

SCA Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 20 September 2016

Present: Jenny Carpenter (chair), Gen Ashton, Sean Ashton, Julie Graham, Luise Hunt, Nick Nuttgens, Jenny Patient, Stephen Pratt, Rick Watson, Kate Stott (minutes)

Apologies: Anna Brook, David Burley, Lauren Jones, Celia Mather, Janet Paske, Richard Souter

1. Minutes of the last meeting: minutes from the meetings held in July and August were accepted as true records.

2. Matters arising: All matters arising are covered elsewhere in these minutes.

REPORTS FROM CAMPAIGNS/GROUPS/PAST EVENTS

3. Climate Justice campaign (Jenny P)

- Group (Chris B, Lauren, Heather Hunt, Jenny P) is seeking a date in late October/early November at the Fatima Centre for an informal meeting/presentation. Rick wishes to be involved as well.
- Joint stall at Sharrow Festival with UK Islamic Mission went well.
- Training for lobbying parliamentarians on 1 October includes a strand focused on young people.

4. Fracking campaign update (Chris B, Julie, Jenny P)

- The urgency around activist action is building in SY area as preparations for seismic testing has begun in Eckington, Mosborough, Harthill and Woodall areas. A public meeting is being organised by Frack Free South Yorkshire on 3 October, Mosborough Miners' Welfare Club. Other meetings are being discussed. SCA members are invited to attend to help build understanding of the issues amongst general public as well as to make contact with potential SCA activists.
- In addition, door-to-door leafleting is planned for affected areas. Volunteers wanted to help, keep an eye on www.sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk for more details as they are confirmed.

Other activities for showing support for the anti-fracking movement include:

- Demo outside Barclays Bank, Sheffield (opposite Town Hall), 29 October
- 11-15 October, anti-fracking week as part of Festival of Debate, organised by People & Planet (www.festivalofdebate.com/october-2016)
- National anti-austerity demo, Sunday 2 October, at the Tory Party conference in Birmingham. Anti-fracking bloc will be part of it. Sheffield People's Assembly are arranging a coach from Sheffield.
- Chris B is drafting an email to be sent to Sheffield councillors requesting action in light of absence of specific policies re shale gas within the Sheffield Local Plan. He will circulate draft to interested parties for comment. If you'd like to see this please contact him on chris1broome@yahoo.co.uk.
- Jenny P to contact Cllr Tony Downing (Mosborough ward) to ask for contacts within the ward.
- Julie to forward quote for flyers to Jenny P as soon as received.

5. Divestment Campaign (Sean and Kate)

- Sean and Janet Paske met recently with Cllr Andrew Sangar, a Sheffield member of the SYPA board. He's supportive of our campaign and likely to be a good ally now Jack Scott and Brian Webster are no longer on the Board. Janet has sent an intro email to all other councillors on the SYPA Board – no responses received.
- Ethical Money Marketplace taking place on Thursday 13 October, 6.30 – 9.00pm, St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, organised by the divestment campaign group (see flyer attached to bottom of these minutes). SCA members encouraged to attend and to publicise this event. To avoid duplication, please let Kate (katestott@yahoo.co.uk) know if you circulate the flyer.
- Kate reported on her recent attendance at Share Action event in London to start a conversation across the pensions industry about what makes a good pension.
- Sean and Kate to attend Go Fossil Free Network Gathering at Lea Valley YHA on the weekend of 22/23 October. Should be a good opportunity to meet other activists and to pick up some ideas for action.

6. Warm Homes/Climate Jobs campaign (Jenny P)

- Over the summer, at local festivals, the action to circulated a template letter to councillors resulted in letters sent to about 50% of all SCC councillors. The letter asks councillors to let their constituents know what they and SCC are doing re climate action (and by doing so encourages a relationship between constituents and their ward councillors).
- Recent productive meeting between Jenny P, Celia Mather and Cllr Lewis Dagnell (Gleadless Valley), cabinet assistant to Cllr Leigh Bramall with jobs & skills brief. Jenny to circulate meeting notes to those interested. He suggested SCA hold a climate action briefing for Labour councillors at 1.00pm before a full Council meeting (starts at 2.00pm). Likely to be November or December 2016. More details to come.
- Trade union links continue to build: SCA hosted the CACC TU group meeting and Jenny P heavily involved in putting a climate action motion to the Unite union conference held over the summer.
- Carbon Neutral University organising Zero Carbon Yorkshire Buildings event to take place on 9 November at The Diamond, University of Sheffield. Format will be stalls and keynote speakers: a good step towards creating a network for those interested in low carbon buildings. Cllr Jayne Dunn (cabinet member for housing) was suggested as a delegate. It was suggested that Andy Nolan (Sustainability Sustainability Director at University of Nottingham formerly of SCC) might be able to suggest a source for energy consumption data on current estate in HE establishments including Sheffield.

7. Food Group (Luise Hunt)

- Next meeting taking place on Tuesday 27 September.
- Meeting with Gill Furniss MP arranged for next week too. Luise and Bev Booker to attend.
- ‘Strange conversation’ about food and climate change scheduled for 2 November, all day, at Gerry’s Bakery and Coffee House, 299 South Rd, Sheffield S6 3TA. Day finishes with slide show and discussion at 4.00pm; 6.00pm close.
- Sean suggested that Anna Brook might have some knowledge about the Sheffield Food Plan, which is currently being re-written.
- Jenny P suggested that the Food Group approached Cllr Lewis Dagnell; he might have an interest in work around local food businesses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8. Speak Up, Saturday 8 October

SCA, Christian Aid, CAFOD, Hope for the Future working together to support constituents to approach their MPs as part of national campaign 8-16 October. Effort focused on 8 October event: a walk down the tow path bordering Brightside Hillsborough and Sheffield SE. Gill Furniss MP (B&H) and two Burngreave councillors have said yes; still no reply from Clive Betts

10.30am meet at Victoria Quays café, MPs to arrive 11.00am, chat and walk to take about another hour. Open to public, preferably constituents, please contact info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net to register.

