

Climate Emergency

In May, 2019 Bingley Town Council resolved that Bingley Town Council acknowledges the urgent need for global society to reduce carbon emissions and other greenhouse gas emissions, recognise the part which Bingley Town Council has to play and commit to taking an active role in achieving this, by:

- Pro-actively reducing CO2 emissions as an organisation
- Seeking to encourage and enable the Bingley Parish community to decrease their emissions and improve their resilience to climate breakdown
- Seeking to influence the policies of other organisations to encourage them to reduce their emissions.
- Acknowledging that 'business as usual' is not an option in the face of the climate emergency, and that society in its current form is unsustainable.

To meet obligations, the town council will strategically reassess and adjust the scope of its current activities, including refocusing the scope of the town council's community grants.

And here we are 4 years later to review this topic.

First off, cards on the table. I acknowledge climate change but not climate emergency.

The latter is hyperbole and virtue signalling, as I and others said at the time.

Some predictions from the Doomsday merchants:

1960's Oil gone in 10 years

1970's Another Ice Age in 10 years

1980's Acid Rain will destroy all crops in 10 years

1990's The Ozone Layer will be gone in 10 years

2000 Ice Caps will be gone in 10 years

And the most famous predictions of all time:



You will have noticed that none of these predictions came true. Why? Because it simply isn't true. There is no Climate Emergency.

How much as a percentage is the CO2 content in the atmosphere? **Anyone know?**

The fact that there are vast oil reserves in the Arctic proves that there climate has changed. Don't believe me – look it up! Climate is always changing on our planet. Slowly, yes. But definitely changing. The change is related primarily to our place in the Solar System.

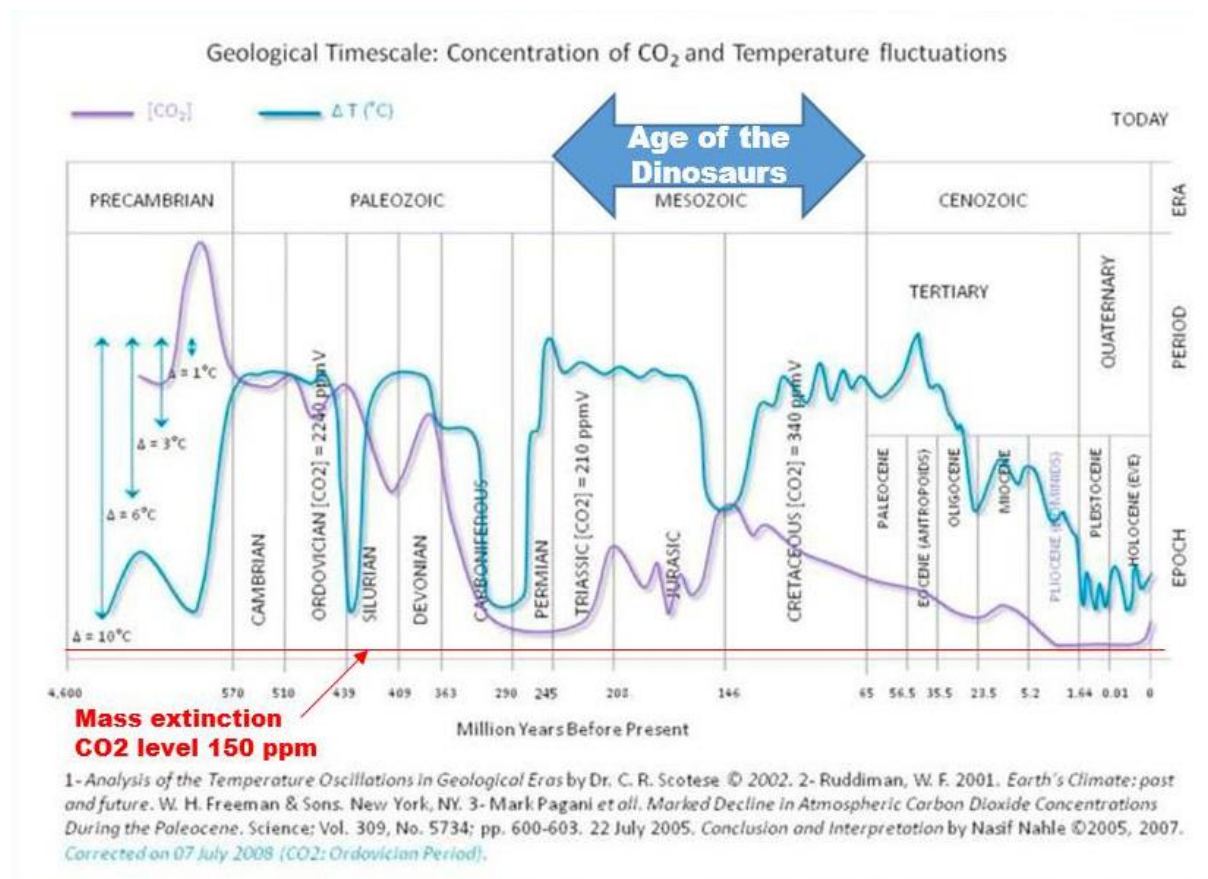
The three changes in the Earth's orbit around the Sun — eccentricity, axial tilt, and precession — are collectively called 'Milankovitch cycles'. Look it up.

