

JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2009 in the One World Centre, Town Hall, Seale Street, St. Helier

Present: Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Hazel Jones, Nigel Jones, Roger Jones, and Nick Palmer.

Apologies: Jo McAllister, Joy Thomson and Anna Wimberley.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. Copenhagen Petition:** The group received an update on the collection of signatures for the Copenhagen petition, and noted that approximately 900 signatures had been collected so far. A large number of petition forms had been distributed, and it was suggested that a further session for collecting signatures could take place on 14th November. In addition, Roger had been invited by Joy Thomson to give talks on the subject of the Copenhagen Conference and the J-CAN petition to classes at Highlands College and Jersey College for Girls.

It was anticipated the total number of signatures would reach the 1,000 mark by the closing date of 15th November. Having noted that a States member had previously agreed to present the petition, subject to a minimum number of signatories, Jeremy agreed to contact this person in this connection.

- 3. 'The Age of Stupid':** Hazel had provisionally booked the main hall at St. Paul's Centre for 1st December for a screening of 'The Age of Stupid'. It was agreed the evening could begin with tea and biscuits being available from 6.30 p.m. onwards, and the film starting at 7.00 p.m., with time afterwards for questions and discussion. Francis undertook to confirm with Jim Hopley as to whether funding is still available from the Co-Op to pay towards the costs of the event.

It was noted that the film was unfortunately not yet available, although a copy had been ordered and would be despatched fairly soon. Subject to confirmation of despatch being received by 3rd November, the group agreed it would like to go ahead with the screening of this film on 1st December. If confirmation were not forthcoming, the group would consider using the venue on that date for an evening of short films.

- 4. Public survey:** Nick reported that 'The Isle' magazine was interested in publishing the J-CAN survey on peak oil and climate change, and it was hoped this would feature in the next issue. Although the JEP had shown an interest, it had felt the survey was too long, but it would be willing to consider publishing a shorter survey in the future.

On a related subject, it was noted the JEP edition of 26th October had included a lengthy interview with Nick on the subject of J-CAN, peak oil and climate change.

- 5. Climate Change World Day of Action:** Hazel reported that a coffee morning and display had been organised at the Friends Meeting House on 24th October to mark the World Day of Action on Climate Change. This had been well-received, and a large number of leaflets had been distributed.
- 6. Carteret Islands:** The group noted that plans had been made for the evacuation of the Carteret Islands as a consequence of rising sea levels, and it was agreed this would make a good subject for a press release in view of the local connection. Roger agreed to prepare a press release and to distribute this to the media.

- 7. Channel Islands – Cooperation with G-CAN and other groups:** The group agreed it would like to cooperate more closely with the Guernsey Climate Action Network and other C.I. groups, as this would help to give a higher profile to campaigns and activities. Jeremy undertook to renew the invitation to G-CAN to send a representative to one of the monthly meetings, e.g. the next meeting on 24th November.

It was felt that one area in which cooperation between the Channel Islands would be particularly useful was in the promotion of tidal energy, with the insular authorities and private investors being encouraged to make a long-term investment in this form of energy, and different sites around the islands being considered for different types of installation.

- 8. Draft Sustainable Transport Policy:** The meeting discussed the draft Sustainable Transport Policy that had been issued by the Transport and Technical Services Department for public consultation. It was agreed that although the policy represented a step in the right direction in terms of discouraging car use, a more radical agenda was needed to respond to the challenges of peak oil and climate change. It was decided that Francis would prepare a response on behalf of J-CAN and send this to TTS (closing date: 30th November).

- 9. Draft Island Plan:** Having noted the draft Island Plan had been published for consultation, the group agreed this should be discussed at the next meeting, with a view to submitting a response to the Planning and Environment Department (closing date: 18th December). If necessary, an extra meeting would be arranged for this purpose on 17th November. In view of the wide range of subjects covered by the Island Plan, it was agreed each committee member would select an area of interest (e.g. 'travel and transport', 'waste management') to discuss at the meeting - the area of interest to be agreed by exchange of e-mail. This discussion could pick up on the concept of 'zero waste' and the Island's waste strategy.

- 10. Website/Facebook:** Nigel reported that he been regularly updating the website, and had also started a twitter facility. Any contributions from committee members would be welcome.

- 11. Membership:** The meeting agreed it should seek to attract more members, and to encourage those who were already on the mailing list to become more involved. Francis would send a request to people on the mailing list to send in donations, and it was also suggested there should be a social evening at some point in the near future, e.g. before Christmas or in January.

- 12. Date of next meeting:** It was noted the next monthly meeting would be held at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24th November in the One World Centre, Town Hall, St. Helier.