

Annexes - After Climate Assembly UK: did the views and behaviours of assembly members change?

Annex One: Which assembly members filled out the post assembly surveys

This annex looks at as the demographic and attitudinal characteristics of the assembly members who completed each wave of the survey, and compares them to the assembly as a whole.

1.1 Gender

The gender split of assembly members who completed the follow up surveys was similar to the split of those who completed the surveys during the assembly (see Table A1.1). This suggests that differences in results between the surveys were not due to differences in the gender of respondents. Survey respondents during some waves of the survey included a slightly higher percentage of females than the assembly as a whole.

	All 108 assembly members	Surveys during CAUK	Survey in April 21	Survey in Sept 22
Female	50.9%	54%	54%	51%
Male	48.1%	46%	45%	48%
Other	0.9%	-	1%	1%

1.2 Levels of concern about climate change at the start of the assembly

Respondents to the post assembly survey were also similar to those who filled out the pre-assembly survey in terms of their level of concern about climate change at the start of the assembly (see Table A1.2). Again, this suggests that differences in results between the surveys were not due to differences in how concerned respondents were about climate change at the assembly's start.

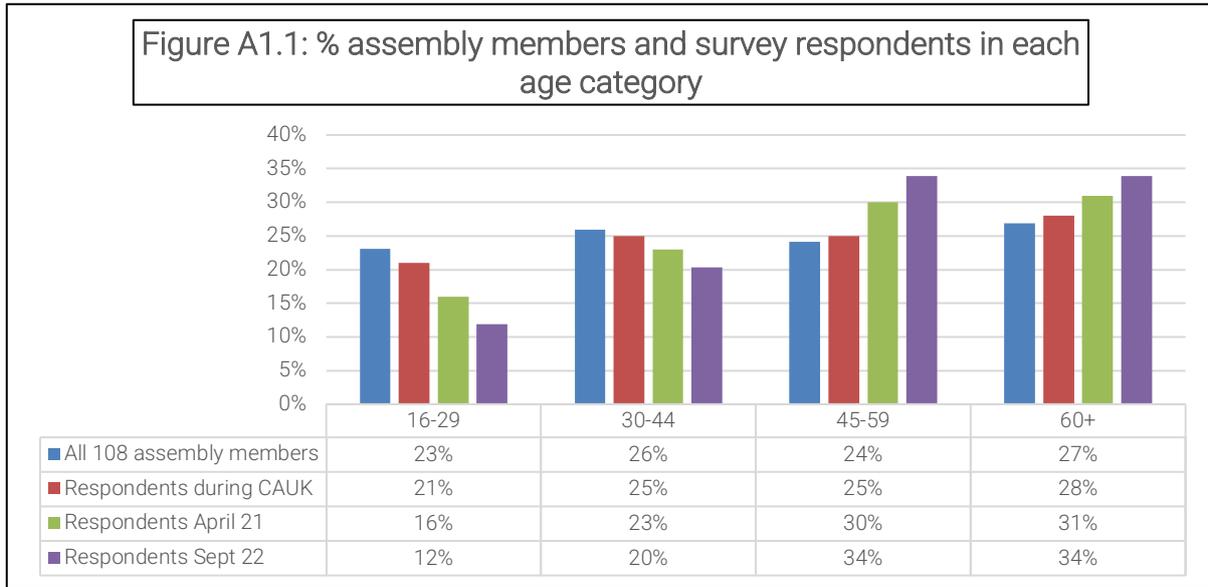
Survey respondents were in general slightly more concerned about climate change at the start of the assembly, than all 108 assembly members, see Table A1.2. It is unclear exactly what impact this may have had on the survey results. For example, analysis of the surveys issued during the assembly found no significant relationship between attitudes to climate change and views on parliament and government.

Table A1.2: % survey respondents by how concerned they were about climate change at the start of CAUK				
	% of all 108 assembly members	% of those completing the survey before weekend one	% of those completing the survey in April 21	% of those completing the survey in Sept 22
Not at all concerned about climate change at the start of CAUK	3	1	1	2
Not very concerned about climate change at the start of CAUK	25	11	10	11
Fairly concerned about climate change at the start of CAUK	32	43	44	44
Very concerned about climate change at the start of CAUK	49	46	45	44
Other	1	N/a	N/a	N/a

1.3 Age

One area where there was a variance between different waves of the survey was age (see Figure A1.1¹). A larger proportion of former assembly members over 45 years responded to the post assembly surveys (over 60% of respondents to these surveys were aged 45+) than responded to surveys during the assembly (45%). Again, there is no way to be certain what impact this had on the results. Age was not a significant factor in relation to attitudes to climate change, parliament or government in the surveys issued during the assembly. However, it may have had some impact on the behaviour changes reported; for example, if more of the older assembly members owned their own home or car, than some changes may have been possible for them that were not possible for younger assembly members.

