Why to stop plastic.

It’s common knowledge that plastic is becoming a huge problem nowadays, and we need to do something about it!

First of all, start with **less plastic straws**, do your best not to use plastic straws, when you order that cola from your favourite italian restaurant, remember, the same rules apply. Using plastic straws are completely pointless. Sure, you may get a few extra Utils, but is that really worth the guilt?

However, there is an alternative! Metal straws are rather costly, but they are reusable. Greta Thunberg (a 16 year old climate striker) once said, “The eyes of all future generations are upon you”, and they most certainly are.

Secondly, **Cans and other non-recyclable materials shouldn’t be used**, it is not only plastic that is a problem, Non-recyclable shouldn’t ever be used in any situation, just one can of soda could cost the ocean life, it really isn’t necessary. Maybe these items have positive uses, but metal replicas of them are far better for the sea, because they don’t need to be binned. metal is an extremely strong material, however **plastic is weak**. Metal, once again, is more costly than plastic, which makes plastic more convenient, but a danger to society. However the production of both these products has an **equally bad impact on the environment.**

Thirdly, To bring the past to the present. I interviewed **David Sugg** (68) on how plastic was in the past. It was said that **“There was no plastic packaging, items were in cardboard boxes, paper bags, glass bottles or greaseproof paper, transported in wooden boxes”**.

These could surely be recreated and made popular again, Greaseproof paper is the main thing that should be brought back, as all others cause other problems, paper decomposing release gases that harm the environment, glass bottles certainly take millions of years to decompose, wooden boxes cause deforestation, and cardboard boxes don’t need to be changed. My point being, we need to bring back greaseproof paper, and **ditch glass**, paper and wooden crates. It was also mentioned that **“For shopping, items were mostly bought loose not pre-packaged”**. Evidently non-packaged items didn’t bother people, I’m sure that people nowadays wouldn’t mind the change, especially since it’s for the better. David also mentioned that **“There was no pollution problem”**, it seems to be that before plastic, everything was fine with packaging, although it contained paper bags and glass bottles. Maybe you’re getting annoyed at how I keep talking about how we shouldn’t have plastic, but I understand how you may think this, because plastic is a cheap, versatile material and is actually very useful, that is completely **undeniable**. Plastic is also **undeniably bad** for the environment.