



GREEN ENERGY TALK 19TH JANUARY 2021

YOUR PLANET NEEDS YOU (AND, HOW TO SAVE MONEY!)

We had a great Zoom meeting on Eventbrite with energy Experts Roger Budgeon of the Green Shop in Stroud and Simon Pickering from Ecotricity talking on choices to save money and reduce our carbon footprints.

Roger emphasised the need to save heat in the house and by insulating, draft exclusion and double glazing and how we can save from 30 to 70% on our energy bills. The payback on investment will be guaranteed to beat standard returns on high street saving schemes. You can get back your expenditure in 3-5 years. Win, win, how good is that!

Tewkesbury Green Party are looking to find local builders who can help instal installation. Watch this space for further news soon.

For home energy choices, photo voltaics, solar hot water and heat pumps will normally pay for themselves over 5-13 years. The Green Shop in Stroud comes recommended as professional, helpful and local <https://www.greenshopsolar.co.uk/>

<https://www.myextension.co.uk/planning-and-design/home-renewable-energy-payback-time>

Government grants are available to apply for helping pay for this at, you can see if you might be eligible at <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/green-homes-grant/>

Simon Pickering talked about electricity production and how Government policy has really made huge strides recently (but nowhere nearly enough!) The top of the pile in terms of buying true renewable energy are Good energy <https://www.goodenergy.co.uk/> , Ecotricity <http://www.ecotricity.co.uk> and Green Energy <https://green.energy/>

The emphasis was also on holistic lifestyle in terms of energy usage so what you buy, where it comes from and its durability and repairability are also important considerations. Every time you buy something you vote for that company and how it operates. In other words, democrat voting, daily and with far more choice!

A good source of information on these subjects is the Ethical Consumer at <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/> where you can compare companies' performance against your ethical values.

We hope you find this summary useful to help the planet and your finances at the same time.