¹ Figure 2 shows the proportion of assembly members in each age category who responded to surveys during and after CAUK. Assembly members gave their age before CAUK began; we did not ask the assembly members for their age in subsequent surveys.



1.4 Level of education

Another area where there was variance across the survey respondents was level of education. Assembly members with a higher level of educational qualification were more likely to respond to the post-assembly surveys (Table A1.3). Again, it is impossible to be certain what impact this had on the results. Assembly members with a lower level of educational qualification were more likely to agree that they do not have a say in what UK parliament does, in the surveys that took place during the assembly. That suggests that respondents to the post-assembly surveys were more likely to feel that they do have say in what the UK Parliament does than assembly members as a whole.²

Table A1.3: % survey respondents by level of education at the start of CAUK

Education group	108 AMs	Responded weekend 1	Responded April 21	Responded Sept 22
None / level 1	36.1	37.4%	37.8%	32.2%
Level 2 / 4	34.3	32.3%	31.1%	28.8%
Level 4 and above	29.6	30.3%	31.1%	39.0%

1.5 Ethnicity

Table A1.4 indicates that there is a consistent response rate across the surveys from BAME and White assembly members. There is a slight under-representation of BAME assembly members amongst post-assembly respondents.

² Interestingly it was not a significant factor in indicating that the UK political system was working well.

Table A1.4: % survey respondents by ethnicity

Ethnicity	108 AMs	Responded weekend 1	Responded April 21	Responded Sept 22
BAME	16.7	15.2%	14.9%	15.3%
White	83.3	84.8%	85.1%	84.7%

1.6 Urban and rural dwellers

There is some variance in responses from urban and rural dwellers across the surveys (Table 5). Rural dwellers were far more likely to complete the post-assembly surveys than their urban counter-parts. However we found no statistically significant relationship between where assembly members lived and either their views on climate change at the start of the assembly, or the number of behaviour changes reported post-assembly.

Table A1.5: % survey respondents by residency at the start of CAUK

Residency	108 AMs	Responded weekend 1	Responded April 21	Responded Sept 22
Rural	20.4	22.2	28.4%	32.2%
Urban	79.6	77.8	71.6%	67.8%

1.7 Assembly topics

The Assembly members were divided into different topic groups for part of the assembly process. There is a consistent representation of each group within each of our surveys (Table 6).

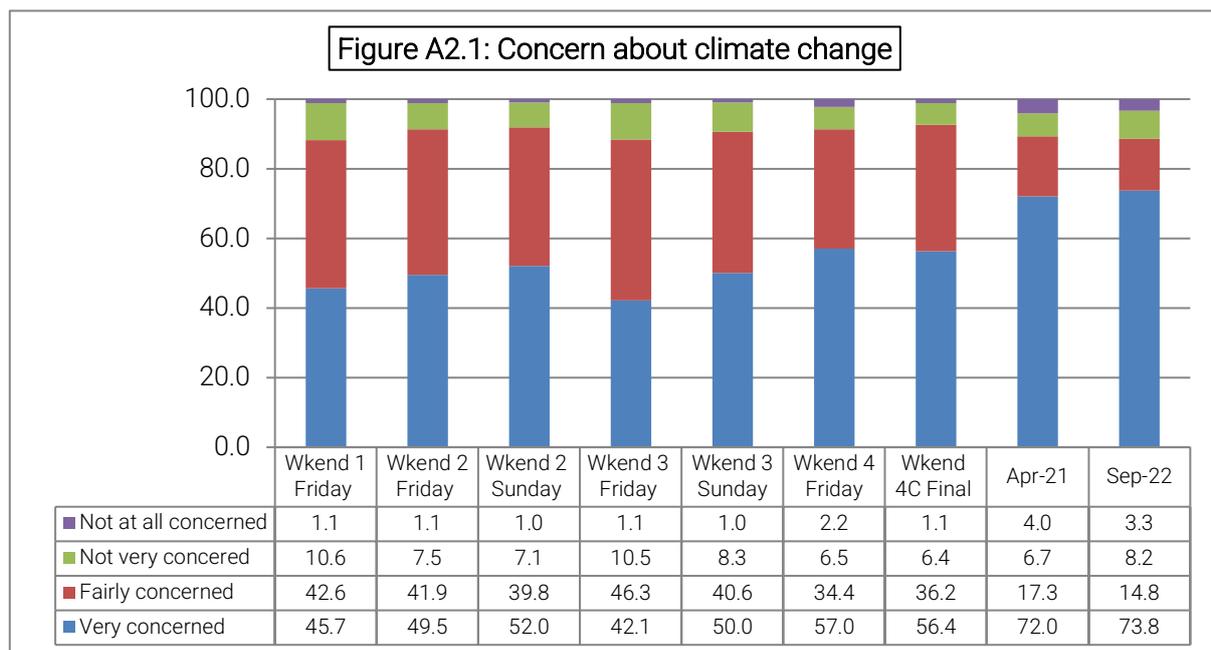
Table 6: % survey respondents by topic group

