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Green View

Portswood

Marhill Copse – Labour gives green light to fell pine trees

Southampton International Airport got the green light from SCC to cut down three trees that were said to be a danger to the residents in local houses. Labour Chair Lisa Mitchell, a local councillor in Portswood, said the trees should be cut down. The airport barred the local campaign group from getting an independent report on these trees. Sadly this is part of the Airport masterplan to allow bigger planes to take off from the airport. It will lead to more noise for City residents and pollute our skies. Shame on you Southampton City Council Planning and Rights of Way committee.



Campaigners walking from Marhill Copse to the city centre in protest at the destruction of our trees

Airport expansion – Eastleigh Borough Council to decide



Green groups including AXO and the Green Party have been putting pressure on the City Council to oppose the airport expansion. Sadly the Planning and Rights of Way group, as seen above, have caved into airport pressure. The next step is the Local Area Committee in Eastleigh which will make the decision about the lengthening of the runway. This is likely to be in September, there is still time to object to this.

<http://axosouthampton.wordpress.com/>

Covid 19 updates from Portswood

Have you seen what has been happening around the area during the lockdown? People have been getting to know their neighbours, forming local street groups and celebrating VE Day together. Katherine organised Zoom meetings every Tuesday evening for people living with dementia and their carers and produced a news sheet called Together we Stand for the same audience. In Portswood, Highfield and St Denys, residents have been giving bikes they no longer need to the Society of St James for recycling to people being supported by SSJ. Here are some pictures of these events.



Zoom meeting with Boogie Woogie pianist Silvan Zwing from Switzerland



Bicycles recycling, Nadine Johnson and Katherine Barbour



Clapping – a cheap way to appease women

HELP

If you have a comment or query about our area, Katherine and Ron would love to know. Here are ways you can get in touch:



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Women have borne the brunt of the redundancies and unemployment during lockdown and now the government is proposing civil projects that will generally employ men to address this. The NHS and carers were clapped each week but to what end, as usual women are paying the price for the incompetence of our leaders. In areas where Green politicians are in coalition better decisions are made, look at Ireland which now has a coalition of Greens and other parties and look at New Zealand where Jacinda Arden has helped the country to weather Covid 19. We have people like Jacinda in the UK, let's support them. Southampton needs Green councillors, elect Green candidates next May 2021.