

THE CLIMATE GROUP

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023

WELCOME

We welcome you to our first newsletter, which is designed to pass on information to you all regarding our plans and activities.

ALL WEBSITE

Our main means of communication will be by email; we are also on the ALL website, which now has us listed under “Focus Groups”. Our section has two buttons - “Contact us” has Nancy Barda’s email address and can be used for any messages related to our activities. The second button is for “More Information” where we hope to post various useful documents, including this newsletter, also any announcements on meetings and other events.

SPEAKERS

We hope to have a variety of people come and speak to us. Your suggestion are welcome – only one rule - it must be on a relevant topic. We are in contact with several UW Parkside Professors and hope to persuade them to speak to us and/or otherwise support our organization.

BOOKS

We are compiling a list of books to read, which will be posted on the ALL website. Your suggestions are welcome – only two rules, (1) it must be relevant (2) you must have read it, or at least a good part of it. Please add at least one sentence to tell us why it should be included.

WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATIONS

We are compiling a list of worthwhile organizations to support, which will be posted on the ALL website. Your suggestion are welcome – only two rules, (1) it must be relevant (2) preferably, you have given it either your time or your money. Please add at least one sentence to tell us why it should be included.

WEBSITES

We are compiling a list of websites to help us understand more about climate change and related issues, which will be posted on the ALL website. Your suggestion are welcome – only one rule - it must be relevant. Please add at least one sentence to tell us why it should be included.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be on January 2nd at the Kenosha Public Museum to see the exhibit “Planet or Plastic”. More on this later.

Our plan is to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise announced. The meeting on January 23rd will be on “Transportation”. Kirsten Carter will facilitate.

(Nancy and Colin will be away for the January Meeting, but will be back in February, when they will attempt to explain how they will reduce their carbon footprint to compensate for their trip to New Zealand!)

Possible subjects for future meetings include “Water”, both fresh and salt and “Electric Power in South East Wisconsin”. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for speakers or related topics.

COP28

We hope that you are all following the COP28 conference in Dubai, which is very relevant to our group. This should certainly be discussed at future meetings. In particular, is it a conflict of interest for the head of the UAE's main oil company to also be in charge of a conference where one of the the main objectives is to phase out fossil fuels?

We look forward to hearing from you with your suggestions as to how our group can move forward.

Colin Carter and Nancy Barda

PS – Please be careful when replying to this email. Only use “reply to all” if you really want everyone to read it. Otherwise, just reply to the sender (Nancy).