

**VIC D'ALBERT SPEECH PROPOSING MOTION CALLING FOR BURY COUNCIL TO JOIN
10:10 CAMPAIGN TO CUT CO2 EMISSIONS BY 10% IN 2010
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NOW, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK OF THE GLOBAL RECESSION OVER THE PAST YEAR AND I KNOW WE ALL SHARE CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THAT SHOULD BE TACKLED AND THIS COUNCIL HAS ITSELF PLEDGED ACTION TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THOSE AFFECTED AND RIGHTLY SO.

HOWEVER DESPITE MUCH TALK IN THIS CHAMBER OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MOTIONS THIS COUNCIL HAS YET TO BITE THE BULLET AND TAKE A DECISIVE LEAD ON BEHALF OF THOSE WE SERVE.

I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US TONIGHT AND URGE EVERYONE ONE OF US TO FIND WAYS TO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE FRANKLY IF THE CURRENT WORLD FINANCIAL CRISIS IS BAD YOU AINT SEEN NOTHING YET.

IF THE SHORT TERM PROGNOSIS IS EXTREME WEATHER PATTERNS DAMAGING OUR ECONOMIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE THE LONG TERM THREAT IS TO THE EXISTENCE OF LIFE ITSELF.

TO QUOTE THE 10:10 CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:

“IF YOU PUT YEAST INTO A JAR WITH SOME SUGAR, THEY WILL GOBBLE UP THE ENERGY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, REPRODUCE WILDLY OUT OF CONTROL AND THEN WIPE THEMSELVES OUT IN THEIR OWN WASTE PRODUCTS.

SO FAR, OUR RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE HAS BEEN OF THE YEAST VARIETY. ALL THE TALKING, ALL THE DOCUMENTARIES, ALL THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN A NET ACHIEVEMENT OF LESS THAN NOTHING: GLOBAL EMISSIONS JUST KEEP GOING UP AND UP.”

THAT IS WHY I SIGNED UP TO THE 10:10 CAMPAIGN ALONGSIDE MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NHS TRUSTS.

THAT IS WHY I WANT BURY COUNCIL TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AND PLEDGE TO CUT CO2 EMISSIONS BY 10% IN 2010.

POLITICS IS ALL ABOUT PEOPLE AND RARELY IS THERE AN ISSUE THAT AFFECTS EVERY MAN/WOMAN AND CHILD AS THIS ISSUE DOES.

THE 10:10 CAMPAIGN COULD BE SAID TO BE BORN OUT OF A FRUSTRATION WITH INACTION OF GOVERNMENTS COMBINED WITH A FAST APPROACHING DEADLINE – THE DEADLINE THAT IS ACCELERATING EARTH TEMPERATURE WITH ALL THAT IMPLIES FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

WHAT IS 10:10?

10:10 IS AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT TO UNITE EVERY SECTOR OF BRITISH SOCIETY BEHIND ONE SIMPLE IDEA: THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE A 10% CUT IN THE UK'S CARBON EMISSIONS IN 2010.

WHY 10% IN 2010?

BECAUSE WHILE POLITICIANS ARGUE ABOUT TARGETS FOR 2050 AND 2020, THE SCIENTISTS SAY WORLD EMISSIONS MUST PEAK AND BEGIN TO FALL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THAT MEANS WE NEED DEEP CUTS IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE LONGER WE LEAVE IT, THE SMALLER OUR CHANCE OF AVOIDING DISASTROUS WARMING. 10% IS APPROXIMATELY THE RIGHT AMOUNT FOR BRITAIN TO CUT NEXT YEAR IF WE ARE TO PLAY OUR PART IN KEEPING GLOBAL TEMPERATURES FROM SOARING OUT OF CONTROL.

A KEY PART OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO GOVERNMENTS THAT ESSENTIALLY THIS ISSUE IS TOO BIG TOO THREATENING TO BE LEFT TO GOVERNMENT TO DEBATE AND NEGOTIATE OVER THE COMING YEARS – BECAUSE THERE IS NOT TIME.

THAT'S WHY THE 10:10 ALLIANCE AIMS TO ENCOURAGE US ALL AS INDIVIDUALS, AS SERVICE USERS, EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS ET AL TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO AIM TO CUT OUR OWN CO2 EMISSION BY 10% TO AIM TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

WHEN ENCOURAGING SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING IT IS OFTEN STRESSED THAT IT IS A LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY, WELL THIS IS THE MOTHER OF LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES AND I URGE YOU ALL TO GRASP THAT OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT.