



**SUSTAINING NORTH BERWICK ASKED MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC THREE QUESTIONS:**

- HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?
- WHAT DO YOU THINK GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD SHOULD DO TO PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE?
- WHAT SMALL BUT IMPORTANT THINGS ARE YOU DOING TO HELP PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE?

AND THIS IS WHAT THEY TOLD US...





HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

- * I feel overwhelmed and very concerned as I'm seeing the changes in the natural world
- * Climate change is far advanced and deeply worrying for the next generation
- * Climate change is the most important issue – correction, along with inequality, famine, health – facing us
 - * I feel frustrated with lack of sustainable infrastructure
- * Disappointed at the tragic lack of progress in the last 30 years
 - * Increasingly worried about the crisis of biodiversity
 - * Where is the leadership?
 - * I feel upset and worried about climate change because it's already really bad but it's getting worse and it's not had much notice taken by the people who can change our economy or lifestyle
 - * Scary
 - * The planet will survive – humans may not
- * Profoundly worried for my son's future
- * We feel upset that it is happening and horrified that we let it get this bad. We are worried for our future if people do not change
 - * Crucial to address climate change NOW
 - * Everyone needs to do more than their part
 - * Anxious, impatient, exasperated
- * Everyone can have an impact on the environment – including our eating, what we wear, etc
- * We all need to change our habits – if you want to eat strawberries in the winter, then this is coming from miles away – we need to eat what is in season and locally produced to cut carbon production
 - * Needs to be addressed now
 - * I support local action
 - * Individuals and groups need to be informed
- * Scared and worried that we're not taking enough action / those who are making the decisions don't care
 - * I feel that it is very easy to forget

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about climate change – to put it out of mind for easy peace of mind. However, this is the issue.

* If we keep treating climate change as a matter for the future or something which can simply be cured by ‘turning off lights’ and ‘eating sustainably’, it will inevitably end badly. While these lifestyle strategies are important we need to place emphasis on the real root of the cause – the people who have the power to change, who have known about this all along, and who have made excuses and elected to ignore the problem.


* It’s a masterful game of blame they play – selling ‘eco friendly’ commodities to consumers while pumping tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere making these ‘eco friendly’ options more expensive, harder to obtain than their disposable counterparts.

* We need to speak up against them, hold governments and businesses accountable for their crimes against the planet. Governments should be stricter on this – stop using money as an

excuse while they squander it on nuclear weapons and the Queen

* We can do better. People just don’t seem to care, but we have the power to change that

* People who maintain older vehicles but cannot afford to change to electric are punished through taxation and public criticism/shaming. People who cannot afford to install photovoltaic panels or are not permitted by archaic council regulations are paying for those who can to receive huge paybacks. People who can afford the mortgages for new builds are often buying properties with numerous bathrooms, utility rooms, wood burners, parking for several vehicles and the only requirement of developers seems to be to insulate well. So much is unfair and makes those who are insufficiently funded made to feel lesser beings in this huge debate. There are so many things that make tackling this very much a middle-class capability; hard, too hard, impossible. People on lower incomes or benefits want to do well by their descendents





WHAT DO YOU THINK GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD SHOULD DO TO PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE?

- * Implement carbon tax
- * Invest more in nature-based solutions
 - * Invest more in renewables
- * Put more pressure on other governments
 - * Collaborate
- * Stop supporting people who are exploiting the resources and the people who live on the planet – or else
- * My frustration comes from the scale of change required and the simple thing that we need to make things really easy for people before they change wholesale how they eat, how they travel, how they heat their homes, what they buy
- * I work in public health and the impact of the economy on health and there are many things at local level that the public sector can change – but we still buy goods and services in a global market
- * I'm waiting with bated breath to see outcomes of COP26. Here's hoping
 - * Our government needs to take a lead at every level
- * What can we do here – will Scottish Government/council/industry work on local heating so is not house by house
- * We talk a lot about bottom up and market mechanics. We now need top down to make it work at a global level – regulations are required
 - * I've worked in environment for many years and the market and bottom up is not enough
- * I think the government should take notice of progress, switch to renewables and stop just talking and take action
 - * Pull together like in war time
 - * Invest in green tech