Topic Group	Responded April 21	Responded Sept 22
Travel	33.8%	28.3%
What we buy	32.4%	35.0%
In the home	33.8%	36.7%

Annex Two: Assembly members' level of concern, and knowledge about, climate change

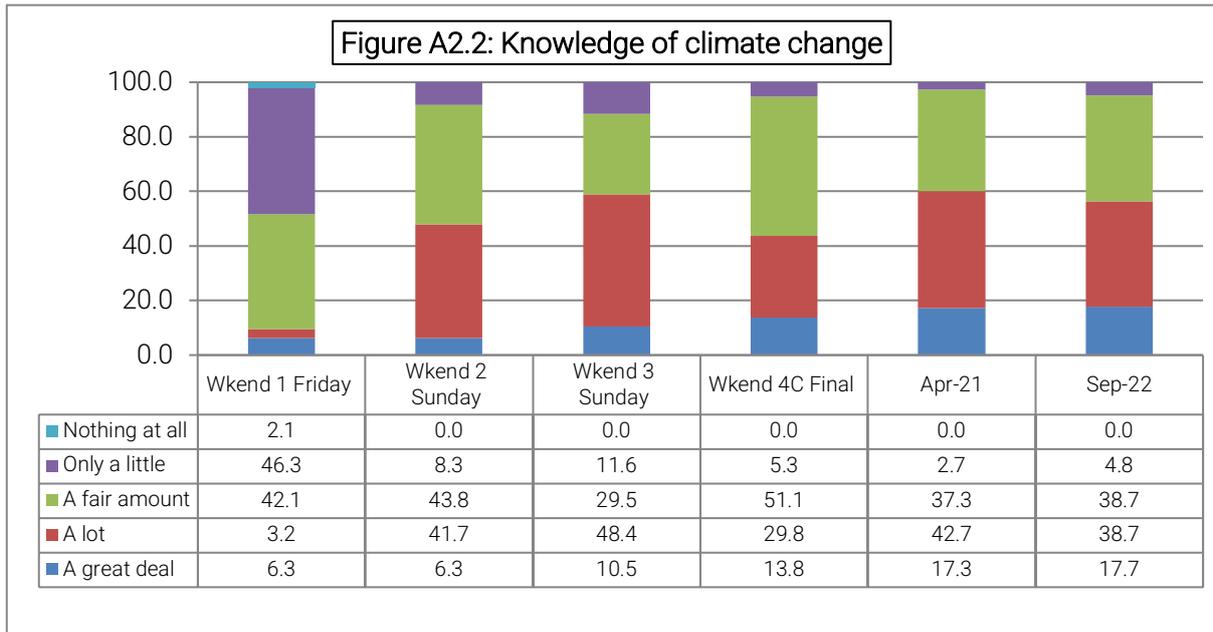
In this annex we provide additional analysis of the survey data looking at assembly members' level of concern about climate change and knowledge of climate change.

As illustrated in Figure A1.1, the proportion of assembly members 'very concerned' about climate change rose from 46% to 57% during the process, and up to 72% one year after the end of the assembly and 74% two years after the launch of the report. The median response rose from 'fairly concerned' at the start of the CA to 'very concerned' by weekend 4. There is a statistically significant (<0.05) mean difference between concern at the start (1.68) and the end (1.53) of the assembly, indicating the participants did become more concerned during the process. There is a statistically significant (<0.01) mean difference between concern at the start of the assembly (1.68) and one year on (1.41). There is a statistically significant (<0.05) mean difference and between concern at the start of the assembly (1.68) and two years after the report launch (1.45). This indicates that the participants did become more concerned during the assembly and that this increase in concern (compared to before CAUK) has remained since.



As illustrated in Figure A1.2, the proportion of assembly members who reported they knew a 'great deal' about climate change increased from 6% at the start of the assembly to 14% at the end of the assembly, to 17% one year on from the assembly and 18% two years on from the launch of the report. The median response was 'a fair amount' (category 3 on a 5 point scale) throughout the assembly, except after weekend 3, when the median response increased to category 2. The median response again rose to category 2 (a lot) 2 years on from the launch

of the report. There is a statistically significant (<0.01) mean difference between knowledge of climate change at the start of the assembly (before weekend 1) (3.33) and the end of the second weekend (2.52) of the assembly, indicating the participants' knowledge increased over this period. There are statistically significant (<0.01) mean differences between knowledge of climate change at the end of the assembly (2.53) and one year on (2.24), and the start of the assembly (3.33) and one year on (2.24), indicating the participants' knowledge increased with time (during and since the assembly).



