## The Power of Marketing



**Mike Longhurst** 



## **Stop right there!**

 If we want marketing to sell sustainability, we'd better agree what marketing is



## Somewhere we lost the plot

mar-ket-ing
Pronunciation: 'mär-k&-ti[ng]

Function: noun

**1** a : the act or process of selling or purchasing in a market

- **b** : the process or technique of promoting, selling, and distributing a product or service
- **2** : an aggregate of functions involved in moving goods from producer to consumer

## = flogging stuff



## Wikipedia to the rescue

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# **"To fulfil the needs and wants of individuals or groups"**

- The marketing revolution occurred when manufacturers came to realise that the starting point was "what they want", not "what we want them to want"
- We learned 40 years ago that making stuff and then trying to persuade people to need or want it was inherently futile



## We have reminded ourselves of it at frequent intervals since



Gunfortunately, the Denovo, although effective, was both costly to manufacture and unduly complex and never gained widespread popularity. **7** 

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## Launch price £400, within 6 months £140



## **1998 - What they said**



"Shell Pura will offer consumers the choice of a topquality unleaded petrol which produces fewer exhaust emissions than standard unleaded.

Clearly, Shell remains committed to supplying the fuels and products which the consumer needs and wants."

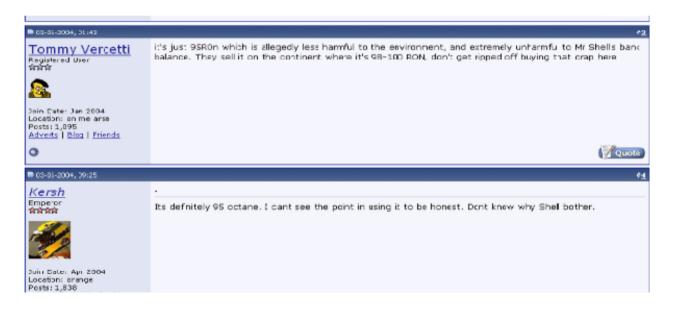
Shell PR statement

## What THEY said

"It's...allegedly less harmful to the environment, and extremely unharmful to Mr Shell's bank balance"

"I can't see the point in using it to be honest. Don't know why Shell bother"

"Don't get ripped off buying that crap here"





## So they finally asked the consumer what they really wanted and built it in

A premium price was set for the petrol Pura as sold by Shell with the extra benefit that it produced less pollutants while being cleaner in use in the engine. Due to disappointing sales a change in product concept has been realised and now a petrol is sold at a premium that enables more power (V-Power). The reasoning behind this

change hinges on the idea that being able to accelerate faster is experienced more as a benefit than the environmental benefits that were attributed to Shell Pura.

Eindhoven University of Technology, 2004

Getting out front of consumer demand is expensive and risky, but can have great corporate rewards

"But sometimes it's not enough to wait for consumer demand to dictate product development. Sometimes, we have to take the lead. And that's precisely what we've done with Liquefied Petroleum Gas." Shell

### Prius: has it made a cent yet?



## If not, it probably will soon

Just a year ago, the green agenda was still out on the fringes for the great majority of Britons: an issue of concern, perhaps, but 'not for me'. Today we see the **unquestioned expectation that everyone will embrace at least some shade of green behaviour in day-to-day life**.

