



UK Trip

Despite guilt feelings about the CO2 from flying, the trip was very worthwhile as a learning experience.

The people we spoke to in the UK, France and Holland were all very much aware of climate change and the issues. They also were aware of problems in Australia and seemed to think that this was due to the effects of climate change. At the end of the day though, despite being regrettable Australia really is a long way from the rest of the world.

Some of the people that we stayed with have been “greenies” for decades. Interestingly though, the use of heating and lighting had not been cut one iota. All houses had lights on all over the place.

A common comment was that it was all China’s fault so what could they do. This was from people in a country where you could see huge energy use, sucking in vast amounts of goods from overseas and with a burgeoning airline industry that is really mind boggling.

One comment on flying from a Brit, was “doesn’t flying bring interaction between people from different countries and cultures such that it is the greatest contributor to world peace that there is?” George Monbiot calls them love miles, I really don’t have an answer. So let’s start with the easy stuff first and get rid of coal and generate our electricity in a renewable way.