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Here are a few other bits you might find interesting.

1. **Climate scientist Kevin Anderson interviewed at Bonn**
2. **Big news on divestment**
3. **The budget...where does it leave renewables?**
4. **Latest wind farm comes in 15% below budget**
5. **Massive growth in batteries predicted**
6. **Cutting your meat / dairy consumption - link to Costing the Earth & Amazon's plans for organic**
7. **France may be drastically cutting its nuclear power...**
8. **Trump's coal delegation at Bonn**

1. Here's a good interview with [Kevin Anderson](#), one of our leading climate scientists, **talking at the Bonn conference**. He's always clear and direct. Good to hear an updated view on our use of gas, on carbon off-setting, on how our life-styles need to change and on the impact of Trump.

2. And some really good, big news. The managers of **Norway's Sovereign Wealth Fund**, (approximately \$1 trillion of oil revenues invested for the long-term benefit of the Norwegian people), has said that they are **likely to divest completely from oil and gas**. They have already divested from coal. This is a surprise move, given that the fund is built on oil, but it's **being done for economic reasons - it's not clear to the managers that oil is a good financial bet....** This will wake all our asset managers up....

Norway is also reported to be **severely 'tested' by the Greenpeace law suit against the government's decision to auction off 93 blocks in the Arctic** for exploration and production. Their enthusiasm is waning, apparently... Please [support Greenpeace](#) if you can.

3. Here's a good summary of where we are after the [budget, and some reactions from the renewables industries.](#) There is **no clarity on what happens to our 'carbon price' after 2020, and no new funds to support renewables implementation till 2025** at the earliest - pretty disastrous. All current contracts will be honoured. It is unclear whether the Swansea lagoon will get a look-in on the remaining funds.

4. Good news on our [latest wind farm](#), off the coast of Norfolk and coming in 15% below budget. These plummeting costs are extraordinary....

5. Bloomberg New Energy Finance also has some positive ideas on where the global [growth in battery](#) storage is going - from just **one GWh at the beginning of this year to 305 GWh by 2030. This is 'explosive'...**

6. Cutting your meat & dairy is one of the quickest and most effective ways to make an impact and the fact that so many of us are doing it is certainly being noticed by our UK farmers. As is often suggested, **you don't have to label yourself vegetarian /vegan if that's uncomfortable - just eat less meat....** Choose meat-free when that's a good option - and if eating animal flesh / milk, make sure it's organic / pasture fed. [Amazon are, apparently, going into organic food](#) with the aim of bringing the cost down...

Here's a link to a recent [Radio 4 Costing the Earth looking at farming](#) in the UK and how 'on board' our farmers are with carbon sequestration and limiting of emissions.

7. The rumour is that the new French energy minister plans to get **EDF to cut 35 of their 58 nuclear plants by 2032** - ie from 75% of electricity production to 50%. Not fast enough but still quite extraordinary. EDF's shares took another 10% tumble last week on poor performance figures.

8. **Trump's coal delegation got a generally cold/hostile reception** at the [Bonn conference](#) and it seems it was the 42 countries pledging to 'power past coal' that got the limelight and public approval.

Back home in the US, Trump is still fighting Obama's restrictions on methane losses from gas extraction plants - **20% of US methane is, apparently, 'fugitive'**, ie it just joins the rest of our greenhouse gases in the atmosphere... Interestingly - and surprisingly - **most of the oil majors (including Exxon, BP, Shell and Total) have themselves signed up to a self-imposed set of guidelines aimed at limiting these emissions.** Trump seems out of step even with the industry he is trying to support...

Many thanks. As ever, if you want to come off the mailing list, please let me know. I hope to see you on Thursday at the Brew House.

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