- * Fund poor nations to make change
- * Governments should wake up to the fact that climate change is going to influence change and end human lives in the future, not just animal lives
 - * Government needs to be bold and courageous
 - * Global Carbon Tax
- * Put the climate emergency first – but hand in hand with social justice or the poor will be excluded and left behind
 - * Climate justice
- * Listen to the public and what ideas they may have
 - * Face the climate problem instead of ignoring it
 - * Policy should be led by climate justice
 - * Stop fossil fuel extraction NOW
 - * Do not develop Cambo Field
- * Stop investing in fossil fuel industry / companies
- * Move to PR in UK elections to allow Green parties a bigger role in parliament
 - * Get Bikeability back in primary schools
 - * No fossil fuels
 - * Plant more trees
 - * Tax the polluters
 - * Climate justice for all
 - * Better and more space for bikes
- * Listen and make significant changes now!
- * Stop investing in fossil fuel projects and incentivise others to do so

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- * Start investing more in renewables and promoting that
 - * At a local level resourcing areas appropriately to help support various climate change initiatives
 - * Educate through the curriculum and upwards
 - * UK government must abandon nuclear weapons and stop HS2 and divert resources and tax payers' money into green technologies and green jobs. Renationalise railways and water; support local high streets and small local hospitals to cut car use
 - * No new road building budget until we have maintained what we have already got. Repair and widen footpaths across the country. More active travel initiatives. More incentives for public transport use.
 - More bus lanes, more dualling of train lines
 - * Less animal agriculture. Banning meat in all publicly funded services. No more subsidies for sheep farming, that cause huge erosion issues and emit masses of methane. More funding for outdoor and nature-based education centres
 - * Ban advertising of carbon intensive industries (cars, meat), stop subsidising fossil fuel usage, stop subsidising car usage (company car policies, end freeze on fuel duty), environmental agriculture schemes, ban peat extraction, ban grouse shooting
 - * More reopening of old train lines and stations. Increasing capacity on the Borders railway. Make it easier to travel to Dumfries and Galloway and the Highlands by public transport. Reduce public transport fares. Low traffic neighbourhoods
 - * End tax subsidies for fossil fuels. Tax aviation fuel. International carbon tax. Fund the \$100bn for transition in developing countries.
 - End tax subsidies for livestock industries. Commit to capping leaking oil and gas wells

- * Help developing countries shift with environmental-linked aid funding, train our workforce for green jobs (renewables, retrofitting houses), widespread retrofitting of substandard buildings and homes
 - * Segregated cycle infrastructure. Greater skills for repairing objects, not sending them to landfill. Just transition for oil workers. More green hydrogen. Transition away from cars, not just switch to electric
 - * To put aside self-interest and short-term prosperity and commit to meaningful measures to tackle carbon emissions. To have the courage to face the climate crisis head on, even if it means real economic sacrifice. Overall to work together
 - * Stop the fetishisation of economic growth
 - * Show statesmanship and work together to reduce carbon emission NOW. Accept this is the no.1 priority – help developing countries adopt carbon-neutral strategies and adaptations. Stop mining coal NOW. Reduce plastics worldwide
 - * Walk the walk as well as talk the talk. Especially the governments of the top 20 richest countries who must take the lead in action and direct spending
 - * Subventions to make it financially more appealing to make the climate-friendly decision. E.g. valuing farms for biodiversity and sustainable food production rather than area of land prepared for crops
 - * Unless Government and local authorities address inequality in residential properties – the financial expectations of residents – and open up fairer opportunities to achieve insulation, better heating and consistent support, any public and personal action will remain within the possibilities of those with money
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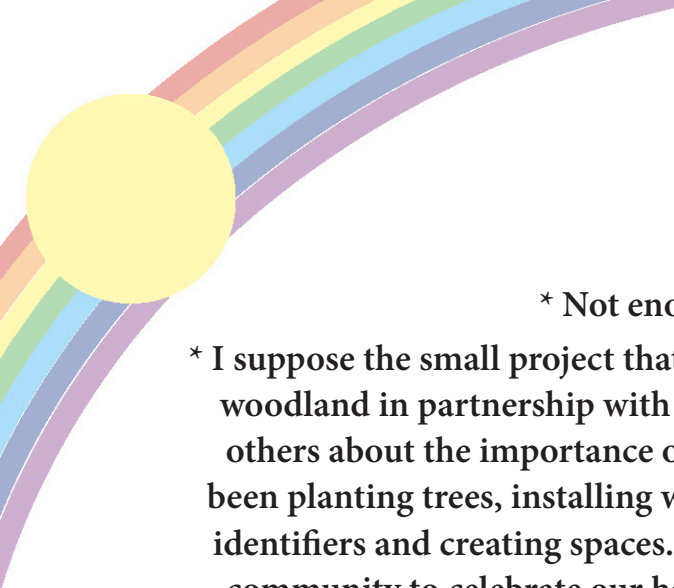
WHAT SMALL BUT IMPORTANT THINGS ARE YOU DOING TO HELP PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE?

