

Climate

MATTERS

The following is a collection of video links, questions, and more, to help stimulate local discussion & response.

It's encouraging that we've now got a collection point for plastic film closer than Aberystwyth (Tywyn Co-op). However, it's increasingly clear that we can't always trust how our 'recycling' is dealt with. Either way, the amount of plastic 'in the system' is growing exponentially.

CHALLENGE - Supply & Demand

Try doing your weekly shop without involving any plastic film; it's hard, but not impossible. For a real challenge, try and eliminate hard plastics too!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hr6RqGg6ExE>

Going for a drive?

For those who appreciate some historical context:

"A brief history of electric vehicles and oil: Dan Snow & Fully Charged"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wODCOWm4PYM>



If you're sitting comfortably;

"The Dirty Truth about Combustion Engine Vehicles: An Open Source Animation"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk-LnUYEXuM>

What about an EV?

Electric vehicles are a fast-developing technology but not a new technology. The Nissan Leaf & Renault Zoe, for example, have been around for 10 years.

CHALLENGE - Write a letter

- ✦ Write to your MP, Transport Minister or the Auto Industry and press them for when the 'premium' price-tag is going to be dropped from EVs?

ACTION - Car-share scheme

Could TBC club together & buy a 2nd hand EV & operate a local car-share scheme like the recent one in Abergynolwyn?

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

The following link depicts the current EV charging infrastructure. Have a scroll around the UK! Zoom in on Tywyn however, & you'll see it's a public charging 'desert'. The local Council appear to be dragging their heels on the matter.

CHALLENGE - Write a letter

Write to your MP or Gwynedd Council asking when charging points will be installed in your area.

ACTION - Get charged up

As part of our witness & responsibility, what if the Christian Church was an instigator of Tywyn's 1st public charging point?



Energy

Is your energy supplier delivering electricity from renewable sources? "Carbon-offset" gas is available too. Shop around & you could be paying less than with a traditional tariff.

The "Fully Charged Show" has an informative back-catalogue of topics on their Youtube channel. Hot off the press is a new series focussed on Home Energy:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7Fvn_kPZcU

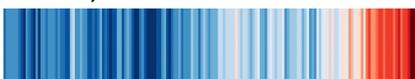
ACTION - Renewable energy

Check out renewable energy suppliers and if you could change.

Would it make sense for TBC to have solar panels on the roof? (a Methodist church building in Lindford, Hampshire has been running off their own solar panels for over 12 years!)

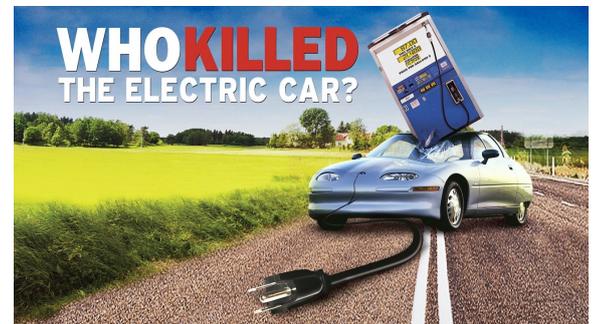
DISPLAY - Check out the "Warming Stripes"

concept, devised by Prof. Ed Hawkins of Reading University, depicting global temperature rise by coloured barcode; available free to download:



<https://showyourstripes.info/>

Movie Night



See the trailer - (Sony Pictures)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaZSeulWqEk>

CAMPAIGN

Kathie W & I launched a mini-campaign! We were perplexed as to why the X29 bus would leave its diesel engine idling for ¼ hour, next to the school playing field, before the start of its shift; it's not that it was cold! Kathie questioned the driver one time & was met by an unrepeatable response! I wrote to the bus company and, crucially, copied the email to the transport dept. of Gwynedd Council. We got the following response:

"Thank you for bringing this to our attention and whilst there is no specific Company policy regarding vehicle idling, we do recommend that buses are switched off, which is both kinder to the environment and saving the Company money on fuel."

We will now put out a notice to all our drivers, reminding them that, where possible, engines are to be turned off."

It goes to show that, with a bit of effort, we can make a difference where we live.