According to Milankovitch's theory, these three cycles combine to affect the amount of solar heat that reaches the Earth's surface and subsequently influences climatic patterns, including periods of glaciation (ice ages). The time period between these changes can be tens of thousands of years (precession and axial tilt) or more than hundreds of thousands of years (eccentricity). We are talking 100,000 – 413,000 years.

How long have we been measuring temperature? Since 1880 is the answer. 143 years only. Look it up.

Geological Temperature Changes

When asked if the planet is warmer now you should ask the question 'Since when?'. This question is necessary as the following Graph 1 will show:



The Purple line is CO2 and the Blue is Change in Temperature.

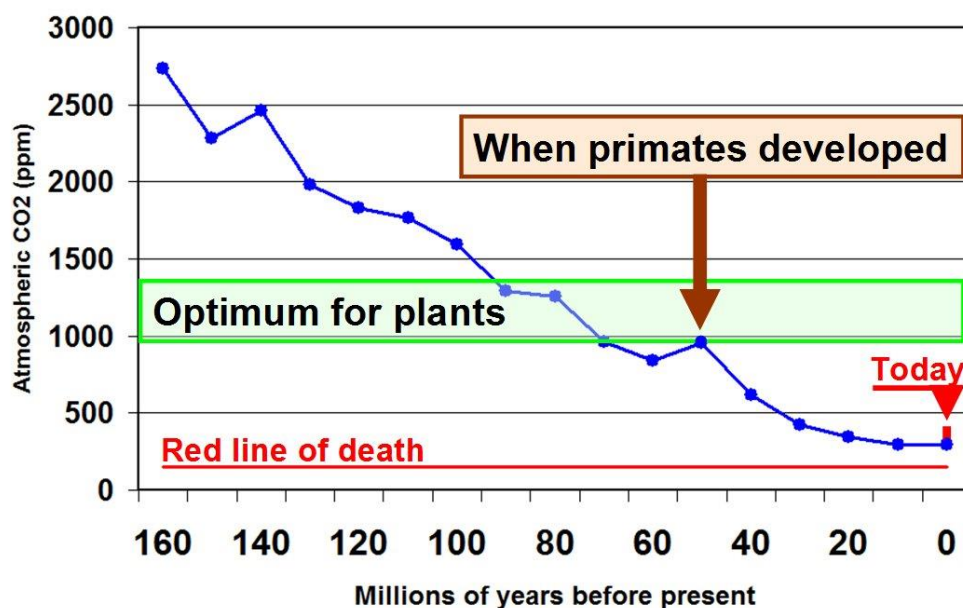
Since the turn of the century, however, the change in Earth's global mean surface temperature has been **close to zero**. Look it up!

You will notice from the graph that in the age of the Dinosaurs CO2 was relatively high. This is because plants require CO2 to exist. Remember the drawings in the school books of Megaflora? That's where Coal and Diamonds come from; compressed plants. Also bear in mind that Homo Sapiens have only been about for about 200k years and that it a small tick on the bottom scale. The majority of this graph is from a computer model as no one was taking measurements 4.6 billion years ago! Do we all think computer models or predictions are all valid? What about the BBC's Tomorrow's World or the Bank of England Inflation Rate models, PSBR predictions? Weather next week, or even tomorrow?

CO2 Famine

But farmers TODAY pump CO2 into their greenhouse to allow crops to meet their photosynthesis potential. Enriching the air with CO2 can be done by means of the combustion of natural gas or with liquid CO2. The supply of extra carbon dioxide is an often applied method to increase the yield of greenhouse crops. It is 'often applied' as we need more CO2 in the atmosphere as shown in Graph 2.

We are in a CO2 famine.

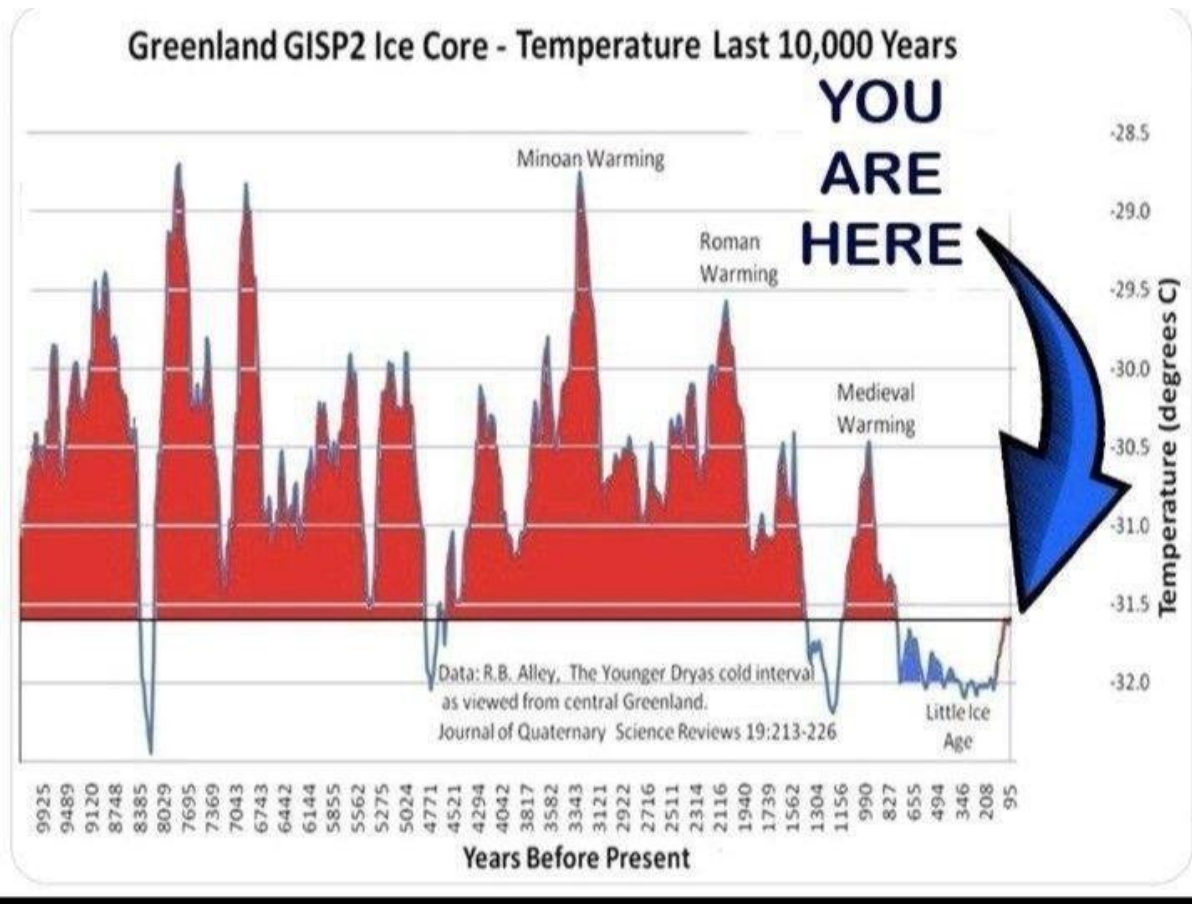


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Greenland Ice Core

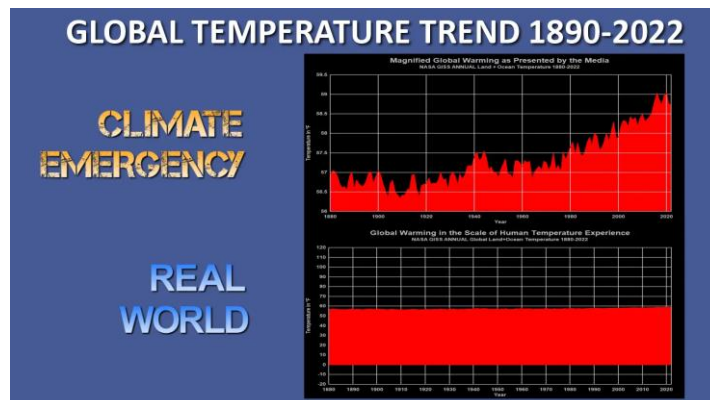
From the Graph 1 above you can ask: If we have only measured temperatures since 1880 where has that dataset come from to create the computer model?

Examine the following Graph 3:



This graph was constructed from Ice Core temperatures measured by Jørgen Peder Steffensen, a professor in ice core related research, at the Niels Bohr Institute at the University of Copenhagen. Using ice core data, his team has reconstructed the last 120,000 years of climate history. This data is gained by dropping an accurate thermometer down a 3km hole drilled in the ice and measuring the temperature along the way. Ice set at different temperatures over the ages and the ice record remembers the temperature at which it set. NB The Romans had it hotter than us! And we are warming up from what is known as the Little Ice Age.

But before you panic bear this chart (below) in mind too. The top graph is what the alarmists and media show you. The bottom one is actual.



