

Chaddesley cares about Planet Earth

Do we really? Are we really willing to change the way we live, perhaps stopping doing some things, or paying a little more for others? Is it all worth it for the small difference each of us might make?

Good questions; very good questions! Questions that many people ask. And then some believe that climate change is entirely natural, part of nature, and that there is nothing that human beings can do about it.

It is one of the great sadnesses about “scientific” matters that the experts often seem unable to agree on the facts. Despite what appears to be the wealth of evidence that humans are causing the climate to change, there are still respected scientists who do not agree. So who do we follow? What do we do – or not do?

Perhaps the way forward goes something like this –

- There is a wealth of evidence (that all agree upon) that the climate of Planet Earth is changing – we are heating up
- There is substantial agreement that this has been brought about by changes in the ozone layer
- It is not clear how much of the change has been due to natural causes and how much due to human activity
- The ozone layer has been shown to be affected by emissions – emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>
- 40% of such emissions can be attributed to the activity of beings on our planet. But precisely how much is less clear. Chief culprits seem to multiply regularly – air travel; cars and lorries; domestic appliances; and, more recently, cattle!
- If the changes we are seeing do continue, for whatever reason, then all or some of the predicted outcomes will become reality, affecting current generations, and certainly future ones
- Which leads to the question – if we can influence matters, even in only a very small way, individually, should we at least not give it a go?
- Collectively, if we all did our bit, that would begin to both lead to a big impact as well as putting pressure on those in higher places to act.

What do you think? Should we have a go, and all join in, to make some difference? Let's have your ideas.

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