

DAVED

Davenham Energy Descent and Climate Change Group

- **Are you concerned about climate change?**
- **Would you like to learn more about peak oil and the impact it is likely to have on our community?**
- **Are you willing to help Davenham become a low carbon village?**

DAVED is a local action group, which aims to help build a sustainable community in Davenham. You can help us by becoming involved. Interested? Then contact Howard Thorp by emailing howard.thorp@virgin.net or calling 07765 040416.

What do Climate Change Groups do?

Climate Change Groups are inclusive local self-governing organisations which:

- Build stronger local communities
- Build sustainable communities
- Reduce energy use by insulating houses and public buildings
- Lower the carbon footprint of individual households and communities
- Improve transport links and encourage car sharing and bicycle use
- Support local businesses and food producers
- Save you money by reducing energy, transport and food costs.

Here are some of the activities that climate change groups get involved in:

Energy Use:

- Promote awareness of energy use and its consequences;
- Reduce energy waste at home, at work, at school and throughout the local community
- Promote and facilitate the use of renewable energy;
- Promotion of becoming carbon neutral where possible, and by as many means and in as many ways as possible;
- Carry out energy audits, “carbon footprinting” and the promotion of affordable options.

Transport:

- Encourage car sharing
- Promote better and more-integrated public transport options;
- Provision of more footpaths and safe cycle routes;
- Advice regarding suitability of green vehicles.

Consumption:

- Growing your own initiatives
- Community gardening;
- Community orchards
- Setting up allotments and improving access to allotments;
- Food mile issues;
- Bulk buying and food co-operatives
- Supporting local food producers

Recycling :

- Raise awareness recycling opportunities e.g. Freecycle;
- Encourage composting of garden waste;
- “Clear your house out” days;
- Kids' events – e.g. clearing out and swapping of toys

See for yourself what can be achieved by visiting the Ashton Hayes website - <http://goingcarbonneutral.co.uk>.

For information on energy saving visit - <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk>