

CARBON NEUTRAL RANDWICK - DISCUSSION GROUP 2

a dramatic reduction in emissions from agricultural food production and land use

As individuals:

- Use our gardens to grow our own vegetables. Cuts down on food miles. Frees up agricultural land for wildlife and reforestation.
- Use an allotment if not enough space in own gardens.
- Challenge the cheap food culture. E.g. participate in local veg box schemes.

For councils:

- Keep in touch with local farmers.
- Encourage organic farming practices - far better for the environment, less energy going into producing chemicals.
- Make sure residents can access allotments if they want one.

a huge reduction in the generation of waste and a dramatic increase in low carbon means of dealing with waste;

As individuals:

- Offer unwanted items locally before taking them to the tip.
- Compost garden waste ourselves.
- Could we set up a village composting scheme like in Bisley?

For councils:

- Is there a practical way of allowing residents to salvage items from council tips?
- Is charging individuals for green waste collection really the best model? Doesn't this result in people dumping the waste elsewhere instead, e.g. driving it to the tip, or putting it in the normal bin? Wouldn't it be more efficient just to collect from all households rather than driving round the few households who have chosen to pay the fee? Can the council recover costs by selling the compost?

a dramatic increase in the capture of carbon particularly, but not necessarily exclusively, through tree planting and land management.

As individuals:

- Plant trees in our own gardens.
- Engage with Parish Council to take advantage of schemes such as free trees from the Woodland Trust for public land.

For councils:

- Work with residents who want to plant trees on public land in their local area.
- More tree planting on council managed land.
- Encourage farmers to reforest unused corners of land.