

Protesters wanting a quicker green transition should praise the UK and challenge others

All the time we have a global system of national accounting for carbon dioxide production the UK will come out well from the numbers and China and India will come out badly. UK policy has driven a lot of heavy energy using industry out of our country to force us to rely on more imports. The imports from China mean more CO₂ produced in China and less in the UK. The UK has stopped most of its coal based electricity production and come to rely more on imported electricity. Given this is the approved system why don't the green campaigners rejoice at the UK's success in driving down its CO₂ output?

According to global figures China accounts for 30% of manmade CO₂ in the world and the UK under 1%. China's increase in CO₂ output in a typical year exceeds total UK output for that year. These numbers do tell us a truth about CO₂ and should encourage the campaigners to pressurise China to do far more than she is doing. They could turn their attention to the Chinese Embassies if they do not fancy trying a protest in China itself. China and India do rely on coal much more than the advanced countries to generate their power. They are opening new coal power stations and mines.

One of the reasons many people who accept the climate change theory do not do more in their own lives to buy green products is their sense of futility given the way CO₂ worldwide continues to expand whatever action the UK government and consumers take. Despite all the COPs, law changes in advanced countries and the resolutions in world bodies world CO₂ output continues to expand as the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement draws near. So why do Green campaigners attack our own country instead of concentrating on the sources of so much CO₂ growth?