

What next after Paris?

Brief notes from the meeting of Sheffield Climate Alliance held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Sheffield

Chaired by: Jenny Patient

Attendees: The meeting was attended by 60 people, who were invited to add their contact details to an attendee list.

Feedback from Paris

A series of short presentations were made by 9 of the Sheffield activists who had been in Paris during the COP21 talks:

- o Heather Hunt summarised the content of the agreement and published critiques of it and finished by drawing our attention to a few positives to take from the signing of the agreement. She also talked about two of the solidarity movements she'd got to know: African Women Unite against Destructive Resource Extraction (www.womin.org.za) and the global network, La Via Campesina.
- o Jenny Patient shared her experience of attending trade union meetings, where just transition was a key theme.
- o Chris and Michael spoke about de-colonialisation, racism built into the climate justice movement worldwide and how they saw this in Paris.
- o Camilla and Leah provided an insight into the preparation and training offered in advance of actions in Paris and spoke of their involvement in the Red Lines action.
- o Cathy Aston, Bev Booker and Tom Heller gave brief personal accounts of taking to the streets with their involvement in the three main Paris actions: Geo-location, Red Lines and the Eiffel Tower.

There was a short Q&A session, after which we broke for refreshments.

One-minute pitches

Voluntary and community organisations from around Sheffield involved in campaigning for climate change action were then invited to make a brief 'pitch' to the meeting, outlining their plans for the forthcoming year and inviting those interested to take part in their activities. The slides provide contact details for further details about activities and opportunities to get involved. The groups were clustered around three headings:

1. Keeping fossil fuels in the ground
2. Creating alternatives
3. Building our Movement