

JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2011 in the One World Centre, Seale Street, St. Helier

Present: Nine members were present, including Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Nigel Jones, Nick Palmer, and Ruth Rolls.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Maria Barnicoat, Simon Crowcroft, Maz Heaney, Jo McAllister, and Daniel Wimberley.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. 'Jersey in Transition':** The group received an oral report from Nigel on the arrangements for the 'Jersey in Transition' workshop that was to be held in the Members' Room at the Société Jersiaise on Saturday 15th January. Details of the programme for the workshop were to be featured on the J-CAN website, and the event would be publicised in advance through posters and mailings to organisations, e.g. One World Group, Jersey Organic Association. Nick agreed to contact the Jersey Evening Post to see if it would be interested in doing a feature on the event, with Nigel and/or Maria giving interviews to explain the purpose of the workshop.

The event had already attracted considerable interest, and it was hoped it would draw in a good number of people with plenty of ideas for *'how we can work together to bring about a low carbon and sustainable Jersey'*. Ideally the workshop would result in the formation of some form of steering group, which would then be in a position to take forward this initiative.

- 3. Cancun Conference:** The meeting noted the main outcomes of the international conference on climate change in Cancun, Mexico (29.11.10 – 10.12.10). The mood at the conference had been more positive than at Copenhagen, with commitments being made to establish a global 'Green Fund' and to address emissions from deforestation, although progress was still painfully slow. The next international conference on climate change would be taking place in Durban, South Africa in December 2011.
- 4. Vigil in St. Helier** - Maria had organised a vigil outside BHS on 11th December to mark the end of the Cancun Conference. The vigil had been well-publicised in advance, and was attended by about 50 supporters. Maria was thanked for her work in organising this event, and it was suggested that it would be worth having a vigil every December as a means of drawing attention to the international negotiations on climate change.
- 5. Public Talk:** The group agreed that further consideration should be given to organising a talk aimed at the business community on the subject of 'Corporate Social Responsibility',

with a particular focus on how businesses could take practical steps to reduce their carbon footprints. Jeremy and Amanda undertook to research possible speakers and report back to the next meeting.

- 6. Jersey Annual Social Survey:** The meeting noted the results of the 2010 Jersey Annual Social Survey, which had included a section on climate change. Almost nine out of ten respondents had thought that climate change was a problem, whilst nearly half of those taking part had felt the States of Jersey was 'not doing enough' to address climate change. It was agreed this survey provided a useful summary of public opinion, and would be a good source of reference for future campaigns, activities and press releases.

- 7. Date of next meeting:** It was noted the next meeting was the Annual General Meeting, and this would be held at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25th January 2011 in Room 2, Arts Centre, Phillips Street, St. Helier. Jeremy will prepare a notice of the AGM for Francis to circulate after the Jersey in Transition workshop on 15th January.

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