

# Acting Together

Climateers 3.2

## **Alongside cutting our own emissions we must push for changes elsewhere.**

The whole issue is mind-boggling to absorb so the obvious option is to look at existing group's ideas and views and join in. You will need the encouragement!

There are national organisations like Greenpeace, FoE, XR that promote national policies but have local groups to join and others with national memberships like We are Possible, WWF.

Your local authority has a duty to combat climate change and locally there will be groups pressing them on local issues like *food waste*. Decaying food emits methane which is much worse than CO<sub>2</sub> but it can be captured in an anaerobic digester and used as fuel. *The 'F' gases* in refrigerators and air conditioning are even more damaging than methane!! Does your Council pay for their safe disposal? Is it funding *LED street lighting*? Comparing policies and funding between councils might point new ways forward. E.g a leading Council is Warrington.

You could support independent campaigns like the Green New Deal, the Local Electricity Bill (on its second reading) and the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. National online petitions can be on target: e.g. 38 degrees as can the global Change.Org and Someofus.org.

You may prefer being practical and plant or care for existing trees with e.g. Woodland Trust, Trust for Conservation Volunteers. 'Camden Forest' is a project of <https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk>

Raising your awareness helps power action. You can get informed by reading. The best short intro to climate change I have found is called Small Gases, Big Effect by David Nelles and Christian Serrer Particular Books £7.99.. Or you could take a course. Project Drawdown offers video's that show how to decrease atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. Its online course is <https://drawdown.org/climate-solutions-101>. Others include Climate Reality, the Oxford School of Climate Change, and the Centre for Alternative Technology.

Tell the people you know what you are doing to combat climate change and why. Most people will cheer you on, albeit very quietly. Additionally tell your local councillors and MP about your concerns on climate change. A report showed that although MPs recognise the need for action they reported little interest from their constituents. Make them feel it's politically important. see [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com)

**Take heart.** The threat is immanent but many people worldwide are working towards solutions and hundreds of millions of people want more government action ( Global Commons Alliance survey) You will be part of a huge array of work aimed at reducing the worst effects of this crisis.

