

The Canterbury Commitment

Transforming ourselves: transforming the system

What are we doing already?

(As suggested by Friends at the gathering)

- Planted 5 acres of trees
- Different arrangements of area meetings = less travelling
- Telephone area meeting (North west Scotland)
- Car sharing/ cycling to meeting
- Popular book stalls/magazine articles
- Raised population issues with Area Meeting
- Individual Friends are engaging with local organisations promoting positive change
- Carbon co-op involved in new network – ‘Fuelling Manchester’:
www.carbon.coop/tagged/fuelling-manchester
- Local Meeting has raised concerns on climate change with local MP
- Twice year meetings with MP and MSP which we are carefully prepared for - at each one we raise 2 or max 3 issues of concern with them and ask for specific actions by them/ or them to write a letter to the Minister etc
- Provide a forum for many local organisations
- Driving less or not at all. Using bike more.
- Moved to much smaller well insulated house
- Trustee of national Living Witness group
- Work for stronger mental community health
- Online petitions
- Support law of ecocide. See www.eradicatingecocide.com
- Joined ‘Population Matters’. See: www.populationmatters.org/
- Creating housing cooperative
- Insulated house loft
- Reducing foreign/unethical food and foreign holidays
- Contact MP
- Helped local cooperative
- Instituted ‘free shop’
- Planting and growing own food and giving it away
- Raising population dilemma amongst Quakers
- Proud of being active
- Articles on sustainability issues for Quaker newsletters
- Community gardening
- Involvement in local food coop
- Organic whole foods

- Folding bicycles
- Lewes is a transition town with our own currency. There is a good website showing its activities and campaign – www.transitiontownlewes.org . Lancaster is too: www.transitioncitylancaster.org
- Making and trialling biochar – www.earthdoctors.co.uk
- Sustrans – safe routes to school. See www.sustrans.org.uk
- Community beekeeping
- Freecycle. See www.freecycle.org
- Co-creating a 'free shop' to enable good will/sharing/reuse/trust
- Woodland trust – replanting trees and giving free trees. See www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
- Supporting and working for a CSA – Community Supported Agriculture scheme. See <http://www.soilassociation.org/communitysupportedagriculture/whatiscsa>
- In my local Equality Trust book group. See
- Lets acknowledge that even some of the 'bad guys' are doing positive stuff: www.equalitytrust.org.uk

What could we do next?

(As suggested by Friends at the gathering)

- Group work with local meeting
- Showing films
- Involvement with protest
- Talk to MP
- Get out of our bubble
- Consciously invite room hirers/ other local groups to an open facilitated discussion on what we can do
- Visit local MP
- Speak to environmental concerns in local village meetings
- Find out more about local food
- Local film group
- Print some of the Royal Society of Arts report on 'A New Agenda on Climate Change: Facing Up to Stealth Denial and Winding Down on Fossil Fuels' for meeting. See: <http://www.thersa.org/action-research-centre/learning,-cognition-and-creativity/social-brain/reports/a-new-agenda-on-climate-change>
- Open 'super home'. See www.superhomes.org.uk
- Talk about this event with folk
- Networking