Resources for XR Activists: 4 – September 2020

Citizens Assembly UK – 35pp report summary: <https://www.climateassembly.uk/report/read/final-report-exec-summary.pdf> Full report also available at 556pp.. Many short media reports about this online.

Tim Jackson – Zero Carbon Sooner: the case for an early Zero Carbon target for the UK: <https://www.cusp.ac.uk/themes/aetw/zero-carbon-sooner/> Very much a discussion of why we need to bring Zero Carbon dates forward, by the author of the brilliant *Prosperity Without Growth –* also available online.

Lisa Hopkinson and Lynn Sloman (Transport for Quality of Life) – Briefing: More Than Electric Cars: why we need to reduce traffic to reach carbon targets: <https://www.transportforqualityoflife.com/u/files/1%20More%20than%20electric%20cars%20briefing.pdf> This briefing makes critical links between Carbon objectives and the need to reduce traffic.

Kevin Anderson, John Broderick and Isak Stoddard – A factor of two: how the mitigation plans of ‘climate progressive’ nations fall far short of Paris-compliant pathways - <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/epub/10.1080/14693062.2020.1728209?needAccess=true> There is a tendency for some States to hold themselves up as Climate ‘leaders’ – something even the current UK Govt does. However, this article indicates that they are too ready to polish their own halos.

Jonathan Essex (Greenhouse) – What would a UK climate emergency plan that faces up to climate reality look like? <https://www.greenhousethinktank.org/uploads/4/8/3/2/48324387/climate_emergency_plan_that_fucr_may20.pdf> Valuable and accessible report on how we might go further, faster.

Nuclear Free Local Authorities briefing no 191: Climate Emergency: the next steps: a NFLA ‘manifesto’ for dynamic low carbon action: <https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/A304_NB191_Climate_Emergency_the_next_steps.pdf> One of a number of Climate Emergency docs on the NFLA site – valuable for campaigning to get local authorities to ‘green-up’ their act.

Local Futures: Climate Change or System Change? <https://www.localfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/Climate-Change-or-System-Change-1.pdf> A thoughtful report from the literature on localisation – a major consideration in how communities and regions become ever more sustainable and resilient to various types of external shocks. A brief introduction to localisation, with larger treatments available such as Colin Hines – Localisation.

Committee on Climate Change – Reducing UK emissions progress report to Parliament, June 2020: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-uk-emissions-2020-progress-report-to-parliament/> Very large report so selective reading recommended. Notable, as with other comments and reports, for indicating that the Govt is not doing enough to even make its 2050 targets.

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