In further news; the co-winner of the 2022 Nobel Physics prize has launched an excoriating attack on the 'climate emergency' narrative, calling it a **“dangerous corruption of science that threatens the world’s economy and the well-being of billions of people”**. Dr. John Clauser notes that misguided climate science has **“metastasised into massive shock-journalistic pseudoscience”**.

[Dr. Clauser is one of the world’s leading authorities on quantum mechanics, the study of matter and light at a sub-atomic and atomic level. In 2010 he was awarded the Wolf Prize in Physics, considered the second most prestigious physics award after the Nobel.]

His comments on Climate Emergency will help cast further doubt on the obvious falsehood that 99% of scientists believe humans cause all or most climate change. Physicists along with chemists play a dominant role in investigating the science surrounding climate, which at its core focuses on heat exchange and the behaviour of atmospheric gases.

In turn, continued Dr. Clauser, the climate pseudoscience has become a scapegoat for a wide variety of other unrelated ills. It has been promoted and extended by similarly misguided business marketing agents, politicians, journalists, government agencies and environmentalists. “In my opinion, there is no real climate crisis. There is, however, a very real problem with providing a decent standard of living to the world’s largest population and an associated energy crisis. The latter is being unnecessarily exacerbated by what, in my opinion, is incorrect climate science,” he added.

The other major problem in promoting Thermogeddon is that global warming ran out of steam 25 years ago. The high point of the small jump in temperatures from 1980 occurred in 1998, and current readings are similar to this day. Two inconvenient long pauses during the current century were separated by a small uptick in warmth caused by a very powerful El Nino natural oscillation around 2016.

There may well be some warming caused by humans burning fossil fuel during this period but it seems you need a vivid imagination and a well-prompted climate model to spot it. It can be argued that surface temperatures measurers have done their best to get them through the heat drought with large retrospective additions of warming, poor siting of measuring devices – airport runways an obvious cause of concern – and big boosts from growing urban heat distortions. But there is a feeling that the gig is up on global warming unless some proper heat makes a long overdue appearance.

