
What Do You Really Think About Climate Change?

The rise in oil prices and the predicted effects of climate change can sometimes seem somewhat overwhelming. What, if any, changes do you think they will make to our lives and if they will make changes, what can you do to make any difference to their impact? Would you like to know you are not acting on your own and what other people in Wallingford and the surrounding villages are doing too? Sustainable Wallingford has prepared the following short questionnaire to gauge current feelings regarding the challenges these things may bring to our lives and to give a picture of what we in our local communities are already doing to meet them.

This information will tell us about:

- a) What people are currently doing, or would be prepared to do.
- b) Whether their actions are a response to climate change and more expensive and decreasing oil supplies.
- c) What increased action we could take individually and collectively, to enable Wallingford and the surrounding villages to become more sustainable.

Once collated, the information from these surveys will be published on our website, in our newsletter, and in *Window on Wallingford*, together with information about some next steps we could all undertake and how Sustainable Wallingford can help. An on-line version of this questionnaire can also be found at www.sustainablewallingford.org/Q.

About Sustainable Wallingford

Sustainable Wallingford is made up from a group of local residents from Wallingford and the surrounding villages. They are committed to supporting the people of Wallingford and its surrounding area to live more sustainably and reduce their environmental impact.

The group was formed in 2003. Since it was founded, Sustainable Wallingford has become well known locally for a range of activities that involve local people and raise awareness of the need to reduce the demands we make on the resources of our planet. We run regular Swap Shops at the Regal Centre, produce a 'Where to buy Local Guide', are involved in local transport initiatives and provide information for local schools. We also support the Fir Tree School Garden project, the Saturday Local Producers Market at the Regal Centre and the Washable Nappies project.

Sustainable Wallingford has around 35 active members and is in regular contact with over 300 local residents who attend our events and receive our newsletter. We also work in partnership with local government, schools, hospitals, food producers and businesses to promote sustainability. We also have a link with a similar group in Wallingford, Seattle, USA.

You can find out more about our activities on the website. www.sustainablewallingford.org. If what you read inspires you to get involved, please contact us through the website or by filling in the last page of this questionnaire.

Please return this questionnaire to
20 Croft Rd, Wallingford, OX10 OHT, or at these drop off points around Wallingford ;

The Corn Exchange	Just Trading	Wallingford Library	The Information Office
St Mary's Church	Derry's Den, Benson		

Part A. Your General Views on Climate and Energy Reserves

Please circle the response nearest to your own in the following statements.

A1 The world's store of oil, gas and coal is fast running out.	strongly agree	agree	not sure	disagree	strongly disagree
A2 The earth is heating up much faster than it would in natural climate change, due to human activity.	strongly agree	agree	not sure	disagree	strongly disagree
A3 Global warming and running out of coal and oil are going to have major impacts on our economy and the way that we live.	strongly agree	agree	not sure	disagree	strongly disagree
A4 We will feel the impact of climate change...	now	within 5 years	within 5-20 years	within 20-50 years	in more than 50 years
A5 We will feel the impact of reducing oil supplies and increased oil costs...	now	within 5 years	within 5-20 years	within 20-50 years	in more than 50 years
A6 The way to solve this problem is... (Rate answers from 1 (most important) to 4 (least important); rate equally important measures with same number)	we all need to take action individually <input type="checkbox"/>	governments should act to limit energy consumption <input type="checkbox"/>	economies should be much more localised <input type="checkbox"/>	other <input type="checkbox"/>	
A7 If 'other' ticked, please specify					

Part B. Your Lifestyle

B1 I have noticed that the rise in oil price has affected....	every area of my life	the main areas of my life	small areas of my life	no areas of my life
B2 As a result of information on climate change what changes have you made to your lifestyle?	too many to count	several	a few	none
B3 Why did you make those changes? (circle all applicable)	to save money	to help reduce climate change	because others were	other reasons
B4 What do you go outside your local (20 miles) area for at least once a week? (circle all applicable)	work	leisure	family	shopping

Part C. Some Specific Actions

Here are some specific actions that some people are taking to reduce their carbon emissions	install low-energy light-bulbs	install cavity wall insulation	reduce car use	turn down heating	recycle	reduce water use	install solar heating
Please tick if you.....							
C1 Have taken any of these actions							
C2 Have considered taking any of these actions, but not got round to it yet							
C3 Would like more information about any of these actions							
C4 Please tell us about anything else that you have done to reduce your carbon footprint							
C5 Would you like help or advice on how to go about other activities which would cut carbon or reduce oil use?				yes	no		
C6 If 'no', is this because you are...?				already involved	not interested		
C7 If you are reducing your car usage, what are you doing differently? (Circle all applicable)	Use public transport more	Travel less distance	Travel less often	Car share	Walk more	Cycle more	
C8 What would encourage you to take action, or more action on climate change? (Circle all applicable)	If your club or organisation were taking action		If you knew what the collective action across the community was and that you were not acting alone		Other		
C9 If 'other', please specify							
C10 If you belong to any local organisation (eg church, scouts) which is taking action re climate change, please summarise.							

Thank you for your time and effort.

If you wish to keep in touch with Sustainable Wallingford or receive our newsletters and other email updates, please fill in the form on the following page.

Keeping in touch with us

name -----

email -----

tel -----

address -----

Data protection: We will only use these details to send you information about Sustainable Wallingford activities.

Please tick the boxes below if you would like more information or to get further involved.

- I would like to find out more about the following activities:

waste

buy local

schools

transport

publicity

general activities

• I would like to volunteer to help at Sustainable Wallingford events

• I would like to become a member of Sustainable Wallingford* (fee £5 pa)?

Do you have any specific skills/interests relevant to sustainability?

* Membership benefits are

- Entitlement to attend all General Meetings
- Ability to vote at General Meetings
- Entitlement to stand for election to the SW Management Group.