Paul Furbey, Christian Aid, is preparing a press release; Sheffield Telegraph will send photographer, Radio Sheffield may send a journalist.

In advance, Saturday 1 October, lobbying skills training at Quaker Meeting House (more detail was provided but now date has passed not included in minutes).

9. SCACC AGM, Tuesday 18 October

Venue: Committee Room, Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street S1 2JB

Set up from 6pm, public invited for 6.45pm; AGM: 6.45-7.15pm; Presentation by Deepak Rughani of Biofuelwatch about AxeDrax campaign: 7.30pm; close: 9.00pm

Existing committee members are being sounded out about re-standing. Other self-nominations for membership of the committee (including positions as Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) are welcomed but must be received in advance of the AGM and accompanied by a short (50-word) statement in support of their nomination. Please send any such nominations to Kate Stott at katestott@yahoo.co.uk.

10. AxeDrax demo, Saturday 22 October (Jenny P)

Outside Drax power station (the biggest coal and bio mass station in UK. 1-5pm. Transport from Sheffield likely to be organised but yet to be confirmed. www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/2016/axedrax-october-22/

11. Laudato Si Day, Saturday 22 October (Jenny C, updated since meeting)

A half-day event to be held at Hallam Pastoral Centre, Charles Street, Attercliffe from 9am -1pm. The speaker will be Susie Brouard of CAFOD (not Fr. Augusto Zampini as mentioned at the meeting). Open to all interested in Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and human ecology.

10. CACC National Action, 10 December

It's a year since Paris COP; ideas and suggestions for Sheffield action welcome.

Lauren has suggested a city centre Xmas-themed stunt. More discussion needed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

11. Sheffield Telegraph: Nancy Fielder, new editor, has offered at Jenny P's request to do a weekly feature based on Q&A as answered by a local environmental group. Jenny P putting together a long list of groups and contact names. Suggestions to info@sheffieldclimatealliance.net.

12. Malawi Rice Challenge (Jenny C): (<http://jts.co.uk/90kg-rice-challenge>) Being promoted by Good Taste, Broomhill, 195 Whitham Rd, Sheffield S10 2SN, this campaign encourages people to get together to bulk buy rice. For every 90kg rice sold a child can be sent to secondary school.

13. Network for Sustainability Officers: Nick Nuttgens and CNU held a networking event for University of Sheffield sustainability officers on 21 July; an active network emerged as a result. Nick is now thinking about creating a network of sustainability officers across the city. SCA members were invited to proposed names/contact details of possible attendees. Please send ideas through to Nick Nuttgens at nicknuttgens@hotmail.com.

14. Green Commission: Has the Green Commission report been to Cabinet yet? Which SCC officer is now working on Green Commission follow-up, now that Bernd Hoermann's focus has been shifted to flood defences? Chris B trying to find answers to these questions and asked for tactical suggestions. Several were suggested – Chris will consider further and take action in near future, probably including a letter to Cllr Mazher Iqbal.

15. Pull-up banners: Sean has found a supplier who can turn around the production of banners in 48 hours for £75.00. Both the Food and Divestment Group would like to have one designed and printed. This was agreed with the proviso that any design work be in-house (zero cost) but also strictly adhered to SCA branding guidelines. Jenny P to forward guidelines to both Sean and Kate.

16. Funding update: SCACC now has a page on the Local Giving website (<https://localgiving.org/charity/scacc/>) allowing supporters to set up standing orders. All SCA members encouraged to do so. Sean reported that Banner Cross Methodist Church had raised £1050 to be donated to SCA. Jenny P reported that over £430 was recently received from Sheffield Labour Party in respect of the Ed Milliband event. SCA has been invited to organise a joint fund-raising event in January 2017 by the Anarchist Book Fair. To be discussed further.

17 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18 October, Committee Room, Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street S1 3ZJB
SCACC AGM starts at 6.45pm followed at 7.30pm by Deepak Rughani of Biofuelwatch about AxeDrax campaign

Ethical Money Marketplace

Thursday 13th October
6.30 – 9.00pm

at
St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church
31 Psalter Lane, S11 8YL

Come along to this drop-in community event to talk to representatives, sign-up for services, gather and compare information. All the organisations attending have been chosen because they market opportunities for individuals to invest, save or spend money ethically and sustainably.

At 7.00pm Josie Wexler from **Ethical Consumer** will present a short talk on *Carbon Free Investing* followed by refreshments.

community and ethical investment ☼ **independent financial advisers** ☼ **building societies**
☼ **banks** ☼ **energy companies**
☼ **internet service providers** ☼ **ethical retail**

The **Ethical Money Marketplace** is specifically focused on positive action for a low carbon sustainable future: things you can actually do and choices you can make.



Organised by the Divestment Campaign of Sheffield Climate Alliance
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and the Sheffield Methodist Circuit Justice & Peace Mission Action Group

