

Postcard responses from the Cabot Institute Annual Lecture 2012 with Kevin Anderson

What inspired you this evening?	What will you do as a result?
The speaker	Buy less, recycle more
I think people don't believe that what they do to reduce CO2 really does make a difference. It is too complex, there should be one clear message. What would be really important to do now? What would make a real difference?	We don't fly, we don't have a car. We do buy organic food. We have our house insulated. What else could I do?
Great to be updated on the state of climate science and our progress (Or lack of progress) in reducing emissions since Rio.	This person took their action home with them.
The world is changing at an accelerating rate and we have tough times ahead. We must act now to promote change.	Promote involvement and get involved at change at UWE. I will also seek carbon employment opportunities.
Reality of climate change! But allocation of responsibility for those of emitters – responsibilities for change.	This person took their action home with them.
Very little inspiration – just depression. Political inertia and personal wanting to maintain our lifestyle means it will take the effects of 4degrees C to change attitudes.	Go out and get drunk. Then continue wearing 5 layers at home. Switch everything off when not in use. Walk more and drive less. And keep boring people on the subject.
The fact that if we reach a 4degree C rise in global temperature, we will have a 40% reduction in maize and rice production. How can a growing and increasingly affluent population deal with this?	This person took their action home with them.
My individual efforts can influence climate change.	Actively look for a more eco-friendly car when I change models.
There are many people in Bristol who have the same passionate attitudes as myself.	Preach preach preach! Tonight everyone attending is already converted and living more consciously. We need to make the masses...the 'Sun' readers listen and be aware.
What a speaker! So glad to have been present. The urgency all too clear. I've been slightly behind with these truths and severity of emission growth.	Try harder to persuade family to change. Take more time in Bristol to action (sustainable Bishopston etc).
A change by small numbers of people will make a difference.	Try harder to get people at my work to turn off the lights and computers before going home.
Available technology c/w lack of political/scientific will.	Consume less!
A scientist admitting that we are not doing enough.	This person took their action home with them.
A shocking reminder of the urgency of climate change and the failing of science or at least the use and dissemination of science and translate to	This person took their action home with them.

policy.	
You can't trust very much of what you are told, but these are 'true' independent voices out there.	Keep trying to learn the facts and be vocal with others about what I learn.
The fact that a climate scientists admitted that many numbers that projections and estimates are based on are incorrect.	Spread the word. Read up more about climate change.
That 2degree C target is unachievable and 4degree C will have serious impact on global population. And 40% reduction in crops with a growing population.	This person took their action home with them.
The fact that our society is not built to cope with temperature rise. I hadn't thought of how destructive it would be eg to transport systems.	This person took their action home with them.
The urgency to prevent an emergency	This person took their action home with them.
Making changes with others and not feeling have to do it on our own. Holding each other to account and not being defensive about our shortcomings would be a good idea.	This person took their action home with them.
That real change is possible through simple things: stopping flying, walking and cycling to get around.	Try to stop flying. Try to shop more by bicycle rather than driving.
Kevin Anderson mentioned the rising population being an issue – obviously! Why can't we stop have babies? Also, these seminars make me angry. Why is this sector so bitchy? It's ridiculous!	Won't have children. Accept that the human race is f***ed – we deserve it!
The part about driving certain cars on the market would reduce emissions by 40 – 50%.	Scrap not sell my car!
In a world of smart phones, why is there so much paper – this card produced?	No response
GHG emissions are just one element of the complex of complex global issues. How do we therefore transform to surviving within limits but with equity. Do we save the planet to save the people or save the people to save the planet?	No response
The upfront truthfulness of it.	Try to start a small local (neighbours) group to meet and discuss and act.
That we have to change our behaviour and not just in terms of our emissions.	Require less.
The lack of truth coming from people who run our country and officials of companies when it has shown they understand their plans are very hard to meet.	Be more aware of the actions I take every day to help reduce impact.
What would you ask the re-elected President Obama to do about climate change?	No response
Not sure inspiration is the right word! I came for information which I got in spades! Hearing how impossible 2degrees C is, is useful but	No response

dispiriting...though will hopefully galvanise me to talk to more people about it.	
Hoped to hear a positive message on what we can do.	No response
Curiosity or burn-out?	Feel better motivated. Sustainable Bishopston.
Robert Unger quote "Imagine the world we want to create".	Volunteer more. Get more people to join Bristol Pound!
The realisation that much data is old. But that individual changes can help.	Encourage others to make small changes.
Informative presentation.	Change my lifestyle.
A full room of people concerned about climate change.	Carry on with actions with "Sustainable Pill and District".
The number of people – we could as a group mobilise pressure on politicians.	Continue to try and clarify how a resilient food system for Bristol could contribute and reduce GHG emissions and push for practical measures.
'Inside information' on what we know must be going on in terms of denying, lying about the figures and timelines. We need to 'out' them! Good to hear that e.g. lower emissions cars will have a bigger impact than I thought – that's an idea accessible to the non-green mainstream.	Try to get this message across to some 'mainstream non-greens' – will this be on YouTube?
To hear it <i>said</i> (I kind of suspected it)	This person took their action home with them.
Not so much inspired but shocked by the manner in which the plans/prediction etc that we hear of are based on inaccuracies.	Raise the understanding of those I mix with of the dishonesty in what the plans we are told of are based on. Challenge policy makers.
Hearing straight-talking about climate change again – for 1 <sup>st</sup> time since pre-Copenhagen (2009) and 'Age of Stupid' film.	Write more often to MP on climate change issues.
Honesty.	Not fly.
The clarity of the numbers.	Make better infographics.
Gap between reality and the 'story'.	Write an article about hearing talk.
The feisty nature of the audience.	Talk to people who are not already the 'converted'!
Power to the scientists!	No response.
Climate scientist and government advisors are liars!	No response.
Kevin willing and determined to be honest.	Stay positive, be honest, change the economy!
Confirmation that we need to act.	Support/lobby MP. Continue to strive for greener low carbon lifestyle. Influence others.
It was refreshing to see an academic so unequivocally calling out his colleagues for their hypocritical behaviour in talking about climate change but continuing to engage in high-emitting activities.	I would like to see the Cabot Institute commit to the values it appears to espouse by reducing emissions from its events and research as much as possible – eg not flying academics to climate change conferences.
A Level	Being more aware of the environment.
Point on big effect of demand reduction (e.g. 80% inefficiency of light bulb etc)	Do more on raising awareness of need for demand reduction.
Nothing – I was sorry there wasn't more on effective actions.	Nothing – already have a one planet carbon footprint. I already try to persuade people to change. I don't feel this event added much for me.