

Outcomes from Climate Change Workshop – Amesbury Area Board, 21/11/19

Top Carbon Issues for Individuals

- 1) Imported Emissions
- 2) What We Eat
- 3) Stuff
- 4) Cars-Travel
- 5) Home Energy
- 6) Flights
- 7) Clothes
- 8) Tech Upgrades
- 9) Washing Clothes
- 10) Waste & Recycling
- 11) Wildcards!

Actions people and their communities might take to tackle these issues:

1) Imported Emissions

- Vertical farming
- Buying locally/use local suppliers
- Buying seasonally
- Buy less – only buy what you need

2) What We Eat

- Plan your meals for the week
- Go vegetarian/vegan/flexitarian
- Eat fresh food with less packaging
- Educate people on what to eat
- Learn to make meals with leftovers
- Grow your own

3) Stuff

- Buy less stuff
- Reduce the presents you give
- Ask if you really need it
- Recycle/donate unwanted items

4) Cars-Travel

- Work from home
- Restrict engine size
- Go electric?
- Lobby government for low cost and efficient public transport
- Lobby government to transform public transport to electric/gas/hydrogen
- Put in more safe cycle routes
- Car share

- Buy a bus pass as an incentive to use public transport
- Ask yourself if you really need to go?
- Introduce charging zones for car drivers in busy areas
- Walk when possible
- Make park and ride free
- Use community transport

5) Home Energy

- Install L.E.D's
- Install Smart meters
- Install efficient insulation
- Install solar panels on all new builds and all public buildings
- VAT free initiatives needed by government for energy efficient home improvements to houses
- Grey water collection from homes
- Turn off lights
- Put a jumper on instead of the heating
- Turn down thermostats
- Review planning constraints on listed buildings, so they can be refurbished to be more eco friendly and comfortable to live in.

6) Flights

- Take less flights
- Holiday in the UK – 'Staycation'
- Get the train/boat
- Lobby local and central government to rate airlines on how carbon neutral/green they are, so people can make an educated choice if they must fly. This would also create consumer pressure on airlines to be greener.
- Increase taxes

7) Clothes

- Buy less
- Recycle more
- Use charity shops
- Don't follow fashion
- Upcycle
- Buy fair trade

8) Tech Upgrades

- Re-use tech
- Build equipment to last longer
- Repair not replace

- Use software which does not require upgrades to tech, large processing power etc
- Train people to repair tech
- If it still works, don't change it
- Ask yourself if you really need it
- Recycle old tech at Curry's

9) Washing Clothes

- Wash at lower temperatures
- Only wash it if it's dirty/wear items more than once
- Always wash a full load
- Use eco-friendly washing detergent
- Do not use tumble dryer

10) Waste and Recycling

- Supermarkets should only buy what they can sell
- Ban 2 for 1 deals
- Put pressure on shops to only use packaging that can be recycled
- Improve food waste recycling
- Plan meals, buy less food
- Write a shopping list before going out
- Take items of use to charity shops etc
- Use keep cups/reusable receptacles

11) Wildcards!

- Change planning laws to insist that all new developments are green/all new builds are carbon neutral
- Plant trees
- Use cloth nappies rather than disposable nappies

Best ways to communicate with Wiltshire residents:

- Wiltshire Council Website
- Parish websites
- Village/town websites
- Facebook
- Other Social Media