Annex Three: Assembly members' responses to open questions about their behaviours, attitudes or knowledge

This annex contains the comments made by assembly members in response to the two post assembly surveys' open questions.

The tables below include all assembly members' responses to these questions, where these responses covered assembly members' changes in behaviour, attitudes or knowledge (or assembly members' reports of no change). We have excluded comments that focussed on other issues. For example, some assembly members made comments about the running of CAUK (both positive and negative), or current government policy. We have not included these comments as they are outside the scope of this briefing.

How the comments are organised

We have divided the comments into two sections: one about changes to assembly members' behaviours, and one about changes to their attitudes and knowledge.

Within each of these sections we have roughly organised comments by theme to make them easier to digest. This theming is far from perfect and is not intended to be so. Most comments covered multiple themes and we have chosen to keep comments whole rather than dividing them into sections. Comments that cover multiple themes are therefore listed under one of the themes they touch on. We wanted to provide as unedited a picture as possible of assembly members' comments.

Assembly members had previously asked us to correct typos and spelling errors when including their quotes in the final Climate Assembly UK report. We have therefore also corrected typos and spelling errors in the below, where we were sure what assembly members intended to write.

Where the same assembly member made more than one comment covering the same themes, we have grouped these together with '/' between the two comments.

Changes to behaviours

Assembly members made the following comments about changes they had and hadn't made to their behaviours.

Theme	Assembly member comments
Travel	I used to fly a lot. I'm not great at travelling by boat for over an hour so I'd done a lot of UK to UK flights. I've only taken one flight UK to UK since climate assembly in over a year. My food waste I try so hard to buy only what I need and teach my children all what I learnt. I always felt we needed

to look after our earth but I'd say my views are the same just with more urgency attached to them.

I have changed my attitude to short haul flights to Europe. I would now use alternative transport (ferry, trains).

We walk more and use the car less. Shop locally and only once a week as we used to shop every other day.

I walk more when possible, never use the tumble dryer.

Walk more and use the car less.

Will buy an electric car next time round.

It has educated me so I am a lot more likely to get an electric car and know more about options for heating my home // I didn't even really know what carbon was (carbon footprint, why it causes a problem) so it helped me understand the basics first.

I tend to work from home very often. This reduces the usage of fuel.

I have changed to an electric car. I have installed solar panels. Ideally I would love to be off grid especially since seeing the disgusting profiteering of the energy companies.

I haven't had the chance to change my car to an electric but I am doing less journeys, cycling and walking more as well. // It has definitely made me think more before decisions like travel, using my bike more, and being involved in the green transformation at my work place.

I do not drive.

I have purchased a lot more eco products and have changed some habits like walking when doing school runs and shops that are close by instead of driving. // I have made small changes in different areas. It's very difficult to make complete changes to your whole lifestyle but the Coronavirus pandemic has helped to make some changes such as less travelling by car, eliminated taking any foreign holidays and I've ended up buying less as non essential shops were closed.

I would like to change my car to electric and plan to. I would like to install a heat pump but my house isn't considered suitable.

Purchased a hybrid car. However, the practicalities of trying to make changes locally is exceedingly difficult. For example: The viability of

	<p>installing solar on the large roof of our apartment block is not viable. It just does not make sense for occupants that are in their 60/70/80s to invest in large capital outlay when the feed-back tariff is so low compared with the current consumer cost, most would be dead long before the break even point. There must be thousands of such properties, far better to use than good agricultural land.</p>
<p>Food</p>	<p>I have changed the way I shop, eat, commute and holiday.</p> <p>It has made me more aware of where food comes from and how far away. I try to buy food from farm shops or grown closer to home. I eat far less meat than I did. More careful with gas and electricity in the home. I also watch a lot more programmes on different aspects of climate change in different parts of the world.</p> <p>It has made me more conscious of my diet, I was already a vegetarian, but it has changed my mind about dairy significantly. I'm reducing this consumption, starting to try and cut it out and hope to nearly entirely remove it soon.</p> <p>Before attending the Assembly I was becoming increasingly aware of my impact on the environment. But after attending and listening to all the information I am much more committed to reducing my impact and find it easier to discuss or explain my life style changes. Almost meat and dairy free. Solar panels. Cycle, walk, car only when no other option (electric or car free next step). Plastic free local shopping etc, etc.</p> <p>I try to travel less and make slightly better food choices. Aim to buy local more.</p> <p>Use my car less, buy more of my food locally, home produce and use vegetables and fruit. Re-cycle much more, reuse much more rather than buy new.</p> <p>More involvement in recycling. More interest in carbon footprint of foods purchased.</p>
<p>What we buy and waste</p>	<p>I shop local more now and buy more local products.</p> <p>I didn't think about climate change much before the assembly.... Now I consider it much more in my decisions with future purchases.</p> <p>It has changed a lot on what I purchase.</p> <p>There are some changes mainly in my shopping and as we are still having a diesel car, we are planning to get an electric car</p>