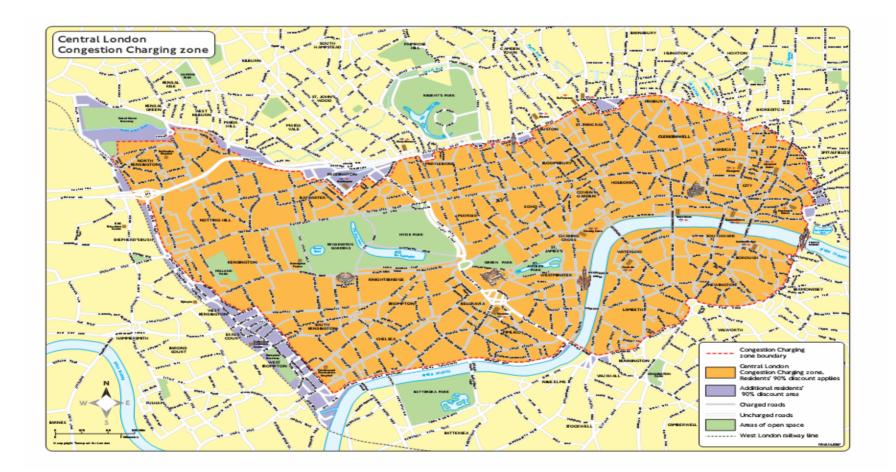
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### As opinion shifts, so legislators get bolder



## And legislation, in step with product development, reduces risk



#### Why should I buy BP Ultimate Unleaded?

To get the best out of your car, whatever the make or model, BP Ultimate Unleaded has been designed to clean your engine, to give you more performance and less pollution. This is BP Ultimate.

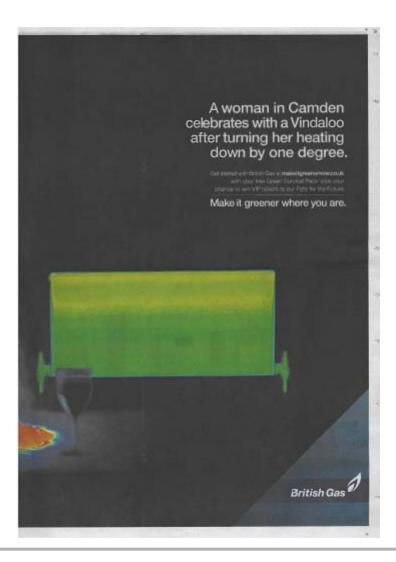


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## Media support in step with marketing makes NPD investment doubly attractive









## 1999 Ariel tablets launched, 2003 Quick Wash action introduced, 2006 finally claim energy saving benefit...successfully!

#### Energy saving washing Wash at 30°C and make a difference

Ariel is asking you to "Turn to 30" when using your washing machine. Recent research has shown that when people "Turn to 30" they save, on average, an astounding 41% on their energy consumption!



Take the Ariel "Turn to 30" Promise and make a difference

## And they're getting behind it, because the retailers are setting the pace

### Introducing our new designer labels. Designed to help you wash at 30°C.

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## So the snowball seems to be rolling...so in future people might still know what a snowball is



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STIB Brussels and RATP Paris are getting out in front, gaining corporate brownies, but not exactly saying you should use PT for the environment's sake...but they will



## Using Metro and bike together. That's thinking about the transport of tomorrow.



## The buses of STIB are setting an example. They're stopping smoking.



## Washing our vehicles with rainwater saves the water of tomorrow





## While running, our metros create the energy that lights the Metro





## We recycle our building waste. It's only natural



## We wash our busses and afterwards we wash the water that washed our busses



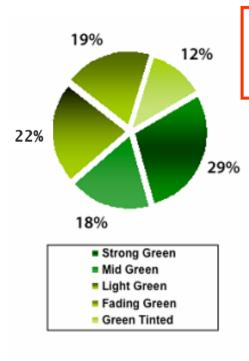
## The rewards are clear in green reputation

