



**Passion for the Planet brings the biofuels debate to radio listeners.
Hear from the experts and have your say.**

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*They'll save the planet. They'll wreck the planet. They're sustainable. They're irresponsible.
They'll give us green transport. They'll take the food out of our mouths.*

Biofuels are being suggested as a way to help us cut our carbon emissions and slow climate change. They have their detractors and their supporters. What do you think?

That's the question being posed on the UK's green radio station Passion for the Planet.

"We want to stimulate debate about biofuels by giving people the arguments from both sides. There's far too much hype and misinformation and this is leaving many people confused. The aim of this series of interviews is to let the experts speak and let the listener make up their own mind based on the evidence presented," explained Passion for the Planet's co-founder Chantal Cooke.

Throughout September Passion will be broadcasting a series of interviews with experts from both camps will explore the pro's and con's;

Michel Pimbert from the International Institute for Environment and Development explores the impact of biofuels on food.

John Bowis MEP sets out Europe's stance on biofuels and their future.

Abi Bunker, agricultural policy officer at the RSPB explains why many environmental NGOs are seeing red, not green, over the growth of biofuels.

Graham Hilton director of biofuel company Ultra Green Fuels will be answering the case for biofuels – and how some biofuels can be part of the answer when it comes to protecting our planet.

Deepak Ragani from Biofuel Watch is concerned about the impact of biofuels on people and wants to see the Government's policies regarding these fuels changed.

Ian Swingland Emeritus professor of conservation biology at the Durrell Institute looks at how biofuels can make a positive contribution to our environment and biodiversity and even the lives of people of people in poorer countries.

Plus Passion for the Planet will take a look at the recent Gallagher Review of Biofuels, and find out more about what's actually involved in refining a biofuel and why Tim Rose, a research officer at Cranfield University believes traditional refining methods are damaging the environment and how a new cutting edge technology could solve these problems.

The interview will be on air during September 2008 and will also be available, on demand, via Passion's web site; www.passionfortheplanet.com/biofuels.htm

In addition the radio station has created a poll where people can vote on what they think of biofuels.

Listeners will be given 5 choices:

- 1) All biofuels are bad for the planet
- 2) I believe some biofuels are good and some are bad - and I know which are which

- 3) I believe some biofuels are good and some are bad - but I really don't know which are which
- 4) Biofuels are good and should be encouraged
- 5) I'm not sure, I need more information

The poll is also being made available on other web sites too – to encourage debate about biofuels and how they may impact our lives in the future.

From 1st Sept - listen to the interviews and have your say at:

www.passionfortheplanet.com/biofuels.htm

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Editors Notes:

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