

## Minutes of Sheffield Climate Alliance meeting, 19 April 2016, at Quaker Meeting House

**Present:** Jenny Carpenter (chair), Sean Ashton, Bev Booker, Anna Brook, Chris Broome, Phil Daly, Julie Graham, Luise Hunt, Lauren Jones, Joan Miller, Janet Paske, Jenny Patient, Christian Unger, Kate Stott (minutes)

**Apologies:** Dave Burley, Richard Souter, Chris Tremblett

**1. Minutes of 15 March 2016:** These were accepted as a true record.

### **2. Matters arising:**

**2.1 Food subgroup:** This subgroup meeting (Bev, Luise and Sean) had been rescheduled to 21 April.

**2.2 Green Commitment:** It was noted that the Council is running an online consultation on the Green Commitment, although the survey gives little opportunity to comment. Chris T wants to put a more opinion-based survey on the SCA and SIMP websites.

**ACTION: Jenny P** to prepare a draft response to the Green Commitment for comment by members, with a view to following this up via the Council's scrutiny process after the elections.

**ACTION: Anyone** with thoughts on the Green Commitment or any ideas for questions to go in the SCA survey to send them to [info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net](mailto:info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net).

**3. Local elections, 5 May, and hustings:** No-one was aware of any hustings for the May elections.

**ACTION: Anyone** who finds out about local hustings, to let **Jenny P** know at [info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net](mailto:info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net).

**4. Why We Need Economic Justice for Climate Justice, 17 May, Quaker Meeting House:** Part of the Festival of Debate, this will take the place of SCA's next meeting. The objective is to engage social justice campaigners in the climate debate. Speakers include Sarah-Jayne Clifton (Jubilee Debt Campaign), Philip Pearson (former senior Policy Officer, TUC) and Shahida Siddique (FaithStar). **Jenny P** asked for suggestions for other speakers/stall holders.

**ACTION: Anyone** interested in helping please let **Jenny P** know ([info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net](mailto:info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net)). In particular help with design and publicity as well as support on the night itself. **Lauren** and **Bev** volunteered for the role of joint floor manager including liaising with stall holders. **ACTION: Jenny P** to set up registration on Eventbrite.

### **5. Campaign updates:**

**5.1 Climate Justice Group, 14 April:** the second meeting of this group took place at FaithStar offices in Attercliffe. Jenny P, Jenny C, Heather Hunt and Shahida Siddique attended. It was noted that Shahida is very interested in climate justice and developing a long-term vision together with SCA. It had proved particularly difficult to co-ordinate diaries for the group and unfortunately the other two members were unavailable. Jenny P will invite them to the 17 May event. (Chris B will forward the invitation to other contacts made during recent meetings at UK Islamic Mission and the Muslim Welfare House.)

Anna suggested that, in response to Festival of Debate's call for climate change events for their Autumn season, SCA host an event focused on climate justice, looking at global and local inequalities now and how things are likely to evolve over time.

**5.2 How to Feed the World, 16 April:** Jenny C updated the meeting on this recent event, co-hosted by Global Justice Sheffield and other local groups, such as Regather and FoE, with an interest in food sovereignty, growing, and food poverty/waste. Not as many people as hoped due to the weather but time well spent connecting with fellow campaigners. Jenny C asked members to support Global Justice Now's campaign against the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, which threatens peasant farmers in Africa with land grabs and seed privatisation (see [www.globaljustice.org.uk](http://www.globaljustice.org.uk)).

**5.3 Fracking:** Lots of recent activity at SAF including a good evening of film (Voices from the Gasfields) and debate (with participation from the Nanas from Frack Free Lancashire) at Regather in March; leafleting alongside Frack Free Barnsley on May Day Green. SAF is hoping to engage with faith groups via their own members as well as making contact with Shahida Siddique and Hope for the Future.

Julie and others from SAF to campaign outside the pro-fracking conference due to take place in Scarborough 25 April, where representatives from every fracking company active in the UK is expected. Another smaller fracking meeting is scheduled to take place in Chesterfield on Monday afternoon 9 May (INEOS will be presenting to councillors in private as part of its 'commitment to open, transparent and ongoing communication with the communities in its licence areas'.) If you would like to take part in the peaceful protest against this 'sham consultation' please contact [saf@sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk](mailto:saf@sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk) for more info.

**ACTION: Julie** to forward any further information about the 9 May protest to Jenny P for distribution.

**ACTION: Anyone** interested in leafleting to raise awareness about fracking in their areas/street to contact Cate Dixon at [saf@sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk](mailto:saf@sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk) who is co-ordinating the Do Your Street campaign.

