

Minutes of meeting of Sheffield Climate Alliance held 21/2/17 at Quaker Meeting House, Sheffield

Present – Lauren Jones (chair), Nick Nuttgens, David Garlovsky, Richard Souter, Aaron Thierry (minutes), Celia Mather, Jenny Patient, Chris Broome, George Coiley, Jo Payton, Anna Brook, Jenny Carpenter (last part only), Kate Stott, Juliet de Little, Sean Ashton, Gen Ashton, Bev Booker.

Apologies - Julie Graham, Kathy Aston.

1. Fracking

Report from Sheffield Against Fracking sent in by Julie Graham was read out.

Meeting in Beighton had been held on Saturday 18 Feb – but not well attended. New presentation on how to set up a local anti-fracking group is now available from Phil Daly. Lots of upcoming events – check Sheffield FoE's Diary for more info <http://www.sheffieldfoe.co.uk/p/diary.html>

Frack Free United launched to help local groups support each other – will be useful in the run-up to May local elections in Notts/Derbys etc (but not South Yorks). <https://www.frackfreeunited.org/>

Saturday 4 March **free training** on how to fight planning applications at Sheffield University

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/power-up-use-your-rights-to-protect-your-environment-tickets-31098107276>

There will be a **March against Fracking on the Sat 25 Feb** from Mosborough at 12 noon via Eckington to Marsh Lane

<http://www.sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk/meetings-and-events/march-against-fracking/>

Update: Please see FoE's new petition on regulation on Cuadrilla's planned drilling

[https://act.foe.co.uk/act/stop-cuadrilla-breaking-rules-](https://act.foe.co.uk/act/stop-cuadrilla-breaking-rules-fracking?utm_source=Friends+of+the+Earth+Communications&utm_campaign=886d354095-LM1702026&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_383af65c6b-886d354095-21008113)

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Richard (FoE) suggested the need for a big fundraising event for anti-fracking. Anna gave an update on SCA fundraising (aiming to support continuing employment of a SCA Campaigns Worker).

What's next?

Call for fundraising ideas, offers and volunteers, please contact the SCA committee, via web contact page on sheffieldclimatealliance.net.

Contact Sheffield against Fracking on SAF [at] [sheffieldagainstfracking \[dot\] org \[dot\] uk](mailto:sheffieldagainstfracking@sheffieldclimatealliance.net)

2. Divestment

January meeting with Cllr Sue Ellis (chair of South Yorkshire Pension Authority) followed by first meeting with Pension Authority officers. They want to pursue an approach of engagement (with the funds they invest in) not divesting. They are carrying out a carbon audit of investments and are now tracking carbon risk and will update our group in the future about their progress.

Design of new leaflet with new logo is underway – graphic design help sought (pro-bono).

<http://www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net/2017/02/wanted-graphic-designer-for-the-soon-to-be-launched-south-yorkshire-fossil-free-group/>

What's next?

More public awareness raising. Global divestment mobilisation 5-13th May.

<https://globaldivestmentmobilisation.org/uk/>

Call for ideas and volunteers – please contact divestment group on [gofossilfree \[at\] sheffieldclimatealliance \[dot\] net](mailto:gofossilfree@sheffieldclimatealliance.net) and see details of next meeting on SCA website 'Events'.

3. Warm Homes and Climate jobs

Meeting with Cllr Mazher Iqbal (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport).

Confirmation about the lack of any staff working on sustainable development in the Council, but we met public health, transport, housing and air quality staff, with whom we will follow up specific areas, as well as pursuing policy around fracking in the Local Plan. We will be meeting Mazher Iqbal again at the end of April to share progress. Met with Paul Blomfield MP, he requested we provide him with a list of questions to ask in Parliament on our behalf. Jenny P, Lauren and Chris B are progressing this.

Launch of two key reports about the current state and future vision of Sheffield, they contain some positive ideas, but neither of them discuss sustainability or carbon reductions in any meaningful way whatsoever.

'State of Sheffield' - <https://www.sheffieldfirst.com/key-documents/state-of-sheffield.html>

'Vision for Sheffield City Region' – <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/news/nr/sheffield-city-region-vision-report-1.682279>

What next?

We need an intervention to make sure action on climate influences the development of these reports. The Climate Jobs team will be meeting to develop more critical strategy – Thursday 23 Feb 2-4pm in Walkley (contact Lauren). Will write letters to authors of these reports.