	<p>More recycling of waste material. More composting,(garden waste) // Endeavour to recycle more household items.</p> <p>I have decided not to buy any clothes at all. The fashion industry surprised me. I look at where food comes from and try and buy home grown food and more natural. I still strongly disagree with climate capture and storage. I am trying to fly less which is very challenging for me.</p> <p>More actively consider whether I need to buy things, and if I do, can I get more use out of what I already have, so I consider buying at a later date and only when needed.</p> <p>I have gone for less plastic products and more carbon neutral packaging.</p> <p>Checking if products are sustainable and made in the UK before buying them, and trying to buy less products with plastic packaging</p> <p>I found myself taking time to consider the carbon impact of purchasing decisions, I will, if I can, buy local. The Covid - 19 pandemic has reduced the travelling I did but I find it hard to conceive that I will travel as much again. I also look for and read more articles on companies who are actively reducing their carbon footprint. // My views have changed in the following areas - When I make large purchases I take time to consider the carbon impact and consider possible alternatives - I look for ways to repair and mend broken or damaged items where possible. - My diet has changed to reduce the amount of meat I consume - The amount of money I spend on luxury items has reduced, partly due to Covid but also questioning my need against the environmental impact - I invest more in companies which have clear carbon reduction policies.</p> <p>Finding more ways to recycle and be more green, being more conscious in ways of introducing green solutions to everyday life, be less wasteful.</p> <p>Started to use far less plastic, particularly plastic.</p>
Home	<p>I am looking into getting solar panels on our house. //</p> <p>I value trees more and try to be more energy saving around the home. Having said that I don't feel the need to give up meat or stop flying once a year. I still believe in balance.</p> <p>I use green energy ..I am aware of the impact over fuels have on the enviroment.. I am doing what I can control..</p> <p>Looked to implement better home insulation and heating.</p>

	<p>I am recycle more than I did before. I am more aware of switching off lights and plugs when not in use and do more research on efficiency before buying an electrical appliance.</p> <p>Looking at buying an electric car. Refurbished my house abroad and refuses to have con. Taken a job that carbon footprint is a top priority in building. Looking at a pellet heating system.</p> <p>More awareness of what I do and waste seen in work. Using less plastic and watching own energy use.</p>
<p>Learning about climate change and discussing it with others</p>	<p>I've done 3 courses since citizens assembly climate assembly. I've completed climate change and public policy. Climate change and resilience in food systems and Carbon markets, examining EU policies for transnational climate action. I'd like to help assist the citizens in the UK in the future as I feel I'm relatable to many people in the British public.</p> <p>I talk about it more with my children.</p> <p>I pay more attention to climate change issues in the news and I help to raise awareness about it.</p> <p>I am more interested in learning about/discussing/applying carbon reducing practices in my work and personal life.</p> <p>Always talk to my family and friends about how to change if we want to tackle climate change // My personal life was changed through learning and discussing at the assembly meetings.</p> <p>Educated myself further on climate change, and I am more open to learning more about it.</p> <p>I always watch more programmes on climate change now and make sure friends and family take an interest as well. I have always taken a lot of interest in wildlife. I do more now than before because I am more concerned about the future.</p> <p>I am always aware and discuss with others how climate change affects events which occur around the world on a regular basis. Delivered a session for 5-7 year olds at the local library.</p> <p>I work in education, and I often share with the different videos of how climate change is being tackled, especially with the technological developments to do with carbon capture and storage, new wind farm technology etc.</p>

