



# cap and share

Cap the carbon  
Share the income

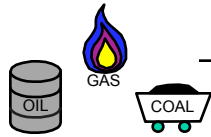
We need to cut our carbon emissions. There's a simple way of doing it, called Cap & Share, which does away with all the hassle. There's no rationing. And you even get paid for it!

## Cap

Suppose you're watering your garden with a hosepipe connected to a sprinkler. To save water, would you try to plug up the sprinkler holes one by one? Or would you simply turn the tap off a bit?

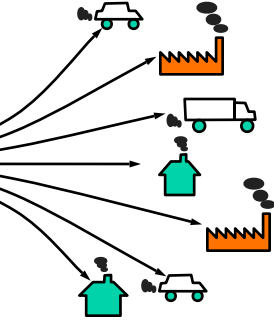
With fossil fuels it's the same. It's much easier to cap the fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) entering the economy here

than to try to control the emissions they cause here



There are only about 100 companies bringing fossil fuels into the economy (by importing them or digging them up).

These fossil fuels are burnt by millions of cars, houses and factories all over the country.



## Share

Capping the carbon generates income (see below). We should all share this income. The climate belongs to us all, not to industry or the government.

## How it works

Each year you get a certificate for your share of the country's CO2 emissions. It might be for 10 tonnes of CO2, say. It's free, and every adult in the country gets the same.

The fossil fuel suppliers have to buy these certificates (you'd sell them via banks or post offices). If a fossil fuel company buys your certificate, this allows them to bring in as much fossil fuel as will emit 10 tonnes of CO2 when it's burnt (somewhere down the line). The more certificates they buy from us, the more fuel they can bring in. Certificates are in demand, and are worth serious money.

To pay for the certificates, fossil fuel suppliers put up the price of petrol, coal and gas. The cost of capping carbon is built in to the price of all goods and services automatically (carbon-intensive goods cost more, encouraging the use of low-carbon alternatives). And that's it - there's no need for carbon trading schemes (let alone rationing) - the cap's taken care of 'upstream'. You can get on with the rest of your life.

Some prices go up, but selling your certificates gives you income. The higher the fuel price, the higher your income, so you're protected. In fact if you have a lower than average carbon footprint, you come out ahead.

## Benefits of Cap & Share

- ✓ Effective      Does the job. Caps emissions, rather than just setting targets, All carbon emissions are covered. No gaps, no loopholes.
- ✓ Fair              Equal shares is fair, like one person one vote.
- ✓ Simple          No swipe cards. No computer system. No red tape for companies.
- ✓ Cheap          Only the fossil fuel suppliers (100 companies) need to be policed.
- ✓ Fast             It's so simple and cheap, that it could be brought in next year.
- ✓ Liberating      No bad vibes. Not a tax. No rationing. No guilt. No tracking petrol purchases.
- ✓ Easy            No hassle. No carbon accounting. No keeping to an "allowance".
- ✓ Engaging      Your certificate is your share of the country's carbon footprint.
- ✓ Rights-based   Your share is your right - it's not a government handout.
- ✓ Empowering   You're in control of your share. You can even withhold part of it and cut the UK's total emissions by that amount.
- ✓ Scalable        The same system works for the UK, the EU, or the world.
- ✓ Flexible        Can dovetail with the EU ETS. Resonates with Contraction & Convergence.