- * Stop meat consumption, flights
 - * Tree planting
 - * Dietary changes
 - * Reduce travelling
 - * Turn down heating
- * I'm 80 years old. Neither my husband nor I have ever had a car. He was a teacher going on about global warning for decades
- * We as a family don't eat meat, apart from venison locally culled; and reviewed how we travel
 - * Family vegetarian for 30 years
 - * Think about travel, reuse, etc
 - * Talk to people but it is not enough
- * I am doing a few things, a few litter picks and my family are using sustainable energy
 - * Reusing, etc
 - * Growing own veg
- * I will not fly unless it's really necessary
 - * I only eat meat once a week
 - * We get a local veg box delivered
 - * We buy green electricity
 - * We cycle and walk when possible
 - * We train instead of fly

- * We've given up meat
- * We're reducing, reusing and recycling as best we can
 - * Paper straws to metal straws
 - * Renewable water bottle
 - * Walking more
 - * Using public transport
 - * Reducing meat consumption
 - * Solar panels / timing energy use
 - * Reduce, reuse and recycle
 - * Next car will be electric – current car is small
 - * Shop local – local produce
 - * Don't fly
 - * No local car journeys
 - * Cut down on heating, electricity
 - * Eat no meat
 - * Don't fly
 - * Keep inside temperature low
 - * Try to avoid car use
- * I use chemical-free material for household and personal use, with refill containers
 - * I use recycleable materials when possible
 - * Do not eat meat

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* Not enough

* I suppose the small project that I instigated in the Gilsland woodland in partnership with ELC is helping to educate others about the importance of our green spaces. We've been planting trees, installing wildlife boxes, creating tree identifiers and creating spaces. And coming together as a community to celebrate our hard work and community

* Educating my children has been an important part of this

* Eat less dairy

* Today... taking out a gas cooker, putting in all-electric and using 100 percent renewable energy; refitting a kitchen and limiting what goes to landfill by reusing/recycling. Aiming for plastic-free kitchen

* I don't eat meat. Hardly ever fly. I recycle as much as possible and buy local produce where I can. For the future, I now think twice before buying new clothes; the next car will be electric and I am looking into solar panels. I also pray for the planet!

* Insulate the house more

* Vegan diet, car-free, walk, cycle and public transport everywhere, grow some of my own veg and herbs, renewable energy tariff, environmental pension plan, spreading the word on social media, carbon offsetting, Ecosia search engine, home composting + more

* I have objected to the felling of a tree belt and grubbing up a hedge at the proposed nursery school at Old Haddington Road. This is to provide eight car parking spaces that the consultants said were not required

* Drive less

* Not flying. Using a green energy tariff. Planning to get solar panels. Vegetarian

* Secondhand clothing, saving energy, LED bulbs, travelling by train and bus, educating myself through reading books, etc, bird feeder and pond to help wildlife affected by climate change

* Minimise long-distance travel. Recycle. Use solar power for domestic electricity and water heating. Look at buying electric for next car

* Trying to make the right things more easy – skipping to have meat at home to prompt vegetarian cooking, having my cycle nearer to hand than a car to nudge active travel, using a tiny landfill bin to incentivise recycling, etc

* Use less fossil fuel

* Reducing plastics, turning off lights, etc. Reducing meat consumption, driving less (and will buy electric car next), flying less, recycling everything I can, buying fewer new things

