

**The Camp for Climate Action  
National Gathering  
March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**Process Group:**

- Propose we DON'T dissolve the process group at this gathering
- CONSENSUS!

**Amendments to E.On F.Off wording:**

- 1) Amendment to objective 2

Cause maximum disruption to all aspects of the construction of Kingsnorth power station, in a way which is consistent with climate camp's values.

- 2) A rewording of our plans for the face off

Climate camp commits to organise the obstruction of all processes which contribute to the building of a new Kingsnorth power station through publicly organised events and action.

-CONSENSUS

**Dates for summer Convergence:**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September as an "envelope" period for the Camp to take place.

No blocks

2 stand asides

CONSENSUS

**G20:**

Proposal to change G20 meet up time to 12.30pm meet up point.

-CONSENSUS

**Coal Caravan:**

Proposal for active consensus that the coal caravan becomes a climate camp working group.

-No stand asides, no blocks.

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**What Unites Us?**

To agree the below "What Unites Us?" text, with minor amendments to be given to [roger@rgeffen.plus.com](mailto:roger@rgeffen.plus.com) in the following few weeks, to enable the finished draft to go out before the G20.

We work together on the basis that:

- Climate change is already affecting millions of people around the world through extreme weather events, flooding and other disasters. We need urgent action now to avoid reaching catastrophic tipping-points.

- a.. The climate crisis cannot be solved by relying on governments and big businesses with their 'techno-fixes' and other market-driven approaches. If anything, their grip on political and economic power lies at the heart of the problem, stifling the development of genuinely sustainable technologies and denying those most severely affected the opportunity to speak up for climate justice.

- As citizens we must therefore take responsibility for averting climate change, taking individual and collective action against its root causes and to develop our own truly sustainable and socially just solutions. We must act together and in solidarity with all affected communities - workers, farmers, indigenous peoples and many others - in Britain and throughout the world.

"Our actions have the following aims:

- Education: raising our own and wider public understanding of the problem, its root causes and how it might be solved;

- a.. Sustainable living: exploring and experiencing in practice some of the ways in which a truly sustainable society might function;

- b.. Direct action: taking part in small and large group action to confront the root causes of climate change;

- Movement-building: acting in solidarity and forging links with people and groups with common or related interests, including workers and the communities or populations most acutely affected by climate change in Britain and throughout the world, to build a movement with the wisdom, diversity and strength to achieve true ecological and social justice."

-3 stand asides

- No reason

- Can't agree because hasn't read

-No blocks

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## **SATURDAY**

### **Welcome**

-We're in Lovely Nottingham

-Overview of agenda

-Explanation of hand signals

-Housekeeping

## **Where we are**

- last gathering came up with four projects, and strategy for the year based on linking economic and climate crisis

## **E.on Face off:**

- has an agreed set of aims
- Will stop construction of Kingsnorth
- Are getting a space in Kent for community outreach
- we have agreed to do a day of action, this is being reviewed
- comments: need to consider other possible places for new coal plants

## **Convergence:**

- Read out agreement made at last gathering on having a convergence

## **International:**

- gave summary of international working group. Talked about meeting in Birmingham, and meeting happening in Copenhagen next week

No comments

## **G20:**

- Gave an overview of what the G20 is all about. We're going to camp in the city, and shut down the European Carbon Exchange!
- Lots to do, neighbourhoods should be meeting to discuss how they are going to organise for the G20
- Comments: Finance minister pre-summit talks happening – details on indymedia

## **G20 Planning**

An overview of the various jobs that still need to be taken on/done:

- Structures: – if anyone has any party gazebos etc. please get in touch. Bring pop up tents!
- Toilets: – nothing much as yet, need help
- Kitchens: Kitchens and logistics group have met and have talked about a provisional budget. Need to decide how much we want to do on the day. People and ideas for transporting food needed
- Convergence space: The convergence space is being organised
- Transforming Space: Group
  - o Workshops. 11 workshops have been proposed. Power is also being looked into, but need more ideas on power (would be great if someone could bottom line power). Needs at least one other person, who has some time to do admin stuff. Also need to review what areas are covered by the workshop

- Visual transformation. Had a meeting yesterday, looked through ideas sent in by email. Needs more people to get involved. Also encourage people to organise visual transformation ideas autonomously.
- Space Safety
  - Comms
  - Legal
  - Police Liaison
  - Gate
  - Getting space

Message from land group:

“Following the g20 working group meeting, a closed group has met to discuss getting a camping space in the city.

