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# ECOSO EXCHANGE NO. 21

(Incorporating "Irregular" No 71)

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(Former readers maybe interested in new set-up to receive items 1 & 3)

## 1. THREE MESSAGES FOR READERS

## (1) Publication Changeover Arrangements

This is the FINAL issue in this form and under the title of "Ecoso Exchange" which has amalgamated its publication efforts (for reasons explained in the July issue) with COMMUNITY ENERGY NETWORK

(CEN) which will be sending material to you in the future.

If you are financial with "Ecoso Exchange" your subscription will be carried over and you will receive a roughly equivalent amount of

material from CEN before being asked for a renewal subscription.

Note:part 3 of the 3-part article "Energy Conservation:How to
Avoid 'Too little, too late' " which was to have appeared in this
issue,is now available in the journal "Social Alternatives" Vol.1

No.5 at pp 54-56:it was based on the "Seeds for Change" model.

(By the way, this issue of "Social Alternatives" is a special on
"Energy & Society" -many "top" writers, obtainable \$2.75 single copy}

(2) Citizens Energy Inquiry

The attached letter from CEN speaks for itself. Please read it and respond direct to CEN if you wish to make suggestions or help.

(3) New Social/Land-use/Transport Planning Group Proposed.

The Citizens Energy Inquiry is a bold step that could have an important impact if it can function well and be well popularised. It could tend to follow the current emphasis of government and industrial decision-makers on energy with the main focus on technical solutions, however, unless there is a continual strong input from those in the field of social development, urban planning, transport planning and kindred fields aimed at conserving energy in these areas as well as improving the quality of life.

A suggestion has come up, therefore, that it might be a good idea if a sub-group of the Citizens Energy Inquiry were to be formed to bring together as wide a spectrum of dedicated people in these fields

as possible.

The outgoing "Ecoso Exchange" accordingly urges the scores of readers (present or past) who - anytime over the last 12 years - have met and discussed, criticed, written or just read about the many issues dealt with to back such a sub-group as actively as possible if there is a move made in the New Year to set one up.

As a start WE APPEAL TO YOU TO FILL IN THE FORM BELOW & RETURN IT