

Miles Kenny's FoE response

Answer to questions:

1 .More severe weather including flooding, snow storms, high winds and maybe tornadoes.

Urgent actions include increasing the severe weather budget, emergency plans for protecting the vulnerable from severe weather, priority seminars for councillors on climate change - its effects, causes and means to address it. Policies that make it easier to travel by public transport, bike or walking. Encourage home or locality working. Reducing energy consumption in all public buildings. Reduce waste of resources. Protection from severe weather effects. Stop the NWRR and incinerator plans and reinvest the savings into sustainable transport systems.

2. Yes

3. More of the same, but address schools, community groups such as the Senior Citizens Forum. Some catchy publicity and its probably worth getting the professionals doing this. Explain the financial benefits! Tax breaks for the environmentally friendly? probably illegal, but there may be some sort of financial benefit such as home insulation grants, bus tokens, grants to charities for exceeding recycling targets

4. Broad places as work places and more of them. Keep local school open. No planning permissions for residential barn conversions without investigating the possibilities of local economy reuse. Local reuse facilities. Multi use local shops; pub/postoffice/newsagent. More locality working and devolution of budgets

INCINERATOR

I am against any form of burning waste with the possible exception of some clinical waste. I could be persuaded to support plasma gasification, but don't see the point as we are now recycling more than before and if they can recycle more in the rest of Europe we can recycle more here.

The material used to power the incinerator will be inefficiently used with a huge amount of heat going into the atmosphere

Emissions from incineration could poison the air and ground - the ground which we grow so much in, which is especially important to Shropshire.

The residues, fly and bottom ash will be toxic and needs to be disposed of in a special hole in the ground, a waste of money and not sustainable.