

After a presentation by city staff about the City's CO2 reduction challenge, and the areas they plan to address in the plan Councillor Josh Colle shared some of his observations, and experiences with community consultations, for example tree planting. He share the value of community members coming together to have a voice on environmental proposals, and the value of city policies as a framework for these discussions. Councillor Colle had come from a TTC meeting and announced a purchase of 93 new buses... so that is a positive step forward for transit in our community.

We then held a go-round among approximately 13 community residents present, and recorded the suggestions:

TRANSPORTATION

- culture shift, car share/pool
- True vs. hidden costs (eg the cost of driving a car is much higher, both for the individual and for the environment than what we normally count)
- Expansion of transit infrastructure and improved service
- Walkability
- Bike education – promote “CanBike” courses – and much improved bike lane network for safe cycling
- Pedestrian Sundays

NATURAL WORLD

- “Healthy City”
- How to make people see & appreciate it?
- Land trusts for gardening in community
- More trees, more green, makes a community, connection between people and with nature, beauty, improves mental health
- Barrel gardens on the street
- Restoring and protecting waterways, and quality of water

ENERGY

- Renewable energy positive role for unions and workers

WASTE

- Community garage sale

CARBON FOOTPRINT – need to include FOOD and FOOD TRANSPORT

ENGAGEMENT

- LiveGreen presenters, animators, youth employment, find captive audiences
- go to where people are, outreach to BIA, unions, churches

CARBON PRICING

- parking fees, road pricing

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- role of money, positive and negative
- follow the money trail
- LEAP Manifesto – for transition to renewable energy economy

COMMUNITY CENTRE – better connections to neighbourhood, more locally integrated

COMMUNITY HUBS – post offices, schools, community engagement