We still need people to help with this task (please contact the facilitator if you have at least a week or two of time to help with this).

As with the setting up of the last three camps, we suggest that for security reasons, it would be best if as little was asked about the message below as possible. However, if there are questions or concerns which are posed now, we will attempt to have answers for tomorrow.

After discussing many possible options, we believe the following is important to communicate to everyone attending the event.

If we are to be successful, it is very important that we all arrive at the European Climate Exchange at exactly the same time. We must swoop in from different directions, and under different means, to all arrive within a minute or two of each other. We therefore advise that people meet up with their mates (or "affinity group") at noon, somewhere within easy reach of the Climate Exchange. Then, at the appropriate moment, leave quickly, and timed to arrive at exactly 1:00. You may even want to practice beforehand.

Things may change on the day, perhaps significantly. There will be a text message news service, which will be announced shortly. We strongly recommend that people subscribe to the text message news service. It is possible, even likely, that the place that we finally set up camp will not be the Climate Exchange.”

-Proposal: that no one meets in Liverpool Street Station.

-Can someone briefly explain the layout on the European Climate Exchange Building? Where it is

-Response: Left of Bishopsgate is main entrance. Another road with access to it at the back. Right in the middle of the City –extremely busy area.

-Suggestion that we get a map and do this properly later on.

-There are other things happening on that day –quite a few of them involve people meeting at Liverpool Street Station: Environmental Strand. Also People and Planet doing something at the RBS headquarters –opposite Liverpool Street Station. Lots of collections of people in that area.

-Shout out: there's a game of capture the flag in the city to get the know the area.

-Publicly advertise Carbon Exchange? What happens if we change it and people don't get the message via text –not everyone will get it.

-Concern we might lose people.

-Logistical concerns need to be addressed –facilitation team

Tasks no one has taken...

-Action Support

-‘Fundraising’ during events

-Leafleting “Putting People First”

-“Gate”

-‘Process’ during event

-Interweb networking

-Power

-Workshops

-Medics

-Explain bottom liner: the person who will take responsibility for seeing that something happens.

Action Support...

-The camp is the “action”, therefore action support not required.

-Action Support: ongoing, not specifically for the day but beforehand. Anyone thinking about doing an autonomous action should get in touch with them.

-Proposal that we shelve it for now:

-Response: that it could shelve it for now

-Response: that we do need it to put a page up on the website.

-Corporate Watch have published a booklet to go up on the website.

-Facilitator: go action support

-“Gate”: should be done by the closed “space” group. Does there need to be someone else.

-Response: that someone does need to have overview of Rotas, etc

-Suggestion that Bristol might be able to do it.

-Someone should chase up Bristol for gate.

-Someone to help with workshops needed.

-Bunch of people to help with web networking –links on websites, Facebook, etc.

-Power? Bicycology?

-Response: Can't

-Power could be taken on groups. (Groups)

-Power

-Convergence Space?

-Leafleting Put people first march –should be done by

- Networking
  - o Media
  - o Paper publicity
  - o Meat-space (Age of Stupid, student networking, talks, panels, etc)
  - o Cyberspace
  - o Organ Space

Time to move into groups.

-Networking

-Logistics (Toilets, Transport, etc)

-Transforming Space (Workshops, visual, etc)

-Process During Event

-Action Support

## **G20 Working Group Feedback**

### **Workshops**

-Want to ask people how they feel about inviting prominent politicians along so that we can say that we invited them

-Concerns with certain

-Deadline for workshop programme: PDF will be out on the web by the end of day 25<sup>th</sup> march

### **Networking**

-Not very long, need lots of people to come

4 areas:

1. Using existing publicity materials (2 postcard designs and stickers).  
Cyberspace publicity to target “g20 protest” search results on google.
2. Two major opportunities in advance: Age of Stupid premiere and release week (15<sup>th</sup> march). Put People First march (28<sup>th</sup> march). Another leaflet being designed – one side about G20, the other side about other climate camp activities this year.
3. Carbon Trading weekend. 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> march in London.

4. Could do a tailored version of the email call-out targeted about people who aren't so down with the activist/anti-capitalist viewpoint. Make links with Heathrow and Kingsnorth.

