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Who pays for a just transition?

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Aims of the project

- To uncover informed, considered and collective public opinion on the fair distribution of costs and benefits in the transition to net zero in three key sectors.
- To gather learnings into the factors influencing any changes in participants' attitudes, beliefs or values.



Our approach



- Deliberative dialogue
- 30 members of the public
- Met six times August – Oct 2023
- Involved:
 - Expert speakers
 - Personas and future scenarios
 - Online community

Who pays and how do we make that fair?



We all have something to contribute



We need to reflect different circumstances

- Equitable, rather than equal, contributions
- It is not just about emissions
- Important to consider:
 - Rural communities
 - Ability to choose
 - Ability to pay



We must protect the most vulnerable

- A just transition should avoid creating further financial hardship
- Income does not always mean ability to pay
- Opportunity to address inequality



We need leadership and transparency

- Be honest about the changes needed and the costs
- Emphasise the benefits and the consequences
- Set clear milestones (not just 2045)



Policy implications

1. Public appetite for action and acceptance of the need to pay
2. No 'one size fits all' approach
3. Timing and sequencing are important: 'carrots' and then 'sticks'

A postcard from 2040

Well, here in 2040, it's a very pleasant October day – mild and sunny. We probably won't need to put the central heating on 'til the middle of next month at the very earliest - this new insulation is great. But I still miss my open fire...

Anyway, just used the community EV to do the weekly shop, just the basics, really - oatcakes, Borders cheese and butter. Remember those weird processed 'ready meals'?!! I like this simpler stuff now.

I might pop to the community food van on its visit tomorrow and get some pears or apples. I've put the word out that I'm looking to share the garden, so if anyone wants to come and grow some veg here they're welcome, if they can share some of them with me.

It's even more peaceful here now. So little traffic on the A7 these days. And no planes! Bliss!



Thank you

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