**5.4 Greenpeace:** Phil provided the following totals for current number of signatures on national petitions (see [www.greenpeace.org.uk](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk)): anti-fracking (100,000), clean air (30,000), Save the Arctic (120,000) and microbeads (270,000+).

**5.5 Divestment:** Janet provided a brief update on SCA's campaign. The good news is that South Yorkshire Pension Authority (the campaign's target) has approved a climate change policy on investment - believed to be the first in the country for a pension fund. The next step is to keep the pressure on to make sure that there is a binding implementation plan in place to deliver the policy. The June board meeting is expected to approve a plan. Janet is in the middle of drafting a press release but is unsure of who might publish it. Now Then and Drill or Drop were suggested.

Sean reported on a disappointing response to a blanket email to all South Yorkshire councillors asking for an indication of their support for our campaign. A total of 1 (positive) response so far. The email will be re-sent after the elections.

**ACTION:** Anyone interested and available to attend a catch-up with Louise Haigh MP at 10.00am on 1 July to let **Janet Paske** know ([janet.paske@gmail.com](mailto:janet.paske@gmail.com)).

**5.6 Carbon Neutral University:** The meeting received an update from Christian. CNU Sheffield has about 200 members signed up now, a new committee of 6 and monthly meeting with approx 20 attendees. Core funding of £5,000 pa has recently been approved by the Vice Chancellor

Kevin Anderson (Tyndall Centre) and Julia Carrell (Sheffield Renewables) will speak at CNU event on Thursday 28 April, 'Delivering on 2 degrees'. The day before, the Mayor and Cllr Jayne Dunn will meet with a small group from University of Sheffield to explore how the university could engage with the city around the Green Commitment.

## **6. Summer Festivals and upcoming events:**

**6.1 Ed Miliband on climate change and Britain in Europe, Friday 13 May, King Edward Upper School:** organised by Paul Blomfield MP, tickets from [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk). SCA has been invited to have a stall at this event. It was agreed that materials from member organisations of SCA would be included on this stall, to be co-ordinated by Jenny Carpenter. Please contact Jenny C if you have material for this event.

**6.2 Climate Justice - whose responsibility? Monday 16 May, St Andrews Psalter Lane:** Speakers include Bishop of Sheffield, Andy Atkins (A-Rocha UK), Jo Musker (Hope for the Future) with Nick Nuttgens facilitating. Part of Sheffield Environment Weeks aimed at people of faith but open to all. No need to book.

**6.3 Dirt the Movie, Wednesday 25 May, Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street:** being shown after Global Justice Sheffield's AGM. Open to all. (<http://groups.globaljustice.org.uk/sheffield/>)

**6.4** Forthcoming festivals where **Sheffield Against Fracking** will have a stall include:

- Saturday 23 April: Sheffield Anarchist Book Fair, The Showroom
- Monday 2 May, Chesterfield May Day market - lots of other local anti-fracking groups to be there too
- Saturday 11 June, Peace in the Park - will be in the SCA 'sustainability' area
- Saturday 16 July, Sharrow Festival

**6.5 Don't Frack the Dearne, Sunday 15 May, Old Moor RSPB:** A walk organised by Frack Free Dearne Valley, starts at 1.30pm at the reserve, finishes with a rally at the Boathouse at 3.00pm.

**6.6 Peace in the Park, Saturday 11 June:** Anna let the meeting know about plans for the sustainability area at Peace in the Park to be hosted by SCA and made up of a mix of stalls and (fun /artistic / campaigning) activities/workshops to take place in a marquee. Ideas from the meeting included: 'come and be a nana', campaign subvertising, photobooth.

**ACTION:** Contact Anna if you have any ideas, want to run an activity, or want to help out more generally. Her email is [brook\\_anna@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brook_anna@yahoo.co.uk).

**6.7 Going backwards:** events in Leeds (7 May), London (8 May) and elsewhere. For more information see [www.campaigncc.org/goingbackwards](http://www.campaigncc.org/goingbackwards).

**6.8 Reclaim the Power, South Wales. 30 April - 4 May:** direct action training on Sunday 24 April, New Roots, open to all. People and Planet have a mini-bus going to Wales; Jenny P and Joan will be attending the camp; Janet is joining a cycle ride from London to Merthyr, starting 25 April.

## **7. Any Other Business**

**7.1 Sheffield Renewables:** are looking for schools to host their next PV installations. Find out more at [www.sheffieldrenewables.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldrenewables.org.uk) or contact Julia Carrell via [info@sheffieldrenewables.org.uk](mailto:info@sheffieldrenewables.org.uk) with any suggestions. Christian suggested Sharrow Flats.

**8. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 17 May, 6.30 - 9.00pm, Quaker Meeting House - "Why we need economic justice for climate justice – and how can we make the leap?" **NOTE** the early start time.