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Henceforth it is declared that the only way this menace is to be contained is in a revolution of social relations, of which a first great leap would be to place all the hydrocarbon resources of the United Kingdom back into the hands of the people of this land, for their use is too important a task to be left to their current owners, the market, for it knows no virtues other than 'more' to the detriment of both the soil and the worker.

In this case we can decree a sensible and just transition away from the overwhelming use of this coal, and all monies from the sale of this coal for an allotted period to go to both a superfund for miners to seek alternate and satisfactory sustenance and also to a crash fund the purpose of which is to develop renewable energies and cleaner coal technologies that impact none other than those that would seek to profit from our exploitation.

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...and to usher in a social relationship based on production for need not the profit of the capitalist and maybe in this world anew without the replication and overproduction and breaking products that refuse to be fixed and nasty advertising that creates such desires in our populace, maybe we can dig and burn some coal to keep us warm safe in the knowledge that the forces causing the earth to get hot have themselves been enclosed, a sweet irony indeed.

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