

Question from Braunston CAN for DDC Full Council Meeting

<p>Data. This is science based. May be said by others or be unnecessary so could be missed out. ½ minute</p>	<p>Before the industrial revolution CO<sub>2</sub> made up 280 parts per million of our atmosphere. By 1987 we had raised that to 350ppm, the top of the safe level. It is now 415ppm and rising fast. We are pumping out 8 trillion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. Nature has never released more than ½ trillion tonne a year. This is an unprecedented crisis and requires immediate action from everywhere.</p>
<p>What Braunston is doing. ¾ minute</p>	<p>In Braunston the housing association fitted air-source heat pumps in our latest development of social houses. Many householders have retrofitted older properties with carbon neutral heating. A few early adopters have bought electric cars. The parish council has promoted the bus service. We estimate there are more than 200 passenger journeys by bus a week to or from Braunston. Recognising that a hectare of peatland stores more carbon than the same area of forest, the Gardens Association has switched to peat-free compost. Braunston people have set up a Climate Action Network and are doing just that, acting on climate, networking with groups in the village and liaising with groups in other villages.</p>
<p>How Braunston needs help. ½ minute</p>	<p>To do more we need your help. The biggest source of emissions in Braunston, is transport. We thank you for the Braunston cycleway. To meet the government's aim of electrification of new cars by 2032 we will need help in providing charging points for the households that do not have off-road parking. Many householders need help in changing from fossil fuel heating boilers.</p>
<p>The Report must be supported. ½ minute</p>	<p>We need DDC to provide the leadership required to launch a district wide response to this emergency so that the new unitary authority can continue these actions without delay. None of the actions in the Task Panel's Climate Emergency Report can wait.</p>