

Summary of Chapter 10

- It is hard to judge objectively whether an energy saving project is worthwhile on financial grounds but be aware there is also a hidden cost involved in doing nothing to mitigate climate change.
- The rebound effect should always be avoided, or at least minimised, when spending any savings made from saving energy.
- Surprisingly the use of time has a carbon footprint depending on how that time is used.
- Savings made from using less energy may be spent on capital investment, including community renewable energy schemes, as well as on low-carbon activities.
- There are many charities, especially in developing countries, which are in need of funds to conduct environmentally positive actions.
- The growing global population threatens to exacerbate climate change. Help is needed to reduce population growth, including the support of charities that concentrate on improving the (reproductive) health and education of young women and girls.