

Sheffield Climate Alliance Campaign Group Reports – Monthly Meeting 18.04.2017

Campaign: Food Group

Report on recent activities:

Preparing presentation for Food Festival. Banner in progress. Fund raiser for costumes planned. Will attend Chesterfield May Day.

Meetings coming up: – please email for details

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Campaign: Divestment / South Yorkshire Fossil Free!

Sean Ashton, Milagros De La Cruz, Janet Milton, Janet Paske, Kate Stott, Dinah Ward, Brian Webster

Report on recent activities:

Janet M, Kate and Mila were at Endcliffe Park for a couple of hours on Saturday morning, 25 March, to collect signatures for our South Yorkshire Pensions Authority petition. Our six-foot inflatable Tyrannosaurus Rex was a good prop, encouraging children and their parents to come and chat with us and find out why 'only dinosaurs invest in fossil fuels'.

Janet M and Janet P attended the campaign training organised by 350.org on Sunday 2 April. Useful, well-delivered training (thoroughly recommended) and good opportunity to meet other activists including anti-fracking campaigners. Also met Dinah and Kerri, who are interested in getting involved in divestment campaigning.

Aims and tasks for next period:

- Finalise our plans for Global Divestment Week events: collecting petition signatures in Sheffield on 6 May and in Doncaster on 13 May. Natalie Bennett has agreed to attend in Sheffield; fingers crossed for Ed Milliband in Doncaster. More practise needed with making balloon dinosaurs.
- Support the SCA fundraiser event on Friday 5 May: making cakes in advance and volunteering on the night.
- Finalise content and design of a campaign leaflet.
- Re-engage with Cllr Ben Curran, now that he's part of SYPA board. On-going contact with Jane Firth, SRI officer at SYPA – keeping her updated with divestment news.
- Start thinking about making contact with other councillors on SYPA board – including those in Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley.
- Further training, if possible, on 'making the most of a surgery with your elected representative' from Divest Parliament team.

Meetings coming up:

- Next meeting of the group on Wednesday 19 April 2017 upstairs at the Blue Moon Café, 5.30-7.00pm (we meet fortnightly)

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Campaign: Anti- Fracking / Sheffield against Fracking

Who is involved? Phil Daly, Cate Dixon on presentations, Julie Graham support role, Chris Broome from SCA.

SAF and SCA people (Richard, Cate, Jenny C and Chris B) attended Yorkshire anti-fracking network meeting on 4 April at local CPRE/ Wildlife Trust offices about proposing planning guidelines for fracking. The hosts have full time campaigners who are assisting the various local groups. We hope to put proposals to Sheffield City Council shortly. People from other areas also attended and work is ongoing.

Aims and tasks for next period:

Meetings coming up:

- SAF Annual General Meeting Tues 2nd May 7pm at CURC
- Chesterfield May Day parade on Mon 1st May
- Crystal Peaks 'Eco Week' on Sat 20th May
- And lots more summer festivals ahead

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Campaign: Climate Jobs

Who is involved?

Jenny Patient, Lauren Jones, Jenny Carpenter, Celia Mather, George Coiley, Richard Souter, Aaron Thierry, Chris Broome, Margaret Stone.

Report on recent activities:

We met on 6th April, and continued to work on our climate jobs-based, 'how to achieve the Vision for SCR' document, and set up a Drive for this. We wrote to Prof Heather Campbell, who led the SCR Vision team, and have secured a meeting on 28th April. We have a follow-up meeting with Cllr Mazher Iqbal on 2nd May to talk about infrastructure and transport plans for Sheffield. Jenny P and George have also secured Grantham Centre support for a Zero Carbon Britain course in October, on behalf of Zero Carbon Yorkshire. Several of us helped run the successful 'Climate Change and Work' meeting with Westminster Uni on 4th April.

Aims and tasks for next period:

- Produce briefing on what a Climate Jobs programme could do for Sheffield City Region (draft by 24th April, then Celia to edit by 2nd May)

Meetings coming up: Tues 9th May 7-9pm – contact us for venue.

General contact details: climatejobs[at]sheffieldclimatealliance[dot]net (monitored by Lauren)

Campaign: Youth Group

Report on recent activities:

Had first meeting on Weds 22nd March at University Arms. Agreed we would aim to meet young people between 16 and 36, discuss how climate change can affect them and lead activities which we hope will empower them to take their own actions.

Certain activities, such as 'Climb for The Climate' can possibly be an encouragement, but discussed getting MPs to speak to schools within their constituency, and agreed to focus on air pollution to build relationships with schools and youth groups. Anna started Google Drive folder for our work to be shared.

Aims and tasks for next period:

- Aaron to contact UK Youth Climate Coalition in the hope of finding a local contact.
- Anna and Lauren to collect resource materials already available for air pollution.
- Lauren to check contacts for Sheffield College Students Union. Lauren to discuss with Jenny C about reaching out via 'Get Together' days to reach young apprentices – contact via Mazher Iqbal?
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Meetings coming up: Next meeting date tbc. Need to look at regular meeting date after 2nd or 3rd meeting.

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