It was suggested we construct our own State of Sheffield report – using a series of articles in the Sheffield Telegraph 'Big Challenge' column. (Bev conveyed the formal thanks of the Sheffield Telegraph for the quality and reliability of the SCA articles- more ideas and contributions please! Alistair Dempster has also put on record his thanks for the parallel contributions to his programme on Sheffield Live!) Need to highlight the effect austerity and cuts are having on the ability for local council to make plans for sustainable development and climate action – we will follow this up with Campaign against Climate Change, and other suggestions welcome.

Contact Climate Jobs group at [climatejobs \[at\] sheffieldclimatealliance \[dot\] net](mailto:climatejobs@sheffieldclimatealliance.net)

4. Food.

Working with the food festival and Environment Weeks, and Rick is attending the Food network around sustainable food cities, etc. They are looking for more Sheffield Telegraph coverage and planning a debate. Met with MEP Linda McAvan. They are keen to do awareness raising and get involved with different hands-on groups, and would like to purchase a pull-up banner, which they are in the process of designing.

People and Planet reported on a successful food waste event they held with the help of The Real Junk Food project at the Students Union.

What Next?

Possibility of running a fundraiser film showing of 'Demain' (trailer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUN0QxRB7e0>) perhaps combined with a fundraising meal from The Real Junk Food project.

Contact Food group on Food [\[at\] sheffieldclimatealliance \[dot\] net](mailto:food@sheffieldclimatealliance.net)

5. Climate Justice

Report by Jenny and Aaron from the Climate Refugees Conference run by Campaign against Climate Change. The focus of the meeting was building solidarity and coherent messages between the environment, trade union, refugee and anti-racism movements. A key take home message was that environmentalists need to be careful to avoid talking about climate displaced people as a threat.

Useful resources...

Moving Stories report: The voices of people who move in the context of environmental change

<http://climatemigration.org.uk/moving-stories-report-the-voices-of-people-who-move-in-the-context-of-environmental/>

Falling Through The Cracks - <http://ejfoundation.org/report/falling-through-cracks>

Friends of the Earth currently have a climate refugee campaign. You can sign a petition here:

<https://act.foe.co.uk/act/demand-protection-climate-refugees>

There will be a **follow up Training Day** in London on Sat 11 March – if interested in attending please contact SCA:

<https://www.campaigncc.org/climaterefugeefollowup>

What's next?

Aaron and Jenny to write up their report into a blog post.

The possibility for a regional conference on climate refugees, need to link to local refugee support groups.

Sheffield University students are planning a climate refugee event in March, more updates to come.

Could we hold an event at Weston park museum, similar to the *Arrivals* exhibition?

Contact us about Climate Refugees on info [at] sheffieldclimatealliance [dot] net

6. Show the Love

Awareness raising events were held at-

- Crystal Peaks Mall (a card was then sent to Clive Betts MP containing the messages)
- Sharrow –at the Hub – at décor making workshop for Peace in the Park
- Endcliffe park –at the café during the Park Run
- A talk on the climate impacts in Fiji

What next?

Lauren suggested using Moor Market and Union Street as venues for future Show the Love events.

7. Upcoming Events

'Laudato Si' Study Day - Saturday 25 Feb

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caring-for-our-common-home-laudato-si-study-day-tickets-31248090881>

Link to Encyclical - http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

LGBT History Month –Friends of Edward Carpenter event including song against fracking – Friday 24th Feb

<http://www.museums-sheffield.org.uk/whats-on/events/2017/2/lgbt-history-month-celebrations-live-late-19671>

and

<http://www.friendsofEdwardCarpenter.co.uk/Sheffield%20LGBT%20History%20Month%202017%20Brochure.pdf>

Solar Active AGM – Thurs 27 April at Sheffield Hallam University <http://solar-active.com/>

David Garlovsky invited SCA to have a stall and offer a speaker on the Health-themed panel

Tues 4 April 6-8pm at QMH Seminar on Climate Change, trade unions and Just Transition (details to follow)

Fri 5 May – Fundraising social event for Global Divestment Day, with Anarchist Bookfair, with one-woman theatre performance and Sheffield Socialist Choir.

10. Festival of Debate

Aaron and Anna have been meeting with James Lock from Opus to make arrangements for SCA events at this year's Festival of Debate. Arrangements are currently being made for...

- Film Showing (18th May)

- Speaker meeting on a plural approach to climate action – e.g. how can different sectors and professions contribute? (TBC)

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st March, 7 to 9pm Quaker Meeting House. (Committee meeting taking place Monday 27th March at Bev Booker's house).