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- transform our agricultural system
- cool the planet (e.g. through massive reforestation)

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- Use renewable energy, and increase energy efficiency in our homes and workplaces
- Use zero-emissions transport (walk or ride) and public transport
- Embrace sustainable consumption patterns, a climate-friendly diet and minimise our waste
- **Lobby local Councillors and MPs to take urgent climate action** consistent with an emergency

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