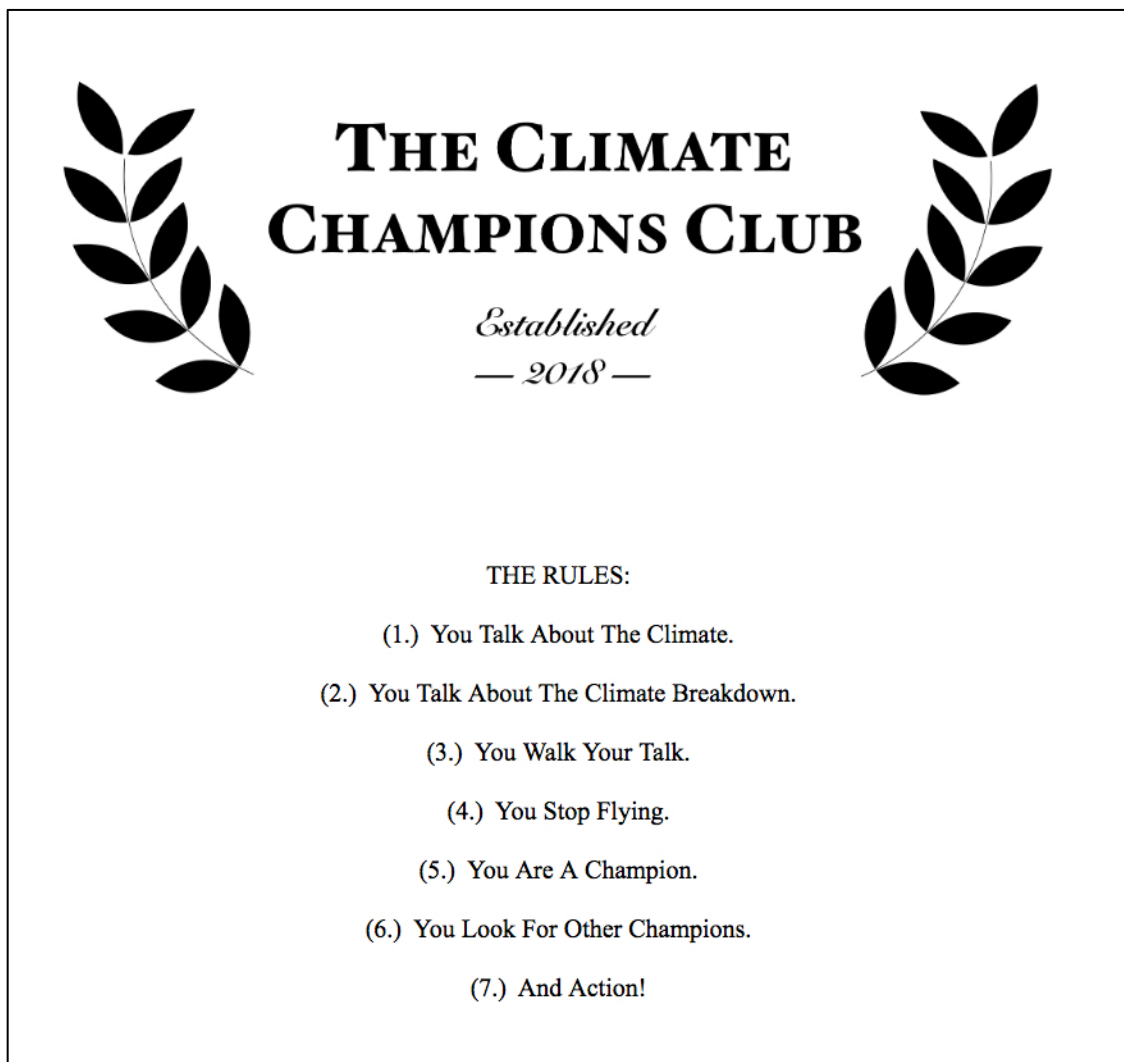
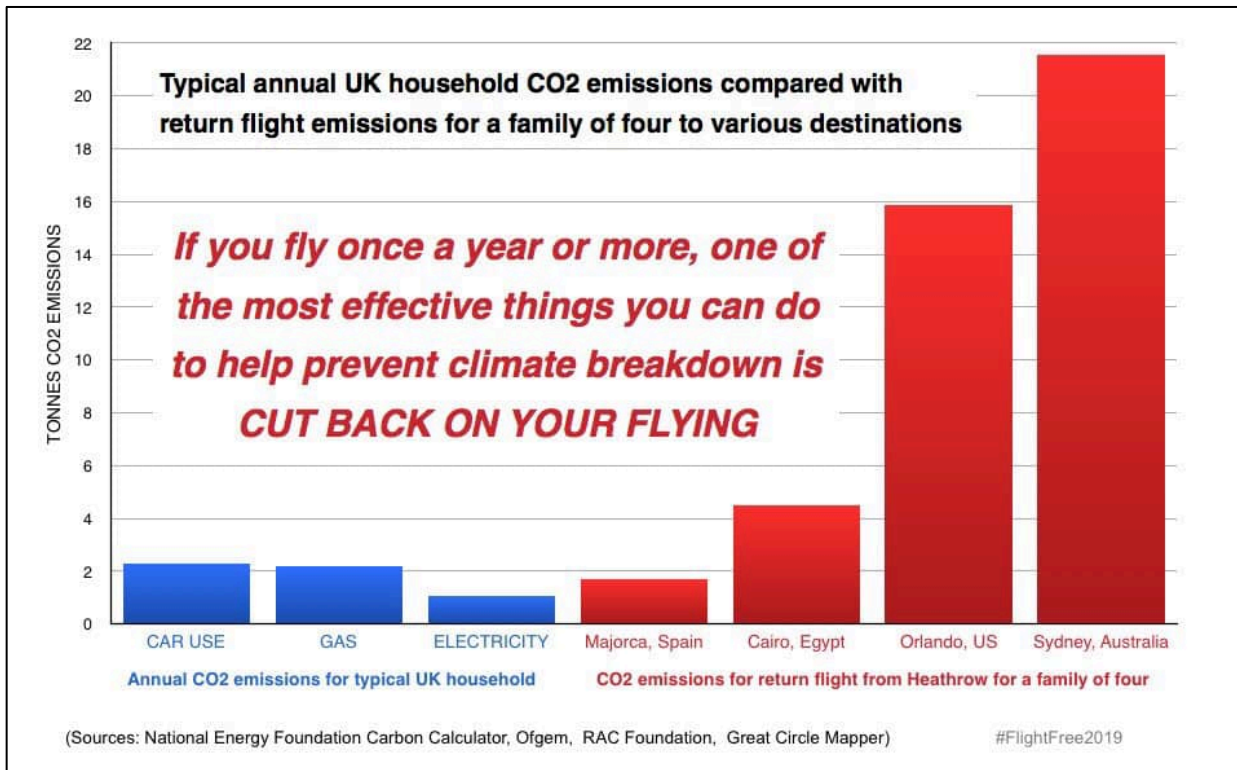


