

Conservation in the News December 2017

UN effort to control plastics in Oceans results in 200 nations resolving to participate.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/environment/2017/12/06/more-than-200-nations-promise-to-stop-ocean-plastic-waste>

China is banning the import of plastic waste in refuse collected from other countries. This will definitely have an impact not only in the UK but the U.S. as well. Is given as a reason to increase the recycling and reuse of plastics.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/dec/07/chinese-ban-on-plastic-waste-imports-could-see-uk-pollution-rise>

More discussion of plastics in the Ocean. Effort By UN to reduce plastic rejected by U.S. China and India. It appears that in addition to their own challenges regarding plastic garbage, countries that accept waste from countries, like ours, have the added challenge of trying to earn money as garbage collector, while coping with our discarded plastic.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/un-ocean-plastic-waste-resolution-us-china-india-reject-pollution-sea-united-nations-environment-a8095541.html>

Retail company using 3D printers to recycle plastics creating new items for sale and also showing their clients what can be done with 3D printers to also redesign their space:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rachelarthur/2017/12/07/london-store-upcycles-60000-plastic-bottles-into-3d-printed-interior/#5ac6c117777f>

Boston works on banning plastic film bags.:

<https://www.asicentral.com/news/newsletters/promogram/december-2017/boston-moves-closer-to-banning-plastic-bags/>

Explanation of the way lithium is retrieved and a comparison of fossil fuel versus lithium production.

https://www.desmogblog.com/2017/12/02/renewable-energy-isnt-perfect-its-far-better-fossil-fuels?utm_source=dsb%20newsletter

Extraordinarily interesting article about existing technology using Direct Current (DC) versus the current use of Alternating Current (AC) which we use in our homes today. It says that using DC allows for transmission of energy over vastly larger areas than AC. Further, It says the Chinese are investing hugely in this technology to provide energy world-wide from wind power at the North Pole to solar power along the equator and to thus provide energy world wide upon its completion.

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<https://futurism.com/macro-grids-future-renewable-energy/>

Another interesting article this time about the UK's advances in 2017 in renewable energy.:

[nal.com/news/environment/renewable-energy-record-set/article/511078](http://www.nal.com/news/environment/renewable-energy-record-set/article/511078)

Is the Middle East ready to trade renewable energy?

<http://ameinfo.com/energy/green-living/renew-energy-sell/>

Restrictions for accepting recyclables in China

<https://www.ecns.cn/2017/12-30/286478.shtml>

Deadline to apply for EPA Easements is January 19, 2018

<http://www.ruidosonews.com/story/news/local/community/2017/12/29/deadline-apply-2018-conservation-easement-jan-19/991237001/>