

Notes from the meeting of Sheffield Climate Change held on Tuesday 18 August 2015

Present: Jenny Carpenter (chair), Sarah Boddy, David Burley, Phil Daly, Susannah Diamond, Julie Graham, Lauren Jones, Janet Paske, Jenny Patient, Chris Rosslowe, Richard Souter, Chris Tremblett, Christian Unger, Kate Stott (notes)

1. Apologies: Chris Broome, Joan Miller

2. Minutes of the last meeting: were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 Green Commission: Commission public hearings are no over; commissioners are being helped to develop final recommendations through a series of workshops facilitated by Magdo Boo. Target date for final report is 16 October.

3.2 Wortley Hall TU event: over 50 names added to SCA petition, most but not all from Sheffield. Thanks for Celia, Richard and Dave.

3.3 Nether Edge stall, 12 September: Lauren asked for help on the day as well as a table. Janet offered a folding table.

All other actions were either complete or picked up elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Harry Harpham: Susannah reported briefly on this afternoon's very positive meeting between HH, Susannah and Kate (constituents and SCA members). He is keen to maintain contact and willing to ask climate action questions in the House, if we want. He signed the SCA petition and is looking into SCA running a session at a future local constituency Labour Party meeting. **Jenny P** to send more copies of the 'YES' leaflet to Harry, at his request.

5. Climate Jobs Conference, 19 September: Lauren and Jenny P gave a brief update on progress to date. Speakers and workshop leaders are lined up. Lots still to do re catering and publicity. It was agreed that, ideally, all workshops be videoed. **Chris T** has a contact who might be able to help. **Jenny P** to ask Chris Froome if he could do sound recording. Any other offers or suggestions of technical assistance to help with this, please pass to **Jenny P** (email: info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net). **Lauren** to ask Anna Brook if Sheffield Sings Out would perform; **Jenny P** to ask Sheffield Socialist Choir. **Richard, Celia** and **Sarah** volunteered to assist with conference publicity at the next SCA work day (Wednesday 19 August). **Jenny P** alerted members to an organising meeting with National CACC TU group (co-hosts), starting at 12 noon, Saturday 22 August at Quaker Meeting House. All welcome.

Publicity flyers are available from SCA website. Bookings are now open – go to Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/time-to-act-sheffield-climate-conference-tickets-17791981295>) or SCA website (www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net): £10.00 waged; £5.00 unwaged). In response to a question from Richard, Jenny P confirmed that stalls/stands could be booked by interested groups – details to be included in the forthcoming publicity. **Jenny C** thanked Jenny P and Lauren for the hard work they had already put in to make the conference a success.

6. Fracking Update: Dave informed the meeting of today's announcement re countrywide fracking licences. Licences, covering parts of Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster have been awarded to IGas and Cuadrilla, with others to be announced in the coming months. License holders still require planning permission to begin fracking. There are limited grounds upon which planning consent can be withheld. Dave stressed the role of Frack Free South Yorkshire in supporting the local authorities to understand the legal and technical arguments against fracking.

Richard suggested locating a 'pet' lawyer/solicitor who might be willing to advise. **Susannah** agreed to approach Hallam Law Clinic. **Christian** offered to make enquiries about knowledgeable /willing engineers at the University. Further suggestions welcome (contact for Dave Burley david.burley@talktalk.net) Dave believes that the establishment of multiple local anti-fracking groups and education of the wider public will be the key to success. **Phil** has launched Sheffield Against Fracking. Membership is now open. (go to Sheffield Against Fracking, public Facebook group). **Jenny C** to contact with individuals and groups in Stocksbridge. **Jenny P** mentioned to active groups in Chapeltown, that have campaigned about Henley and Smithy Woods. **Celia** to contact Rony Robinson, BBC Radio Sheffield, to request further media coverage.

7. The Road to Paris (COP 2015): SCA's main event to raise awareness about COP 2015 is scheduled for Saturday 28 November, Sheffield city centre (possibly Winter Gardens). A planning day is scheduled for Saturday 5 September, Quaker Meeting House 2.00-5.00pm (set-up from 1.30pm) – to be run by Anna Brooks.

Volunteers (Lauren, Jenny P, Chris, Jenny C, Janet, Celia) responded to a written request from Anna for help on the day – names and preferred activities to be forwarded to Anna by **Jenny C**. In addition it was noted that Oliver Blensdorf (Global Justice Now), John Wilson (FoE) and Michael Bayley (Hope for the Future) were expected to attend the planning event. Christian suggested that the Naomi Klein film, *This Changes Everything*, could be shown on 28 November, perhaps in at a University venue – the distributors are seeking screenings.

8. SCA, AGM, 20 October 2015: to take place at Pakistani Muslim Centre, Darnall (near the Woodburn Road tram stop). The AGM itself to begin around 6.00pm and expected to be over within 30 minutes. To be followed by a public meeting, intended to attract a new audience from the Pakistani community. Jenny P is working with the Centre manager to organise an evening of engaging and accessible activities such as singing songs, watching films, eating food, talking together. It is hoped that the evening could also be used to raise funds for the recent Pakistani floods.

9. Any other business

9.1 Divestment campaign update: Next meeting of SCA's divestment group to take place on Wednesday 25 August. Janet circulated copies of the draft campaign objectives. Any comments, please get back to Janet (janet.paske@gmail.com) or Kate (katestott@yahoo.co.uk). Moorfoot Information event (open to SCC staff only) will take place on Thursday 24 September, 12noon – 2.00pm (*date agreed after this meeting*). This will be a joint event between SCA and Global Justice Now.

9.2 Meeting with Cllr Terry Fox: Last week, SCA's Joan Miller, Chris Broome and Jenny C met with Terry, SCC Cabinet member with responsibility for *Environment* and Transport and Cllr Tony Downing, Terry's associate councillor. Encouraging first meeting despite request from Terry to SCA for evidence about the connection between fuel poverty and health. Chris Broome took notes, to be circulated. Regular six weekly meetings are to be arranged, at Terry's request. At the next meeting Terry would like to involve Cllrs Iqbal (Communities) and Dunn (Housing).

9.3 Carbon Neutral University update: Christian gave a brief update on activities. Over 100 members have now signed up. 3 subgroups have been formed: energy efficiency, renewable and lobbying. A meeting focus on energy efficiency of (university) buildings to be held on Friday 21 August, 5.00pm in the University Arms. The lobbying group is building support amongst stakeholders including Paul Blomfield. They have arranged a meeting for 9 November with the Vice Chancellor to propose amendments to the University's strategy and the addition of key performance indicators.

9.4 Films: Julie has a copy of *Thin Ice* on a laptop if anyone is in need of a 1-hour screening. There will be a special screening of the new Greenpeace film, *How to Change the World*, which won the Environmental Award at this year's Doc/Fest, to be shown at the Showroom, Wednesday 9 September with a nationwide live discussion to follow.

9.5 Anyone interested in going to Paris? Heather Hunt (heather.hunt@phonecoop.coop) and Nick Nuttgens (nicknuttgens@hotmail.com) are interested in linking up with others interested in campaigning in Paris during COP 2015. Please contact them directly.

9.6 John Ashton: Jenny P informed the meeting of recent conversations with John Ashton, Former Special Representative for Climate Change at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who is keen to come to Sheffield to speak on issues of democracy, climate justice and fracking. This might take the form of a fund-raising dinner. Jenny P invited venue suggestions to seat around 80 people. Janet will pass on contact details for Edge 10 Studio, which seats around 30.

10 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 September, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Quaker Meeting House, Room 4 (downstairs)