

## **Sheffield Climate Alliance meeting – Tuesday 18 April 2017**

### **Held at Quaker Meeting House, Sheffield**

**Present:** Jenny Carpenter, Richard Souter, Aaron Thierry, Celia Mather, George Coiley, Jenny Patient (minutes), Sean Ashton, Lauren Jones (chair), Julie Graham. (Sorry, the list of attendees has gone missing, so please let us know any corrections to this list, thanks!)

**Apologies:** Juliet De Little, Chris Broome, Anna Brook.

**Matters arising:** nothing else was raised that wasn't already covered on the agenda.

#### **1. Presentation 'The village that moved'**

Jenny Carpenter gave a presentation about the impacts of climate change in Fiji, based on slides produced by a mission worker there. This was followed by questions and discussion.

#### **2. Campaign and Working Group Reports** - see also:

[www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net/2017/03/regular-reports-from-our-campaign-teams/](http://www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net/2017/03/regular-reports-from-our-campaign-teams/)

##### **a) Climate Justice/Faith outreach**

Jenny P reported that Chris B is making enquiries with Madina Masjid (Wolseley Road Mosque) about holding a climate workshop session there (post-meeting note: after discussion with the mosque Chris has concluded that the best approach is leafletting/petitioning at the time of Friday prayers, as done previously.)

##### **b) Anti-fracking**

The network meeting on 4 April hosted by FoE/CPRE had provided useful help on planning scenarios and was attended by several local groups. Sheffield has no Minerals Plan currently; there is a deadline for Local Authorities to submit them – positive language is recommended such as “permission will only be given if...”. We learned that the new head of planning in Sheffield will be coming from Derbyshire CC. Julie is looking at the planning applications for water treatment.

Sheffield Against Fracking AGM to be held on Tues 2 May (Jenny P was asked to chair this meeting). SCA aims to continue supporting all local anti-fracking groups with communications, political lobbying, and recruiting leafleteers and stall helpers.

##### **c) Food group**

They will be taking part in the Food Festival, linked to Sustainable Food Cities, and want to have their pull-up banner ready for that.

##### **d) Climate Jobs team**

See written report.

##### **e) Divestment (also known as 'South Yorkshire Fossil Free!')**

See written report

##### **f) Young people's outreach team**

See written report.

##### **g) Fundraising team**

We are writing to funding organisations, for an initial discussion of whether they may fund us. We will also be asking people to donate on a personal basis, and asking organisations that support SCA to donate or fundraise to help us further.

#### **h) Press and media coverage**

'Big Challenge' coverage in the Sheffield Telegraph and on Sheffield Live radio continues – links to articles are at <http://www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net/2017/05/the-big-challenge/>

### **3. Upcoming Events**

**a) 'Don't Frack the North'** A rally in Tudor Square planned for Sat 29 April at 1-2pm.

**b) 'Buried Sunshine' – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May ('Global Divestment Day')**.

Fundraising collaboration with Sheffield Anarchist Bookfair. 'Buried Sunshine' is a one-woman play about coal in Colombia, and further entertainment is being provided by Sheffield Socialist Choir and acoustic musicians. There will be a bar and 'snack' food (cakes and the like). Alistair Dempster from 'Sheffield Live!' will be the compere. There are some voluntary positions to fill for the night in return for a discounted ticket. Please book

**c) Festival of Debate: Film night**

A showing of Josh Fox latest film on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Regather. 'How to Let Go of the World and Love All The Things Climate Can't Change', <https://www.regather.net/event/let-go-world-qa-festival-debate/> SCA Fundraiser - please book.

**d) 'Peace In The Park' festival**

This will be happening on Saturday 10 June and there will be a 'Climate Zone' again. Anna is the liaison person. Help needed to run SCA stall and activities.

### **4. Forward planning**

**a) Summer Festival stalls**

We agreed to support SAF stalls wherever possible rather than running lots of our own. To further help SAF we would produce a leaflet comparing jobs effects of fracking vs climate action. Divestment group and Food group each have their own plans to run stalls/workshops at events.

**b) October's 'Climate Summit for Yorkshire and the Humber'**

It was agreed that Zero Carbon Yorkshire holding this weekend course (to be delivered by Zero Carbon Britain) on the same weekend as SCA host Tim Jackson (Prosperity without Growth) on the Friday evening would work well – proposed dates are 6-7-8 October. We are collaborating with Grantham Centre who are providing a venue.

**c) 'This Precious Earth'**

Jenny C is in touch with the organisers of this concert in Sheffield Cathedral who are looking at 28 May (post-meeting note – put back to 8 October) – they are seeking sponsorship and help to attract an audience.

**5. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 16 May, 7 to 9pm – post-meeting note: this will be held at/after the SHIFT (Sustainable Housing Investment and Future Technologies) event at Sheffield University (6-8pm in Lecture Theatre 2 in The Diamond) and we will hold a one-hour SCA meeting in the foyer café from 8pm to 9pm.