

JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2010 in the Frances Le Sueur Centre, Les Mielles, St. Ouen

Present: Jeremy Harris, Nigel Jones, Roger Jones, Nick Palmer and Ruth Rolls.

Apologies: Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Hazel Jones, and Jo McAllister.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

2. J-CAN survey of election candidates:

Nick reported back on the results of the J-CAN survey on peak oil and climate change that had been circulated to election candidates prior to the recent senatorial elections. This had been a useful exercise in terms of drawing the attention of candidates to the issues of peak oil and climate change, but it was disappointing the media had not given greater publicity to the survey results.

It was agreed the survey should be repeated in advance of the next elections in autumn 2011, and that it should be circulated to candidates several weeks beforehand so as to allow plenty of time to publicise the results.

3. West Show – 10th/11th July: The meeting discussed the arrangements for the J-CAN stand at the West Show, St. Peter, which would focus on peak oil, energy consumption, food production, and mineral water. Roger had prepared a set of draft posters, and it was agreed those present would contact him in the next few days if they had any comments on the text. These posters could then be reproduced in A4 format for handing out to visitors, whilst Roger would produce condensed versions, highlighting key points, for use as display posters.

In addition to the display panels, J-CAN would also have a trestle table, and this would be used for (i) a static display on types of drinking water (mineral, filter and tap); (ii) a box of disposable plastic bottles, and (iii) a basket of locally grown organic produce (Nigel to organise (i) and (ii), and Jeremy to organise (iii)). In addition, Roger will contact Mark to arrange for copies of the J-CAN newsletter and membership form to be available.

The exhibition site will be open for organisations to set up their stands on 8th/9th July, and it was agreed to meet on site at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 8th July (Roger to check with organisers if the site will be open at this time and to confirm meeting arrangements). Mark is organising a rota for members to staff the J-CAN stand over the weekend.

4. Grassroots Festival: The meeting agreed in principle that it would like to organise a stand for this year's Grassroots Festival on Saturday 31st July, and asked Roger to contact the organiser. As with the West Show, the display could focus on the energy benefits of growing organic food, and contrast this against the high energy costs of packaging and transporting mineral water. Roger will contact Ed Le Quesne to see if a gazebo-style tent can be made available to provide some shelter in the event of rain.

5. Dark Skies Status: The meeting discussed an application from La Société Sercquaise to the International Dark-sky Association (IDA) for 'Dark Skies' status. If successful, the island would be designated as the world's first 'Dark Sky Island' in recognition of its clear night skies unsullied by light pollution. The group decided to support the application, and agreed to send a donation of £20 (Jeremy).

It was understood a decision would be taken by the IDA on the application during the autumn. Subject to the outcome of this process, J-CAN could then use this as a means of publicising the high energy costs associated with lighting, and suggesting ways in which these could be reduced in Jersey.

6. Film Evening: It was confirmed that a film evening should be held at some point during the autumn, and could be accompanied by a speaker, music, and/or food. It was agreed a decision on the selection of film(s) (possibly linked in with a specific J-CAN campaign) and format of the event should be taken at the next meeting.

7. Newsletter: It was noted the next issue of the newsletter was due for publication in July. If time permitted, this could be produced before 10th July in time for the West Show (Mark).

8. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 27th July at the Frances Le Sueur Centre, Les Mielles, St Ouen.

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