

January 2016

Last day of the "Cycle of Air" at the Majestic in Chamonix, including a conference with journalist Herve Kempf and numerous stalls. Launch of the web-documentary project "ATMOSphere" which will show how to improve our air quality.



Presentation at a conference on air quality, organised by CAF (Alpine Club) at the Agora in Bonneville.

February 2016

Launch of the crowd-funding campaign to raise funds for the web-documentary. Your generosity meant that by 29 February we had raised €6000 in addition to the €5000 donated by Patagonia.



Presentation to college students at Cranves-Sales, on the subject of air quality, with allergist doctor Jacques Veniean.

March 2016

Presentation at a conference at Thyez on the theme of air quality. Contribution in the consultation phase of the Machilly-Thonon motorway project, to request alternative and ambitious solutions to the all-out road transport policy pursued in Haute-Savoie.



Presentation at Passy at a conference organised by the Parents Association of the Varens College, to present citizen mobilisation and the Inspire Campaign.

April 2016

Arrival of Florie, our new intern for the next 3 months. Training session for facilitators at the Bergue Centre in Cranves-Sales, across 4 topics: air pollution, climate change, solutions and green mobility. Meeting with representatives from the Grenelle of transport and air quality (= a round-table bringing together representatives of governments as well as organisations

belonging to civil society) in Annecy. Meeting in Annecy with the regional councillor Fabienne Grebert, recently elected at the Auvergne Rhone Alps region. Presentation of the Inspire campaign during a day of conference and debate organised by Cyclamen. Start of the filming of the web-documentary "ATMOSphere".



May 2016

Inspire stand at the R'bioly festival in Morillon, organised by several organisations from the Giffre valley.

Very active participation, with the numerous organisations making up the Reseau Air 74, at the historic Appel d'Air gathering at Lake Passy on 29 May, against air pollution: Velorution'Air bike rally, from Chedde to the event in Passy and Inspire stand on arrival.





Unfortunately conferences and other activities were cancelled due to endless torrential rain on the day. The event was nevertheless a great success, with 500 people taking part in the bike rally and 2000 people in total turning up at Lake Passy, in the rain.

June 2016

Meeting in Annecy for the launch of a survey of the health impact of air pollution in the Arve valley.

Bol d’Air at Merlet, an event to raise awareness about air quality and to raise funds for Inspire.



Launch of a multi-organisations project on new mobility in Haute Savoie, aiming to offer alternative solutions to the pro road transport policy of our

Department. This project will be called “Bouger-Respirer” (To move - to breathe)

July 2016

Meeting with the Mayor of Marignier and local residents affected by the giant works surrounding the by-pass project.



Meeting with the founders of Project EquiLibre, whose heavy goods vehicles are powered by natural gas and who are working to evaluate true heavy goods vehicle emissions according to their engine, load, route etc.

September 2016

Another Bol d’Air at Merlet event, in support of the national air quality day on the 21 September.

Start of a partnership with a group of Masters Students from IAE (Business University), who

will help us raise funds and organise the launch event for the web-documentary.

Appeal against the extension of the agreement to proceed with the work on the Marignier by-pass, due to new information being revealed.

Meeting with farmers in the Chablais, whose land, cultivated with care, respect and love, is located within the footprint of the Machilly-Thonon motorway project.



October 2016

Meeting with Emmanuel Macron, who wished to meet representatives from environmental organisations as well as local doctors, to understand the air pollution problem within the Arve valley.

Launch of a petition requesting an overhaul of the decision to allow work on the Marignier by-

pass to carry on (nearly 2000 signatures gathered).



Presentation at the opening of the Alpine Week in Grassau, Germany, at the request of CIPRA (International Commission for the Protection of the Alps).

Ceremony for the awarding of the Legion of Honour to Anne Lassman-Trappier, as well as celebrations for the 20th anniversary of Environn'MontBlanc, at the Majestic in Chamonix.



November 2016

Filming at WHO in Geneva for the web-documentary and meeting with the Alpine Initiative, a pioneering Swiss NGO supporting the transfer of goods transport to the railway. Inauguration of the cycle path between Les Bossons and Les Gaillands, which resulted from public pressure, amongst other things, exerted by our

Velorution'Air events in Les Houches and Chamonix in 2014. A low impact mobility scheme has been established for the flatter part of the valley (Les Chavants to Les Tines). This first section marks the beginning of the realisation of this project.



Meeting with the new Under-Prefect at Bonneville to discuss air pollution and work on the new Plan of Protection of the Atmosphere (PPA).

Presence at the "March for the Asphyxiated" at Passy, an event organised by ARSMB.

Attendance at 3 follow-up PPA meetings, with the Prefect of Haute Savoie: residential, industrial and transport sectors discussed.

Lorry tax "Ecotaxe" definitively axed and removed from the law. Environn'Mont Blanc and ARSMB expressed their disgust at this decision.

VALLÉE DE L'ARVE
Abandon de l'écotaxe : l'« écoœurnement » des associations environnementales
 → Dans le cadre du projet de loi de finances 2017, les députés ont apporté, dans la nuit de jeudi à vendredi, le coup de grâce à l'écotaxe. Celle-ci était une revendication de longue date des associations environnementales de la vallée de l'Arve. Dans un communiqué commun, Environn'Mont-Blanc et l'ARSMB se disent « écoœurnées par cet acharnement contre un dispositif juste et équitable » et dénoncent que « l'intérêt des lobbies routiers pèse beaucoup plus lourd que l'intérêt général ». De quoi donner encore plus de grains à moudre pour la manifestation prévue ce samedi matin autour de l'usine d'incinération des déchets de Passy.

December 2016

Meeting with MP Sophie Dion and the Transport Vice President of Haute-Savoie council, to discuss the department's transport policy, which is heavily reliant upon road transport and out of touch with the feelings of residents today.

Relentless citizen mobilisation during the exceptionally long pollution peak in the Arve valley: at Sallanches, Passy and Chamonix, as well as several schools and Lycées. Unprecedented national media coverage of the air pollution problem in the Arve Valley.

Shared communiqué between the Mont-Blanc and Maurienne environmental organisations and politicians from Savoie and Haute-Savoie, to demand a ban on heavy goods traffic and the unlocking of the Trans Alpine Railway's capacities.



The signing of this Communiqué by 2 Vice Presidents of the Auvergne Rhone Alps Region grabbed the attention of the President of the Region and sparked his support for the Alpine rail service.

Air quality rally in Annecy, organised by the 15 organisations of the Grenelle for transport and air quality. Nearly 900 people took part.



Publication of a common forum by the 20 organisations of the Reseau Air 74 and the Medical collective of the Arve Valley

concerning the health impact of air pollution and the necessity to take action against all sources of pollution.

Annual General Meeting of Environn'MontBlanc at a particularly volatile time during a never-ending pollution peak.

Letter by Savoie and Haute-Savoie environmental organisations to suggest solutions for the transfer of haulage from roads to rail, as early as in 2017, following a request for contributions by the Transport Vice President of the Region.

Our assessment of the PPA sent to the Prefect, as well as our suggestions for measures to be included in the 2nd PPA, to be negotiated in 2017.

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