio Visual entitled ‘ Its an Eco World ‘. This covered many aspects of our beautiful and complex world, bees and insects , birds, wildlife and plants , beautiful scenery, ice and snow in winter, icebergs off Greenland ( now no longer there ). It was much appreciated by everyone and brought home to us the inter-connectedness and fragility of nature and the need to increase our efforts to conserve and sustain it. Our thanks go to Mike.

After refreshments, Janet MacDougall from Peebles Old Church told us about the walks they had organised and their continuing efforts to maintain their garden. They have received a second Eco award and congratulations are due. Nan Buchan from Carlops told us that Carlops had been continuing with its eco-activities, which include a Fair Trade stall and Coffee ‘Drop-in’ at the village market, soup lunches, recycling.

David Bethune gave us news from Eco-congregation Scotland , including news of events taking place in the near future, one of which is a showing in Edinburgh of a film of Naomi Klein’s excellent book ‘ This Changes Everything ‘.

David’s notes follow :

**ECS news for networks**

**October 2016**

Quote from CofS/Christian Aid conference: “Earth is a gift, lent to us from generation to generation”

1. ECS Website – news items – [www.ecocongregationscotland.org/news](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/news) - watch out for regular updates

2. Website – events calendar – [www.ecocongregationscotland.org/get-involved/events/events-diary/](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/get-involved/events/events-diary/)
3. On-line registration for new churches now available
4. Good resources:
  - SCIAF “Caring for our common home” from [www.sciaf.org.uk/go-green-with-sciaf/](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/go-green-with-sciaf/)
  - Shrinkthatfootprint.com “Emit This” from [shrinkthatfootprint.com/emit-this](http://shrinkthatfootprint.com/emit-this)
5. Encourage lobbying MP re UK gov ratifying COP21
6. “Make your money count” conference (St.Andrews & St.Georges, Edinburgh, Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 10-2. [www.srtp.org.uk/srtp/view\\_article/make\\_your\\_money\\_count\\_2016](http://www.srtp.org.uk/srtp/view_article/make_your_money_count_2016)
7. Scottish Government public consultations on new climate bill and plan (Feb-April 2017) – an opportunity to put pressure on our MSPs
8. “This changes everything” film:
  - The Edinburgh Eco-congregation Network is organising a film discussion night on Monday 7th November 7-9.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh EH3 9DJ. The film is based on Naomi Klein's book 'This Changes Everything'. The film will be followed by a discussion led by The Most Revd David Chillingworth Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Contact Sarah Tolley [greeningourstreet@gmail.com](mailto:greeningourstreet@gmail.com)
9. Trevor Jamison available to lead worship on Sundays
10. Adrian Shaw, Trevor Jamison, David Bethune all available as speakers at meetings
11. Eco-congregation Scotland Annual Gathering: April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, Burnside Blairbeth Church, Glasgow
12. Prayer

**Date and venue of the next meeting**

**Peebles Old Church will host the next meeting.**

**Topic and Date to follow – probably a Monday towards the end of April.**