

Brainstorming – 191 things to think about, to discuss and to act upon

I sat down and just brainstormed a few key ideas about our climate emergency – and suddenly it grew like Topsy!

The ideas just keep flooding in – and here they are – all 191 of them - in alphabetical order. Any one of the subjects is a suitable subject for discussion – and some are definitely suitable for ACTION – either on a personal basis or as a group. What about a Packaging strike at one of our supermarkets for example?

1. Agricultural efficiency
2. Alien species
3. Amphibians – species loss
4. Antibiotics
5. Area heating schemes
6. Asbestos
7. Avoiding long haul flights
8. Asteroid strikes
9. Backup power generation
10. Bags for life
11. Bamboo instead of acrylic
12. Battery storage
13. Beavers. Hardly a dam nuisance.
14. Beef without cows....
15. Bees. Impact of pesticides on pollinating insects
16. Biodegradable plastics
17. Biodiversity
18. Biological food waste digester
19. Bubble wrap
20. Carbon capture and storage
21. Carbon consumption vs carbon production
22. Carbon dioxide - a potent greenhouse gas - historical levels
23. Change of diet to consume less carbon-intensive foodstuffs. The problem with beef.
24. Chelsea tractors – the SUV and the school run
25. Chloro Fluoro compounds. The hole in the ozone layer and the work of James Lovelock
26. China
27. Chipboard
28. Climatological research
29. Cloudbursts
30. Cloud storage
31. Coal
32. Coir for compost
33. Combined cycle gas turbine generators
34. Compost
35. Co-mingled recycling
36. Cloud storage and wasted electricity
37. Climate change doubters
38. Climate emergency
39. Composting garden waste
40. Conspiracy theories
41. COP26
42. Coral reefs
43. Cost of concrete
44. Cycling for health

45. Dams for power generation – but at what cost?
46. DDT
47. Deforestation
48. Dinosaurs and their demise
49. Direct Action
50. Disposing of problem Chemicals
51. Double glazing and triple glazing
52. Droughts and floods
53. Drugs in waste water
54. Drugs from plants
55. Efficient cooking
56. Electric planes?
57. Electric scooters
58. El Niño
59. Energy from the Sun
60. Escape to Mars
61. Exotic species arriving here
62. Expanded polystyrene
63. Exponential growth
64. Exporting your carbon footprint
65. Exporting waste to third world
66. Extinction rebellion
67. Extreme weather events
68. Fabrics that can be recycled
69. Fake news
70. Farming the oceans
71. Five G (5G) conspiracies
72. Flooding
73. Food web
74. Free electricity
75. Gardening to save the planet
76. Geoengineering - the last ditch. Thinking big - REALLY big
77. Glitter
78. Going VEGAN.
79. Goldilocks Planet
80. Green party
81. Habitat loss
82. Heat islands
83. Heat pumps – ground source and air source
84. Himalayan Balsam
85. Hire a car – don't buy
86. Hockey stick curve of population growth
87. How to reduce your personal carbon footprint
88. HS2
89. Hurricanes
90. Hybrid power systems for cars
91. Hydroelectricity
92. Improving home insulation
93. Improving recycling
94. Insects migrating northwards
95. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
96. Investing in green technology
97. Japanese Knotweed
98. Joining in with other U3A organisations
99. Kraft paper for corrugated cardboard.
100. La Niña
101. Landfill

102. Lead in petrol
103. LED lighting
104. Lithium
105. Lobbying MPs, Councillors on heavy carbon footprint organisations
106. Lobbying to get plastics use in packaging eliminated
107. Local generation of electricity
108. Loss of species
109. Melting tundra
110. Methane - the elephant in the room
111. Microplastics
112. Milk – growing in popularity in China
113. Mining the Moon
114. Monocultures
115. Mud bricks
116. Neonicotinoids
117. Net zero?
118. Non-recyclable plastics
119. Nuclear fusion
120. Nuclear waste
121. Ocean conveyor
122. Organic farming
123. Over-fishing
124. Packaging strike
125. Palm oil
126. Pandemics and population control
127. Paper recycling – hidden costs
128. Passive Haus
129. Peat - don't dig it!
130. Personal transport pods
131. Plastics – their role in our destruction
132. Plug in cars (PHEV)
133. Population control
134. Public transport
135. Pullovers, cardigans and nightcaps
136. Planned obsolescence
137. Pollution
138. Power interconnectors
139. Prawns are very bad for the planet
140. Rachel Carson
141. Rare earths
142. Recipe of the month
143. Recycled plastic: recycled – but how many times?
144. Reduce, repair, reuse and recycle
145. Repairing appliances that might otherwise simply be thrown away
146. Repair cafes
147. Reusing things
148. Rhododendron Ponticum
149. Satellites
150. Say yes to nuclear! And that include fusion reactors - always about 50 years away....
151. Sewage treatment
152. Sigmoidal curve
153. Signal Crayfish
154. Silent Spring
155. Smart appliances
156. Smart metering
157. Solar panels for electricity generation
158. Space junk

159. Species loss
160. Spreading the gospel!
161. Steam engines
162. Storing sunlight in batteries
163. Sub-Saharan Africa
164. Sulphur hexafluoride
165. The carbon economy
166. The hydrogen economy
- 167. The sixth Global Extinction - the one that WE are responsible for**
168. The world's greatest natural trashcan
169. Thermal power stations
170. Third world poverty and rising temperatures
171. Three phase power distribution
172. Transmission of viral vectors
173. Trawlers damaging the sea bed
174. Trees – their importance for us
175. Tropical storms
176. Trump
177. Two per cent is too far – and we have wasted 30 years already
178. Upcycling
179. Unseasonal gales
180. Veganism
181. Water wars
182. WEEE – Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment
183. What we can do personally
184. Where are the bugs? How long since you had to remove squashed insects from your windscreen?
185. Whole life cost of products
186. Why it is so important to reduce our carbon consumption
187. Wildlife corridors
188. Wind powered ships
189. Wind turbines - for or against?
190. Woodland management
191. Your next car - hybrid or fully electric? Playing an end game