

Sustainable Cinema Show

The Magnificent Revolutionary Cycling Cinema is a pedal-powered cinema show that premiered this summer at the Big Chill Festival. All its electricity is generated by ten bicycles, and most films shown are independent productions focusing on environmental issues. My own 3-minute short film 'Sea Level Wise' has now been added to the cycle cinema's regular programme. The film was already screened at the Big Chill Festival and, most recently, at Interdependence Day, an event held at the Royal Geographic Society in London on 20 October.

'Sea Level Wise' was largely inspired by expense claims and travel order requests I regularly deal with in this Department. It portrays the approaches of a scientist (played by a cartoon character) and a modern-day Druid towards dangerous climate change. When I first told a colleague about my film idea, I spontaneously received a £20-note as sponsorship. Julie Shackelford from QUEST designed the Druid costume for the film, and PhD student Gustavo Cordoba drove actress Sandra Langley and myself to Keynes Country Park where we filmed the live action scenes. 'Sea Level Wise' can be watched on my website at <http://www.charlieblackfield.com/media.htm> and will probably go on a grand tour with the Magnificent Revolutionary Cycling Cinema in 2008. For more information see <http://cyclecinema.wordpress.com/>

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