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"This month a polemic in favour of biodiesel production. We must declare an interest, as you may know, we're in the process of partnering with a Government client to put together a quality-assured biodiesel network which we expect to offer significant environmental benefits..."

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You can go out, right now, and fill a diesel car with biodiesel made from waste vegetable oil at 85p per litre, safe in the knowledge that you are making a big reduction to your environmental impact.

There seems to be all sorts of negative publicity coming out at the moment which describes all sorts of dreadful ways of making Bio-fuel and going on to describe the harmful impact it would have.

Granted, there are harmful ways of producing bio, but there are also fairly harmless, or even, positive ways of doing it. For goodness sake, let's not throw waste chip oil into water courses because we cannot tell the difference between harmful and harmless biodiesel.

Food is cheap and fuel is expensive. Biodiesel production could push up food prices but the benefits are many; carbon neutral fuel, no more reliance on Russian/Middle Eastern oil, no return to paying farmers for grain we don't eat and wine we don't drink.

As third world countries cash in on the demand for bio production,

given the right political background, there is no reason why the money could not be used to ensure prosperity for all. I know this is politically naive, but it is a political problem and not a reason to prevent bio production.

There needs to be a legal structure to prevent farming of sensitive areas, such as rainforest, but that legislation needs to be in place anyway with regard to other forms of farming and resource exploitation. Of course biodiesel production needs careful implementation, but it's a big step in the right direction and can be vastly superior to fossil fuels in many ways.

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