	Brand	Greenness	% More Green in Past 5 Years
1	The Body Shop   💮	58%	59%
2	O smart	35%	61%
3	Waitrose	30%	65%
4	The COUPERATIVE BANK	30%	50%
5	TESCO	26%	72%
6	MARKS& SPENCER	24%	64%
7	dyson	23%	41%
8	Sainsbury's	22%	70%
9	bp 🔅	22%	61%
10	AVEDA	21%	39%
11	ASDA	20%	60%
12	TOYOTA	19%	62%
13	virgin atlantic 🛃	18%	46%
14	NIVEA	18%	37%
15	Shell	17%	54%
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17	npower	16%	49%
18	BOSCH	16%	43%
19	Google	16%	40%
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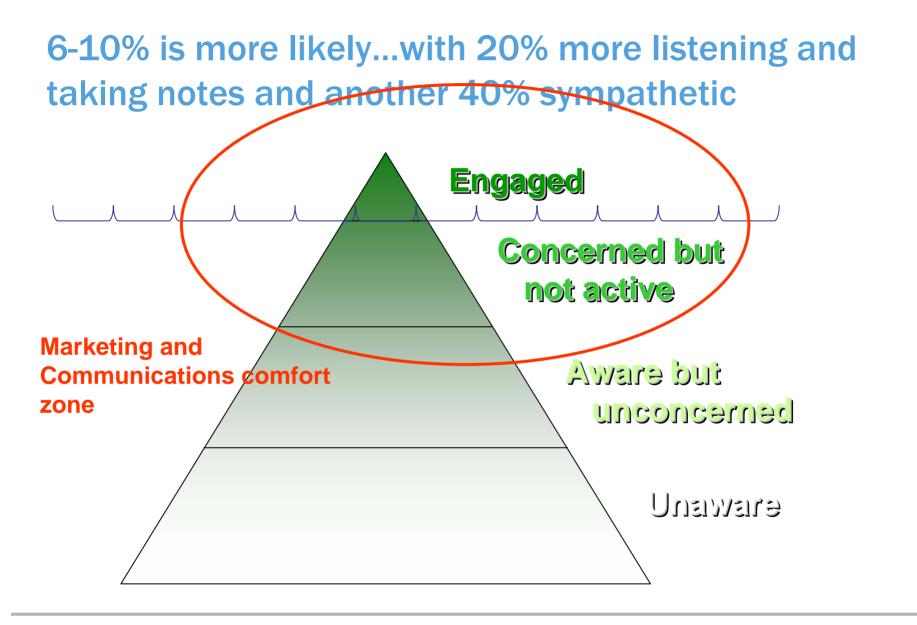
## So who are we actually talking to?





**Strong Greens** (nearly a third of Britons) recognise the impact on the planet of their own lifestyles and are keen to take action to do something about it.

- 2 **Mid Greens** are slightly less thoroughgoing in their convictions: recognising their responsibilities but admitting room for improvement in their own actions
- 3 Light Greens feel more relaxed about society's ability to handle the environmental situation. They're making some efforts, but will not go out of their way to help
- 4 **Fading Greens** are disengaging from the problem. They feel pessimistic about the track we're all on, but are doing little in their daily lives to help improve the situation
- 5 The **Green Tinted** are so focused on their own lives that the extra effort needed to be green is a burden they don't want



## What do mass of consumers want?

- **1**. Governments to sort it
- **2.** Companies to sort it (in supply chain)
- **3.** To consume the same way, but still somehow get it sorted ("Hedonistic Idealists")



## So Threats and Opportunities abound



## Signposting to solutions



## The "I want it both ways"...learning the hard way

management scheme.

Sky Digital: MiCard works with box personalised chip and PIN lovalty ketin

## **Tesco to offer recyclers** 'green' ClubCard points

#### **ByJames Oulite**

Tesco is planning to put its ClubCard loyalty scheme at the forefront of its environmental strategy by rewarding customers with points when they recycle packaging including cans and bottles.

The retailer is currently testing automated recycling machines at its Cheshunt store, where customers can swipe their ClubCards to claim points

The machines sort materials including cans, cartons, paper and bottles, which are to ibn by 2008. crushed. Tesco said it would be looking to introduce the tial ad campaign to support

machines in the New Year. In August, the retailer including Frankie Dettori rolled out an initiative to and Ronnie Corbett. award 'green' ClubCard points to shoppers who re- 'community plan' in which use carrier bags. Tesco said it it promised to use wind tur-

aimed to reduce the number bines, stock biodegradable



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awards points press store fascias to l

for bag re-use suit their surroundings.



