

EMERGENCY

- THE ROLE FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

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Footsteps - Faiths for a Low Carbon Future

BIRMINGHAM CLIMATE EMERGENCY - THE ROLE FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

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Footsteps in Action



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Footsteps

Faiths for a Low Carbon Future



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COUNCIL OF FAITHS**

Speak with pride, listen with respect

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Birmingham City Council Climate Emergency Declaration

Full Council Debate 11 June 2019

Cross Party motion

New Green industrial revolution

Decarbonisation + delivering justice and jobs

Net zero carbon city by 2030

Just transition

Setting up task force

Climate Emergency – Just Transition

Involves

Shifting from fossil fuels to renewable energy

Valuing and investing in green spaces

Sustainable transport system reducing air pollution

Delivering health benefits

Changing way city deals with waste

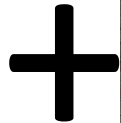
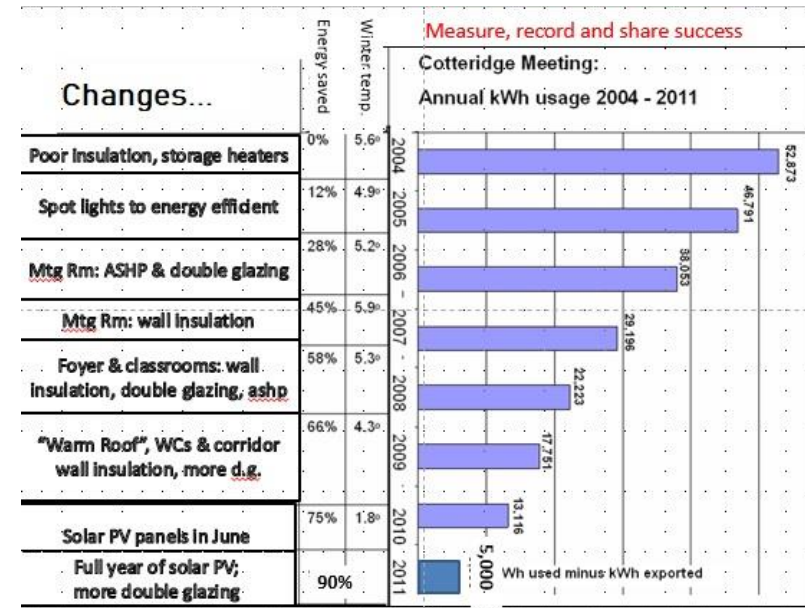
Lifting people out of deprivation

Just Transition – Faith perspective

- Historic inequality in who has benefited from ‘cheap’ fossil fuel energy...
- ...while others have suffered and continue to suffer from fossil fuel extraction
- Climate change is unequal in its impacts
- Those most responsible for climate change must do most to tackle it
- The action we take must be in solidarity with the communities most affected by climate change.



Cotteridge Quaker Meeting



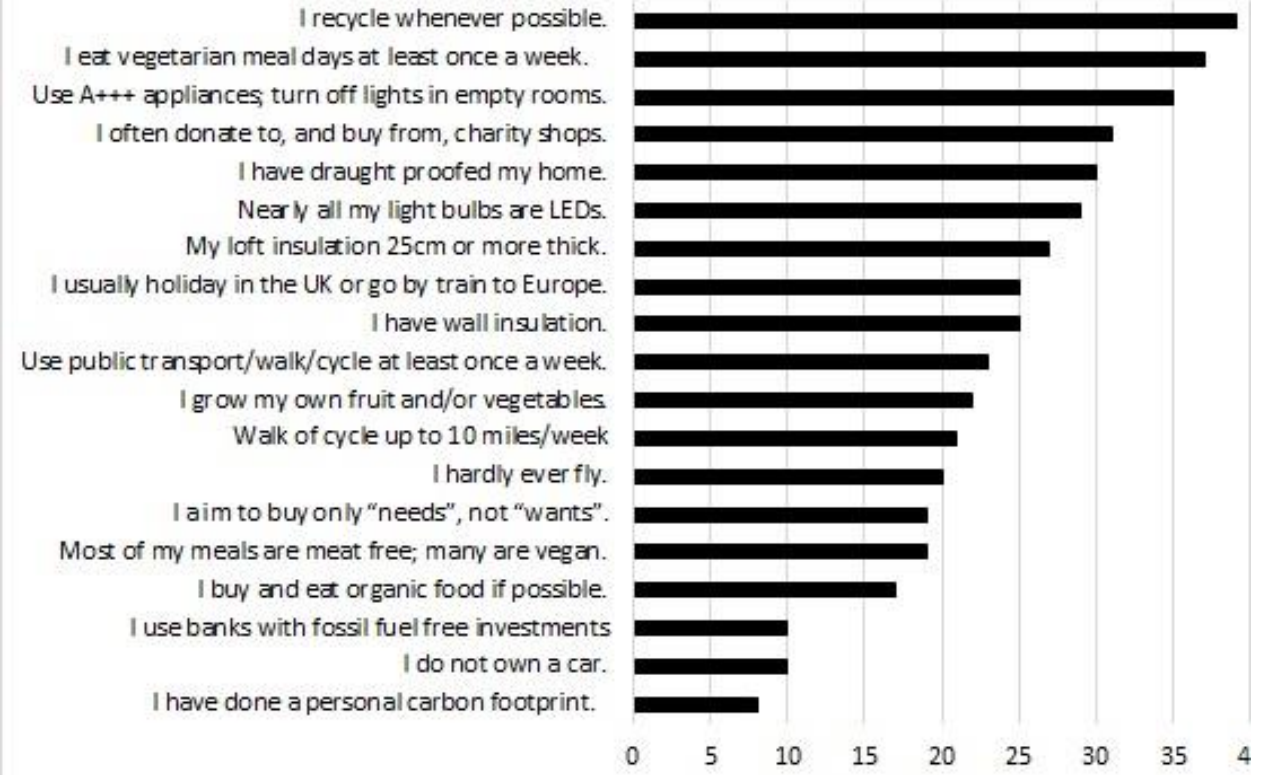
Team work improved Meeting House & bungalow insulation, heating & electricity generation!



Life Style Changes



Cotteridge Quakers' Bean in a Bottle Survey



Climate Emergency Task Force

Route to Zero (R20) task force

Response to young people and campaigning pressure

Stakeholders sharing expertise

Building on previous work

Informed development of an action plan

Clear, realistic action plan to Full Council April 2020

Last chance **This time its different!**

Thankyou for listening!

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