

## Autumn 2023

**“Giving young people  
a voice”**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

7 p.m.

Methodist Church

*The meeting follows the AGM*

# HOW LONG TO SEE SENSE?

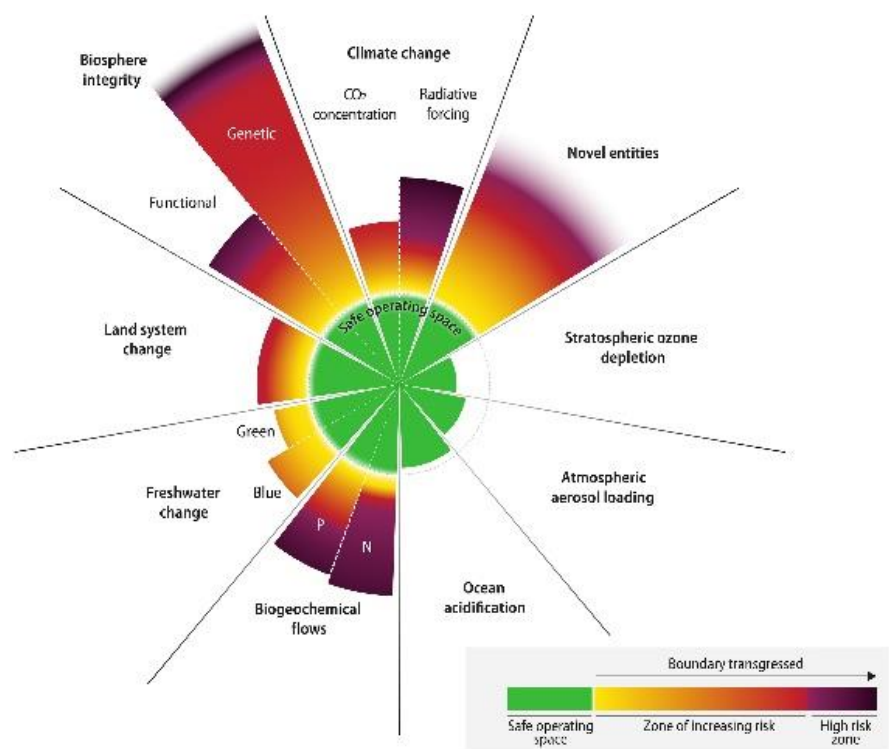
The changes predicted by science are already upon us.

Our planetary boundaries are already being exceeded (*see diagram – “Science Advances” 9/37*).

Record temperatures are melting the ice shelves of Antarctica, the Greenland ice cap, glaciers across the globe; transport companies expect soon to be able to send ships across the Arctic regularly.

There has been a five-fold increase in the number of extreme weather events. Forest fires burn; floods destroy lives and property; heat waves make life unsustainable; crops wither.

Sea levels rise and not just for distant islands in the Pacific. Seventy miles from here the community of Fairbourne can no longer be protected from the advancing waters.



**Not taking action now borders on insanity!**

**Taking measures to combat global heating brings positive benefits:**

- Better air quality
- Better quality housing
- Improved quality of public transport
- Better health, and sense of wellbeing
- Job security
- Hope for future generations

# IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

## Demand Response Scheme Paid to reduce consumption!



If you have a smart meter, your energy supplier may invite you to reduce your energy consumption at critical times, and in return pay you for doing so.

Demand is always heavy between 7 and 9 in the morning and 4 to 8 in the evening, and the National Grid is worried about excess demand. This is no excuse for not increasing grid capacity, but in the meantime there could be a benefit for you.

Last winter some households received as much as £100.

Delaying a clothes wash and charging the car, or even turning down the heating could save you money.

The **Repair Café** is open in the **Scout Hut on the second Saturday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**



To book an item or to make an enquiry, go to [info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk](mailto:info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk)



Every Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon  
At the Health and Wellbeing Centre

A poster for Stretton Climate Care. At the top, a globe is surrounded by many hands of various colors (red, blue, green, yellow, purple, orange) reaching out towards it. Below the globe is a speech bubble containing the quote: "'diversity doesn't look like anyone, it looks like everyone'" by Karen Draper, author of 'The Place of Us'. To the right of the speech bubble, text reads: "Stretton Climate Care is looking for people from our community to join our board of trustees. If you would like to join us, we would love to meet you. No experience is needed - just care for the climate!" Below this text is a QR code and contact information: "For an informal chat contact David 07906 058235 or info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk". At the bottom of the poster, a group of diverse people, including a person in a wheelchair, are standing together. The Stretton Climate Care logo is in the bottom left corner.

## PROTEST

Members of Stretton Climate Care have been busy sending emails and letters to protest at the government's rowing back on climate commitments.

First there was the decision to grant more licenses for oil and gas extraction – against the advice of scientists and the International Energy Agency. Keeping fossil fuels in the ground, for the sake of future generations, does not seem to be understood in government.

Then they retreat on electric car and gas boiler replacement – a decision condemned not just by climate activists, but by swathes of business leaders. This is bad for the environment and for the economy.

The climate crisis is happening now; the actions needed are urgent; kicking the can down the road for someone else to do something will only make things more difficult. Stretton Climate Care's full statement can be found on our website:

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

### State of British Nature Report 2023

One in six species are facing extinction. We urgently need to restore nature to tackle climate change and build resilience.