Workshop Feedback

Reactions, Personal Changes and Community Actions

An asterisk (*) marks a point where the same or a closely related theme was raised by more than one group within that category.

Reactions

Group A

- Population explosion? But the UK?
- Need practical solutions, not just talk.
- Film – people need to relate to it; don't just speak from books, demonstrate solutions.
- What can we personally do?
- Advertising – persuading us to eat junk food etc.
- Want to see it again in my own home.
- **It did not address the problem of whole world crisis not UK. ***

Group B

- Unsurprised.
- **Urgency is real. ***
- Limiting CO_2 across the whole world seems unlikely.
- **Anger at corporations and the focus on profit. ***
- Good to have someone pulling it all together in the film.
- Tipping point – positive or negative?
- **Hope. ***

Group C

- Does writing to Mel Stride MP make any difference?
- It's gone further than I thought.
- The potential for social conflict is extreme.
- **Little bit of hope. ***

Group D

- Really chilling seeing the film.
- Social collapse is a scary thought.
- **Needs to be called and treated as an emergency. ***
- **Film really good but global issue – how do we mobilise globally? ***
- **Eye-opener that UK biodiversity is so low. ***
- Massive CO_2 levels in such a short period are alarming.
- **Concern for children and grandchildren very prominent. ***

Group E

- **Sense of emergency is now. ***
- Infrastructure needs to change.
- Need for cross-party working – political system too short-termist and too money-focused.

- **Copenhagen made it seem possible to achieve change – how did they do it? ***
- Change of behaviour needed.
- Concern about mistrust of politicians – are they going to do anything without political pressure?

Group F

- **Anger. ***
- Frustration.
- Societal deafness.
- Overwhelming sense of impotence.
- Government inaction/lack of long-term vision.
- **Solutions exist and can/should work (e.g. Copenhagen). ***
- **Sadness at biodiversity loss. ***
- **Fear for children/grandchildren. ***
- **Hope – need to spread the word. ***
- **Film left people feeling urgency but good solutions are available. ***

Personal Changes

Group A

- Use less.
- Fashion industry – production and materials made from oil.
- Eat less.
- Travel less.
- **Convert to electric vehicles. ***
- Buy British.
- Wear clothes until they are worn out; buy pre-loved.

Group B

- Simplify possessions and reduce overheads (particularly post-production).
- **Avoid food waste. ***
- Address overproduction further up the supply chain.
- Change expectations and learn to cope with less choice.

Group C

- Contacting Mel Stride – last way?
- Sign a petition.
- **Eat less meat and more plant-based food. ***
- Buy local milk.
- Use e-bikes/bikes.

Group D

- **Get solar panels. ***
- Writing to our MP is a good idea – especially if everyone writes.
- Why don't we all email him tomorrow?
- **Eat less meat. ***
- Rainwater harvesting.
- **Change car to EV. ***

- Repair products you already own.
- Reduce consumption of goods.

Group E

- **Replace/reduce oil consumption. ***
- Use public transport more.
- **Buy electric vehicle (consider negative impact of price and vehicle size; are batteries good for the environment?). ***
- **Install solar panels (incentives and payback periods; initial outlay very expensive). ***
- **Change diet – eat less meat and more plant-based food. ***

Group F

- Vote Green?
- Look at heat pumps.
- **Look at solar panels. ***
- **Reduce dependence on oil. ***
- **Look at diet/wastage of food. ***
- Reduce single-use plastic.

Community Actions

Group A

- **More electric car charging points. ***
- **Hydro power from waterfalls. ***
- **Solar panels on public buildings. ***
- **Better bus service/reduce reliance on cars. ***
- **Car sharing. ***
- Coordinate shopping deliveries – perhaps one delivery per week for everyone.

Group B

- **Solar panels on public buildings. ***
- Community working together.
- **Solar panels on streets/in the street (as seen in the film). ***
- Localised power generation – national grid is not working!
- Use technology (WhatsApp groups, organise lifts/favours, share resources/tools to reduce buying).
- **Car sharing (lobby for support; address insurance and practical barriers). ***
- Invite MP to community meetings (concern MP did not attend; if lots of people contact/put pressure on him perhaps he will respond).

Group C

- Boycotts for churches?
- Grants/loans?
- Get Dartmoor National Park on board.
- Use the Den Brook Fund.

Group D

- **EV charging in car parks. ***
- **Run PV panels on the community centre roof. ***

- **Water capture using natural processes – how do we change statutory processes to enable this, involving the Environment Agency and National Park Authority? ***
- **Local water storage is a problem. ***
- Can we use beavers in the catchment/valley to help slow down the movement of water?
- PV panels on roofs need to be free from planning constraints.
- Relaxation of statutory rules to allow more PV and harnessing in the National Grid.
- Community-scale energy generation.
- Get local renewable people in to tell local people what they are doing.
- Can we test water quality of the River Taw (monitored by the Environment Agency)?
- **Harvest water – divert downpipes to tanks. ***
- **Learn from good ideas from other countries, e.g. Holland and water collection. ***

Group E

- Village wind turbine(s).
- **Car sharing – set up WhatsApp group. ***
- **Better/more accessible public transport. ***
- Food sharing.
- Lobby for better cycling access/pedestrian access.
- **Some sort of water reservoir. ***

Group F

- Lobby councillors and MPs (improve communications, show the film, promote solar energy).
- **Explore renewable energy (wind turbines, look at hydro power on the River Taw; the Environment Agency may be a barrier). ***
- **Car sharing. ***
- **More EV charging stations. ***
- Make air fares more expensive.
- Tax airlines on fuel consumption.