

The Countdown to Copenhagen

HARD FACTS on the CLIMATE CHALLENGE

1) December's UN climate summit will shape the way the world copes with climate change. It will get worse unless greenhouse gas emissions are drastically reduced.

2) A 2 degree rise in temperature would threaten 40% of the Earth's species, creating 200 million refugees. This could happen by the 2040's – very worrying for those under 40!

3) The period 1988 to 2015 has been named the Age of Stupid due to its near total dependence on energy from fossil fuels.

90% of the UK's food is generated and transported by oil.

4) If no action is taken by 2012 there could be abrupt and irreversible climate chaos. We must act decisively, quickly and with the collective effort not seen since the 2nd World War.

5) We are not powerless. Everyone from age 6 to 86 can e-mail or send a message to politicians to sort climate change. Visit the web-sites below. Do it today. Don't delay

www.oxfam.org.uk/hereandnow

www.christianaid.org.uk/actnow

www.foe.co.uk Friends of the Earth

The Stop Climate Chaos Coalition is 11 million strong representing over 100 organisations.

www.stopclimatechaos.org

Britain's Climate Change Act was only achieved by huge public pressure. The UN Climate summit in Copenhagen will decide what sort of future we will all have. Please support events organised in this countdown to these crucial climate change negotiations.

This **information –action sheet** and much more is on our website at ...www.christchurchdownend.com/environment

CUTTING 10% OF EMISSIONS IN 2010.

IT'S CALLED "1010" and EVERYONES AT IT!

Become part of this national drive by working together in our homes, workplaces, schools, and churches.

Sign up to 10:10 by going to www.1010uk.org

Change something today and live more lightly! What we do in the next 3 years is crucial.

The big stuff:

Switch to a green power supplier. eg Ecotricity.

Top up your loft insulation- very effective!

Get hot water from the sun .It does work!

Cut down on eating meat, short car journeys and flying.

Easy stuff:

Wash clothes at 30degrees- it still comes out clean.

Tumble drying uses tons of energy- hang clothes up

Switch appliances off at wall- don't leave on standby

Plan meals. Take LIST & BAGS to the shops.

Have a go at:

-growing your own potatoes, tomatoes, carrots.

- home cooking or baking bread /pizza's

-walking, cycling or using the bus more

-holidaying in this country

visit websites to get ideas & advice:

www.bristol.gov.uk/greenerliving Tel. no 0800 512012

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/ Tel. no 0800 512 01

The **A Rocha Living Lightly** website has ideas for practical action in all areas of life with a "go deeper option" on each. The topics are: **food, shop, waste, travel, garden, money, leisure, action, work, season, church, nature, and friends.**

www.arochoa.org.uk/livinglightly