Jobs	<p>Change of career, resulting in launching new business selling ladies preloved clothing locally to reduce waste and prolong the life of clothing. Been invited to become a Parish Councillor. // I've changed my career since taking part in Climate Assembly UK. I now own my own business, Consciously Clothed, a mobile preloved boutique, helping the local community to resell and buy preloved clothes, keeping clothes in circulation and out of landfill. I have influenced the people around me to be more aware of what they buy and throw away and to focus on repairing and sharing more.</p> <p>I have pushed for sustainability in my NHS trust and I am now leading on it. It has been difficult to explain the easy ways this could be done as they are stuck in their ways, and believe it's only about heat pumps and solar panels.</p> <p>I have applied for climate related jobs in the civil service and become part of the Civil Service Environment Network leadership team. I have decided to ration the number of flights I will take in the future. // I now work for the Climate Change Committee.</p> <p>I am looking to practice commercial law, specifically specialising in the energy sector, with ESG evrry changing, influenced by my participation in the climate assembly.</p> <p>Yes I've now started to produce films specifically about climate change - having worked on 4 in the last 4 months.</p> <p>Climate assembly UK has deeply impacted my life in a positive way I'm in the process of starting up my own eco friendly business as I've been in retail since I was 13 so I saw an area I'd be great at. I set up my own petition on the 1st of April to establish a permanent climate assembly I also was asked to be an admin for our [CAUK AM] group which I said yes I feel I'm v influential as people have said every time I speak someone listens but that's partly down to my personality I feel. I would also consider doing politics perhaps in the future.</p> <p>I have started my own business more for the community and made changes in my home. I have 2 dependants so most things are still the same regardless to what I can do for the children however they are aware of the world around us.</p>
Participation	<p>I now belong to our local climate action group, the group has been instigating various climate proposals one of which is planting trees and helping to form local allotments.</p>

I will be changing my local vote now I have attended this assembly. I intend to contact my MP and those standing for local election now restrictions are relaxing.

I am now an active member of our local Environmental Action Group, assist with administration.

I became a parish councillor. // I continue to champion the work completed by CAUK when I have been asked to attend various meetings or when I have been interviewed. It has given me opportunities to attend Parliament and the House of Lords and given me experiences that I wouldn't of had if hadn't been involved. I remain a parish councillor which I became in 2020.

I have challenged politicians riding on the back of ill informed academics with their own issues to justify. // Understanding the mechanism of decision making and how easily it could be manipulated by pseudo-science. // I have challenged my established thoughts on democracy education, now thinking of them as inefficient methods of decision making in a real world. // I am more convinced that rule by a meritocracy (e.g. 1 degree = 1 vote) would yield better solutions to practical problems such as climate change, and that the influence of the uninformed should be diminished. I also now see politics in action, the misrepresentation by the so called 'green' lobby, (for example material supporting children's visits to refuse incinerators), is unhelpful in tackling the real issue of CO2 production.

I have tried to get in touch with both the House of Lords and the Scottish Parliament regarding using my personal knowledge to help with the implementation of some of the grants etc that are out there to make them more user friendly. However I did not get a positive response. I personally think the attendees of the Climate Assembly who have then implemented changes using government grants etc would be well placed to ensure profiteering etc is not happening and that citizens can get help easier. The systems in place are hard to navigate and should be easier to access if we truly want to get to Net Zero.

Contacted local council about putting in a cycle path.

Given the pandemic the focus has not been as focussed on climate change post-assembly as I/we would have liked. The outputs from the Assembly needs a reboot/restart once opening up has moved along some. I have also looked at other govt Acts that could support and link to climate change initiatives, I have specifically look at the Welsh well-being of future generations Act, it highlighted a key concern for me, in that it has no 'teeth' in its usage, especially pre-planning assessments across all areas e.g. gousing, highways, public transport spending. The concern is that other

	<p>initiatives more closely aligned to climate change may also be 'fluffy' in interpretation and use, especially when potentially impacting commercial interests i.e. guidelines rather than limits with fines or legal impacts.</p>
<p>General</p>	<p>I have made changes in my life and with my children since doing the climate assembly I have more knowledge, experience and open to new views in the government.</p> <p>I was mindful of climate change before taking part in the assembly, but the assembly has made me more aware of the climate emergency we face. Sir David Attenborough's talk to the assembly reduced me to tears and from then on I started to make changes. It's actually been life changing and I feel very grateful for the experience. I now do everything I can in my home and work life to reduce my carbon footprint and I've also encouraged family and friends to do the same. I am a member of a wonderful sustainable business exchange networking group, where we learn and share knowledge to better define our actions to speed up positive change in business and home life. Thanks you so much for the opportunity to change my life and many around me for the better!</p> <p>Give more consideration to everyday actions and their impact on the climate.</p> <p>It has made me more aware of my carbon footprint.</p> <p>More aware of everyday situations within the household of how help the environment and reduce carbon footprint. // The assembly and the experts have given me so much more information that I use in my everyday decisions that I never thought of before.</p> <p>Generally, I now always consider what I do or buy with regards to Climate Change. // There is now a big awareness on our daily lives and how it affects the climate.</p> <p>Yes massively. Before the Assembly I'm ashamed to say I hadn't thought too much about my own carbon footprint & how that impacts the planet. I'm now much more aware & proactive in trying to reduce it.</p> <p>It has improved my knowledge and there are low hanging fruits that I can easily comply to.</p>
<p>Other changes</p>	<p>It has changed how we holiday. For instance we are walking the Camino for 40 days. Saving on electric and car hire and pollution.</p>