In fact, the current linear temperature pause – which is about nine years old – could be broken since an El Nino is likely to become apparent in the Pacific Ocean in the next few months. The alarmists and their trusted messengers are in two minds about how to play this. The BBC’s Matt McGrath reports that the chances of temperature movement are rising “due to emissions from human activities and a change in weather patterns expected this summer”. Of course, El Nino, which transfers huge amounts of heat around the planet, is a natural recurring event. Getting rid of the pesky pause, as in 2016, will be welcome, but drawing too much attention to El Nino will suggest temperature movement is largely a product of natural influences.

This of course opens the Pandora’s Box that has been firmly sealed by the ‘settled’ science community as far as the important role played by natural influences is concerned. On page 59 of its latest Sixth Assessment Report, the IPCC’s “best estimate” for warming since 1850-1900 is 1.06°C. It attributes between –0.1°C to +0.1°C to natural causes – give or take zero, in other words. The suggestion that all the warming over the last 120 years is down to the activities of humans is relentlessly promoted as a settled gospel truth. It is an interesting position to hold that all the changes in the climate before the 20th century were caused by natural influences, and yet they somehow ceased playing a part from that date onwards.

And to cap it all you can still get a 30 year mortgage in London despite the prediction that the rise in sea level will wipe out London! What do the Actuaries know that we don't?

All Net Zero targets are driven by the fear of this so called Climate Emergency. This too is nonsense as the carbon cycle describes the process in which carbon atoms continually travel from the atmosphere to the Earth and then back into the atmosphere. Since our planet and its atmosphere form a closed environment, the amount of carbon in this system does not change. Cows eating and expelling methane (a hydrocarbon) is entirely a natural feature. The carbon doesn't 'go' anywhere. Don't believe me – look it up.

A lot of people point at China too where China's emissions under current policies remain sky high with no sign of substantial emission reductions before the 2030 peaking timeline, putting one of the country's National Determined Contribution targets in jeopardy. Energy and electricity demand forecasts continue to grow, prolonging China's dependence on fossil fuels, despite substantial progress in renewables and end use sectors.

The Chinese government continues to champion the role of fossil fuels in transitioning its energy sector, with maximising coal production and oil and gas exploration seen as key to providing stability and security. Carbon emissions peaking timelines in high-emitting industry sectors have been pushed back to align with the economy-wide 2030 peaking target. The Chinese government appears to have room to raise ambition in its climate, energy and sector targets but geopolitics, energy security concerns, and international diplomacy remain a lingering barrier. It doesn't matter one iota what we do in the UK as our activities are swamped by the activities of India, China, Mexico and others. We will destroy our economy for nothing. If we, as humans, move the graph downwards on CO2 and other carbon issues it will be the first time ever!

More Hyperbole



Sky TV actually told us that they were going to do this: *Using behavioural science techniques, Sky and BIT set out ten new behavioural science principles to guide broadcasters on helping their viewers*

to take action. The study develops a clear role for content creators and broadcasters to inspire green behaviours from their viewers, as well as revealing data on consumer attitudes to climate change.

It comes at a critical time as experts now widely accept that we must shift the behaviour of millions of people to deliver on our collective net zero goals.

The report, "The power of TV: nudging viewers to decarbonise their lifestyles", is launched at the United Nations' 26th Climate Conference in Glasgow by Dana Strong, Sky Group CEO, Professor David Halpern, BIT, and Mark Strong, actor and Executive Producer of Sky's Temple.

BIT is the nudge unit that had many folks cowering behind their sofas due to COVID.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, it is a fact that the maximum official temperature ever recorded by any weather station in Rome, was 42°C on the 27th July 1841. A cursory internet search shows temperature reaching 40°C every other summer. Therefore another 42°C is certainly not unprecedented, and since the last was in 1841 it does not equate with any gradual increase in the last few years. It would instead indicate the peak of warming was reached there in 1841 which was long before everyone drove cars or flew in airplanes. How does this fit into the scaremongering? It does not.