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Branches of Tesco will sell fresh cherries grown in centrally-heated polytunnels in Spain for nearly £20 for a still rising due to expans 300gpunnet.

Cherries cannot be grown naturally anywhere in the worldbetween mid-Hebruary and mid-April but a Spanish farmer uses artificial heating to grow the fruit, which are also sold in Dubai, Moscow and Hong Kong. Environmentalists have

attacked the

supermarket's decision to stock the cherries, especially in the light of recent efforts by Texco to appear green. Geen Party number of the

RETAILER SLAMMED OVER FRUIT

London Assembly Jenny Jonm said: "I think this is a fairly stupid and short-sighted decision by Tesco.

"Illowion is going to bring down its total carbon emissions, bar commanies have to understand what they are doing and take action." A Testo spokesman said: "It's normal practice to grow fruit out of season - this is not an isolated incident.

"some people might not think it's a

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DENNY DONES, LONDON ASSEMBLY

sensible thing to do, other people think it's worth is to have these chernes." The Spanish cherries will he stocked by 19 UK Tesco stores, of which 14 are in the capital. The fruit was also sold in Harrods

fast spring at a price of £100 perkin. Tesco fruit bayer Charles Clowes said "Inadicionally at

**Tesco loses green cherry** 

thisticar of year you can't buy fresh cherries. "There is a two month hiarus where no cherries are harvested because of indizeneus growing climates.

"However, a few years ago one Spanish farmer decided to produce a small number of cherries during this periodusing artificial beating, and he naturally charges a lot for all the effort that he puts into growingthem."



## Engaging with consumers towards more sustainable consumption is always going to require understanding of their needs as well

### as the planet's

Some best practice....



## Define the problem before the solution - as UITP did to promote Public Transport



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## Invite them to take part

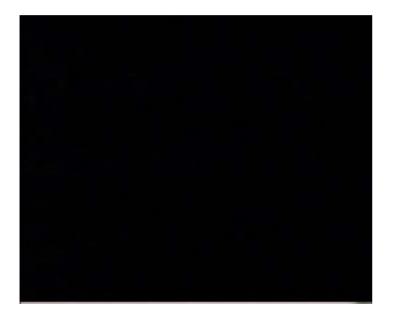
Knowing your carbon footprint is a step in the right direction.

A carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide emitted each year due to the energy we use. The average UK household footprint is 10 tonnes each year. That's like 100,000 people all putting the kettle on at the same time. We all need to do something to reduce today's emissions avoid serious and environmental damage in the future. Here at BP, we're trying to reduce our footprint. Since 2001, our energy efficiency projects have reduced emissions by over 4 million tonnes. Visit bp.com/carbonfootprint to calculate your household's carbon footprint and to see how it can be reduced.

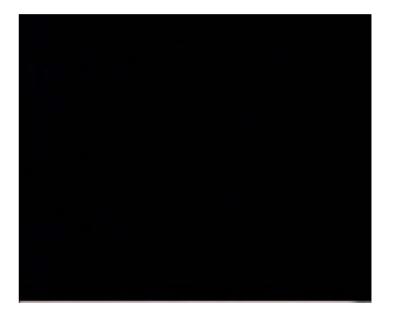
### Try to mix altruism with personal advantage

**UN Project Recap in China: Energy saving fridges** 

The responsible message



The personal gain message



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# But this conducive marketing environment is very fragile...

- If the bad news subsides
- If the media get bored and go elsewhere for cop
- If legislators get worried about their popularity ratings
- If the economy turns down
- If there are more fiascos like food miles

"**FOOD** FLOWN FROM FAR AWAY IS MILES BETTER FOR THE PLANET" The Sunday Telegraph

### .....don't expect too much of marketing!

## Thank you

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