	<p>I had two poems i wrote about climate change published in a book called 'Poetry for a Purpose - Saving the World with Words' which were inspired by my time at Climate Assembly UK.</p>
<p>No change</p>	<p>Not in the slightest and neither will I make any changes that the 'elite' will force into being. Climate change is the next big hoax that will bring in more nazi style measures prior to the new world order being set up.</p> <p>No change really I already had a heat pump and electric car.</p> <p>No change. I do not feel there's any evidence to require a significant change in my lifestyle. I do however feel that we should all take some personal responsibility to live our lives in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner.</p> <p>I do feel very aware of climate change and the more that we can all enjoy the natural world the more we should realize what damage we are doing to it. Nevertheless in my own life I do little to help as I drive, eat, fly etc. But I would hope in moderation. Making big changes like electric cars, alternative heating systems do not come easily due to inertia, finance and age.</p> <p>I am more aware of climate related consequences in all I do from the amount of extra car trips to the bags I use while shopping but Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the things I may or may not have done in the last year had not been as it was. // I would have made more changes in some aspects of my life but due to covid and other events some things have been forced upon us.</p> <p>I think I already did most of the things I selected to, just since climate assembly I have continued to do them.</p>

Changes to attitudes and increased knowledge

Theme	Assembly member comments
<p>Severity of the issue</p>	<p>I knew something had to happen I just didn't know to what extent and how bad it was. We need to change every aspect of the way we live and the way we go about business this can only happen if the government is on board and they write the policies to enable business to implement the needed changes. Once those things are in place and with a sustained education campaign then people will buy into it. The problem we have is that government and business are more interested in making money out of achieving Net Zero than doing the right thing, I fear that we won't do what is needed and that making a quick buck will be our undoing.</p>

	<p>Through the interactive Assembly procedures (listen to experts, speak about my views, listen to fellow members views) rethought my views and acquired an educated opinion on the issue. I feel that I now have a good background in the various aspects of the issue. I now understand the severity of Climate Change - which I underestimated before, I am better informed about the possible solutions and I have taken into perspective the difficulties in following any of these solutions.</p>
<p>Urgency of the issue</p>	<p>The assembly made me think more about energy consumption and carbon capture (the pros and cons of both). I was already aware of the issues of food and goods consumption but the whole assembly made me consider the urgency in acting.</p> <p>I didn't fully understand the significance of the impact of 'Greenhouse Gases prior to taking part in the C.C.A. Only by listening and discussing with others at the C.C.A. just how much of a priority it is to reduce G.H. emissions as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Climate Assembly UK made me more aware of the urgency of the problem and of the importance of more education and information about the necessity to change and consume less. // It showed me just how hard it is to get people to understand the need to change. // It made me realise that it is urgent and that everything I do makes a difference. Also that even though there are more people than I thought concerned about it, there are still far too many who don't understand the importance of their own behaviour and impact.</p>
<p>Taking climate change more seriously</p>	<p>Learnt so much since I became a member of climate change UK // I take very seriously now & it has changed my life and I think it should continue the good work from us climate change UK members .</p> <p>I have changed because before I was not taking issues of climate change seriously. But now I am more of a champion on lecturing others.</p> <p>I was in the transport group and each time we had a break I would look out of the window of the top floor of the hotel and watch the never-ending flow of traffic below. Something just seemed to 'click' and make me think that things really needed to change.</p> <p>It made me realise that if we carry on as we are pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and using up natural resources, there will be consequences and we need to continually review our priorities.</p> <p>Before I wasn't as educated on how we could change our lifestyles in order to reach net zero by 2050 but now I have learnt a lot more about the specific changes we can make e.g in everyday travel so I have changed my opinion on this. I also was not as concerned about climate change previously but now I fully understand its impact</p>
<p>Greater awareness and knowledge</p>	<p>I feel the climate assembly has given me an opportunity to learn and become interested in climate change. I am more aware of the consequences if we continue to do nothing and the legacy's we will leave our future generations if we don't start changing now.</p>

Climate Assembly has made me very aware of what is happening here and around the world. How important it is to start changing our habits and thinking differently. The pandemic sad though it is has actually made people more appreciative of their environment and how important it is to us all. Now China and USA have finally decided to be involved in cutting back their greenhouse gases it means the world can really start being serious and act. I think Organisation's and Businesses in the UK are now taking it seriously. I hope it is the same in other countries.

Climate Assembly has made me much more aware of everything we use and consume the pollution of cars and planes etc. Food coming such long distances by plane or boat. New homes urgently need to be more efficient. The need to insulate homes is important. There is so much more to know what is happening around the world. How it is affecting all people not just ourselves. The good thing now there are so many more organisations and governments contributing and informing us what is happening around the world and how we are all affected in one way or another. The pandemic has been able to highlight so much more to us all how precious our environment is to our wellbeing. There is definitely more information being given to people this year than ever before which is good. I just hope it continues. I am concerned about drilling in our oceans that has been recently mentioned.

