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## Business view Nils Pratley



### Airlines sense new climate

Airlines have a choice when it comes to global heating, writes *Larry Elliott*. They can take steps to limit their carbon footprint now or wait for tougher curbs to be imposed later. The announcement of an offsetting scheme by easyJet shows they will plump for the former.

The aviation industry is under increasing pressure to “do something” about the climate emergency. It can sense the wind is blowing, and the cost - £25m compared to annual profit of £427m - is surprisingly small. There will undoubtedly be more tree-planting and reforestation announcements.

Whether there are enough schemes available to provide all the offsetting required is unclear. But what is certain is that carbon offsetting can at best be a stopgap solution, until the industry cracks the problem of how to go electric.