Could you be the next climate champion?

I AM DELIGHTED to be named as a #ClimateChampion. Might you be next? To date there are 227 of us in the Climate Champions Club, including 16-year-old world influencer Greta Thunberg and a range of familiar names including climate scientists, writers, politicians and campaigners. You can join us or follow us on Twitter: @TheClimateCC - we are growing.



What's so bad about flying? On average, Brits each have a footprint of about 17 tonnes of CO₂/year. Mine is below 6, largely because I have signed the #FlightFree pledge. Each flight adds 3, 6, 12, 16 or even 20 tonnes CO₂ to each person's annual total (see graph).



For me, flying is completely avoidable. Choosing not to do this one thing is the biggest way I keep my CO2 level low and I can still enjoy all the good stuff in the UK and Europe.

If that's hard for some folk, then reducing is also good! #FlyLess

This link may help anyone who might prefer to travel by train: seat61.com

If you want to book European rail travel, try: @loco2

You can sign your #FlightFree pledge here: @FlightFree2020 where you will also find lots of useful information about carbon and flying. To find out your own carbon footprint, check out the free online calculators:

The simplest one is at WWF: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

More here: www.theguardian.com/environment/2008/feb/19/carbon.web

Not all calculators weight in carbon from imports. Without that, your footprint will look unrealistically low. I've got mine down to below six by switching to green gas and electricity, not flying, reducing car use, reducing meat, eliminating food waste - and not buying loads of stuff!