It has changed my views significantly. I am more aware of what's happening what's at stake, how and what changes need to be made. Although it still feels far fetched for people to make those changes individually it's not impossible. I am a big believer in "a little goes a long way" also for some of us that are more multi cultured it's a two pronged issue. Two completely different countries and cultures and my concern is equally divided between the two sides.

More aware of what climate change means and its effects on the world.
// Made me think more about climate change and what my every day decisions mean.

More aware of the issues and how politics and economic issues may sadly, slow the targets // The assembly made me aware of the issues and certainly how it is not just black and white. Certainly made me more aware of how "hidden, corrupt" some companies are about trying to "con" the public that they are Green! Carbon offset being one example! Local councils saying they are Green, but making no effect to install charging points for cars or using electric vehicles ie refuse, busses and social services transport.

Taking part in the Climate Assembly UK has expanded my knowledge and understanding of the world's need to do to reduce carbon.

I learned so much about things I already had an interest in but also a lot more about processes and subjects I had not even realised were related to what you think of as 'climate change'. It was good but also scary to hear the experts explain the facts and be able to ask questions. It definitely was an education that I hope I can continue to use for me and my family's future.

	<p>I was already very aware of issues concerning climate change so my life had already reflected this where it could. No change but more knowledge to share with others which is just as important.</p> <p>I already had strong views that we need to change or habits and lifestyles, the climate assembly provided me information on how this could be done. Therefore, before it I was already open to changing, so now I would say there has been a small change in most things because I now know how changes will occur.</p> <p>The assembly definitely made me more aware of the climate change issues and I am now conscious of damage being done to the earth by humans //</p> <p>Yes it has. Information and awareness. Also where I can make changes I will and I encourage people to care more about the earth.</p> <p>It was fascinating to learn more facts and find out the truths of climate change more. Also the research into methods to help that has been going on.</p>
<p>New belief that climate change is real</p>	<p>Massively, I now believe climate change is happening.</p>
<p>Need to work together</p>	<p>We all need to work together to tackle climate change and it has to be affordable to all.</p> <p>The assembly made me realise that there is a lot to climate change and reaching net zero. It helped me explore topics that I hadn't even thought about before. I found it at times quite challenging and it was a lot to take in but it was definitely an experience I'll never forget. I think the main thing that the assembly taught me was that we cannot do this alone, we all have to chip in and make a difference. The whole planet.</p>
<p>Change in views on specific issues</p>	<p>The assembly opened up that technology is available and evolving.</p> <p>It has changed my view about how we travel on land as my views on electric cars has changed, I have learnt that they can actually be just as bad especially when considering how the lithium in the battery could be safely disposed of, I feel we are being pushed towards this as a better option but it is no better. My opinion of how we use the land has changed as well because I didn't realise fully how we were using it now and the options of how we could/should be using it, such as restoring peat and forests. I already thought we needed more forests but didn't realise how much peat land helps to stop flooding, for example.</p> <p>Less travel and less imports. More sustainable local markets. // I would like to work from home more, to reduce travel and unnecessary energy consumption.</p>

<p>General changes</p>	<p>Climate assembly has had a major influence on my views.</p> <p>Challenged the accepted thinking on issues that are claimed to be 'green'.</p> <p>Look at life in a different direction.</p> <p>It has made my life more important.</p> <p>It's made me question my choices and it's made me realise that nothing will really change whilst making money is set as a higher priority than doing the thing.</p> <p>I was certainly aware of the change in our climate due to our behaviour before the Assembly and I wish to see big changes for the better to be enforced by those in Power. Day to day it is possible to be more environmentally friendly and the Assembly has helped to emphasize that.</p>
<p>No (big) change</p>	<p>No big changes, just small one but reconfirming views and knowledge, however little I had about climate change before the assembly.</p> <p>Although I was very informed I feel there were none of additional information I hadn't thought about. Like stickers in food and wind turbines made from steel and concrete, I just hadn't linked it together.</p> <p>No Change to prior views. // Climate change is a con and is the second of three cons bestowed upon the world. First was covid and the third will be space aliens..!</p>
<p>Concerns about the science</p>	<p>I think that climate change is probably real. However, at the same time, I am deeply concerned that the science may not be robust enough. I worry that in 30 or 40 years time we might have the scientists come back to us saying "Sorry guys. We made an honest mistake, and now we understand things better than we did those decades ago.". I was a climate change sceptic before, but my worry that we might be misinterpreting the data has become more intense than it was.</p>