



Enter Vana. Vana is a Sanskrit term that translates to “a forest, wood, grove, spring... abundance”. It is also the name I've used for a data-driven afforestation initiative that can only be implemented on the foundations of Section 54 and the UK's fertile open data infrastructure. We and others in the Open Data movement, have already been able to influence changes in corporate behaviour through strategic use of open data. We can do so to achieve greater afforestation. Simply put, we aim to use the data we have in TISCreport to inform company officers of the potential for afforestation within the land assets of their companies, and enable them to partner with environmental groups willing to plant those saplings using funding available from the Forestry Commission (and others).

Take a look at the beginnings of our cunning plan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5-clMpJYGA>

We want to recruit a steering board for Vana asap, and also need support with data, funding, and campaigning. If you want to get involved and help make it happen, PLEASE [get in touch](#).

Hopefully you can see that everything that needs fixing on our beautiful planet is connected. And if we can do this, just imagine what else we, the Bristol Green Capital Partnership, could achieve...