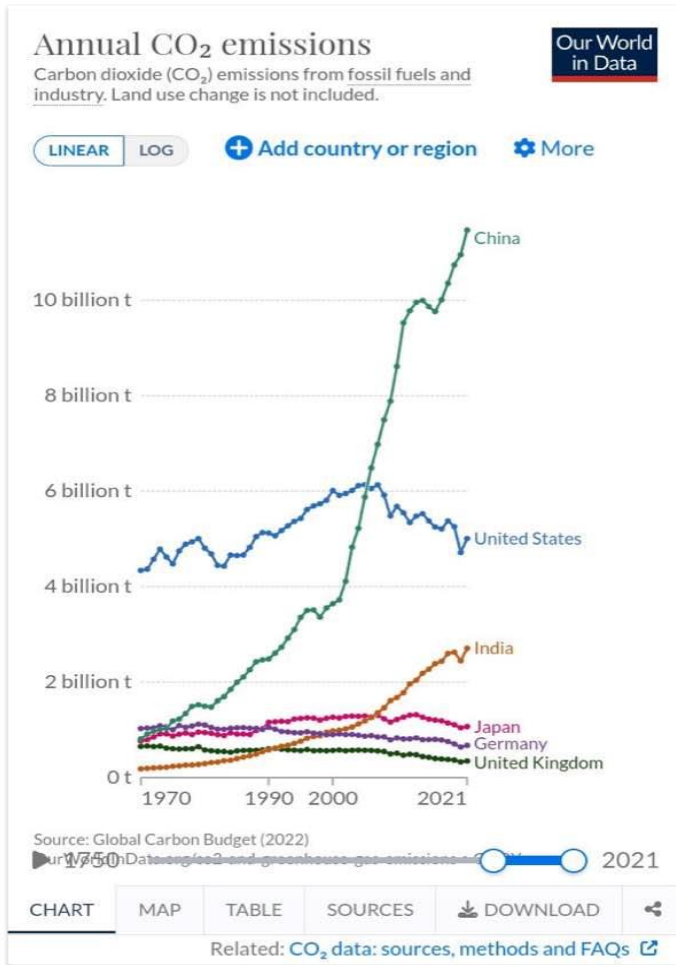
Just 2 months ago Senator John Kennedy pushed the Deputy Secretary of the US Dept. of Energy to tell him by how much the world's temperature would go down after the USA had spent \$50 Trillion. No answer was forthcoming despite being asked numerous time. They have no clue and this is frightening.



The number that the UK Government does not want you to know is £1,383,000,000,000 - that is £1.4 TRILLION and represents the gross capital required to introduce largely pointless net zero by 2050.

This is taken straight from 6th Carbon Budget footnotes - just to verify it was also reported by FT - add up the bars 2020 to 2050 and you will get £1.4 trillion. That is just under £50,000 per UK household.

I'm all in favour of renewable energy sources (provided they actually work). But this graph below shows that the UK's Net Zero target is driven largely by posturing than by any belief that it will make a tangible difference. Ordinary families will pay a heavy price so politicians may preen. Technological change should be driven by economics not some poorly thought through misplaced ideology.



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An eco-protester who targeted **George Osborne** at his wedding can today be revealed as a former librarian and town councillor – who holidayed in **Thailand** a few months after declaring a 'climate emergency' in Somerset.

Shelagh Day, 62, is a well-known campaigner in Bruton, Somerset, where she and Mr Osborne are both residents.

Last weekend, she caused uproar after showering the former Chancellor and his new wife Thea Rogers with orange confetti as they left St Mary's Church following their nuptials.

Shelagh Day is a Town Councillor. Don't be a 'Shelagh'!

Back to the Resolution the Town Council passed in May 2019

I was a member of the Council back in May 2019 and recall that there wasn't a shred of evidence presented to support the motion other than the bland assertion that 'other Councils are declaring emergencies too'.

As a Council we have done absolutely nothing towards the four bullet points we resolved to undertake. This is because it is impossible now as it was impossible then.

As a Council we have already decided to disband the Climate Emergency Subcommittee as it was struggling for direction, members & leadership and so it is now time to set aside the Resolution of a Climate Emergency and recognise it for what it was: Propaganda.

My motion for consideration is:

This Council agrees that 'a Climate Emergency', whether it exists or not, is not a matter for a Parish Council and as such the subject will be removed as a standing agenda item.

Steve Williams
Councillor – Lady Land & Oakwood
August 2023