### Logistics

- Quite a few people getting involved
- Contacts established for the various different areas
- TODO: Copy down contacts from lovely sheet

### Kitchens

- Have had a long chat about how we might do it – progress being made
- Worked out plan up till midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> April
- After that will need to be responsive to what has happened during the day
- Basic plan:
  - Shopping & storage space being sorted
  - Plan for pre-preparing portable food for first meal. Will be coming in in people's bags. Also working out a distribution crew.
  - We will be preparing food at an undisclosed location
  - Late evening on the 1<sup>st</sup> will need to be really responsive. Can either have a mobile kitchen structure available to take to where people are, or stay in a safe convergence space and people can go there, or food can be distributed out to people.
  - Can go out and buy more food during the course of events depending on what happens
  - Can use the text-out to send updates on food provisions
- Emphasis on self-sufficiency – neighbourhoods please bring rocket stoves, water, energy food etc
- Food will be a really key aspect for fundraising and keep people happy and dancing etc
- Houses in London needed for cake-making

### Toilets

- Need 4 volunteers to erect the toilets when we get to the space
- When are people planning to come to London?
- If people coming before then London 'hood might put on some training etc
- About 10 coming at the weekend
- A few on Monday/Tuesday
- One hand for coming on the day
- There seems to be some interest for an action training session – will take back to the London hood
- There are other groups planning convergence space and crash spaces in the run-up
- Some of the Sunday of the carbon trading weekend could be used for a parallel G20 meeting
- Does G20 need to meet next weekend? That will be decided tomorrow after working group time.

### **Proposal: Dissolving process group**

- Proposal is read out putting forward the suggestion that we dissolve the Process Group.
- Networking, media, and Process always come under more intense scrutiny.
- We did cover this issue of hierarchy and inclusivity at Bradford gathering.
- We shouldn't focus all attention on the Process Group when addressing these issues, need to look more wider. It is not fair to pick on the Process Group alone.
- There is a whole load of issues here, and it is not just the fault of the Process Group.
- Concerns around the Process Group fit into wider discussions
- The Process Group is full of new people, with the person who has been in the longest having only been there for less than a year.

#### Temperature Check:

- Issues of Hierarchy/inclusion: Do we want to discuss more?
- Can the Process Group be 'checked'? Can their minutes be seen?
- They can be sent on request?
- Process Group is addressing these issues, and will discuss them further in the next meeting.
- Temperature check: Do we want to continue discussing this issue at this gathering?
- Answer: No

#### **-Proposal:**

**-Propose we DON'T dissolve the process group this gathering**

**-CONSENSUS!**

- Should we take proposal forward –could be discussed at next Process Meeting or we could have a separate meeting so its separated from the Process.
- Everyone who is interested could go.
- Suggestion of an open email.
- Identify who is interested in looking at the issue of Process.
- No hands.
- Everyone invited to next Process Group meeting.



## **Action Round Up**

- Climate Rush: Outside RBS making point that we own them and they are still investing in really bad stuff. Week before we went to the UK Coal Awards and stopped them holding the event –they didn't turn up.
- Aberdeen Airport
- Over 30 universities have held
- Students occupied part of Cardiff University and got the University to de-invest shares in certain Corporations.
- E.On F.Off: FA Cup games have had “red carding” events.
- Fight back against crazy police “summer of rage” stuff –media team in ongoing talks with the papers.
- Announcement about the meltdown: Four converging colour coded demonstrations converging on the Bank of England.
- There's an explicitly anti-authoritarian anti-capitalist attempt to shut down the stock exchange on the Sunday.

## **Timescales**

Aim is for all four Climate Camp projects to evaluate their potential capacity/skill/fund needs for the year.

- Be useful to have each group explain a little bit about what they are doing.
- Concern with how do we fit everything together in this session. What's the point in their session?
- Response: Chicken and egg problem –we need to know what groups might plan to do before we can put it together. The aim is not to make any major decisions, but just to get a feeling of what other groups are planning.
- Update on three groups...

E.On F.Off: Face Off is ongoing, it has been on its way since the summer camp. There's been the Red Card actions, the Space to be said up in Kent. Rumours flying around about when the Face Off will be approved.

Convergence: There was an interest group chat time last gathering. Decision come to that it would be good to have a autonomous space convergence. Worries about it being too south Centric. Regional Camps have been proposed, this changes emphasis

Copenhagen/International: Feed into big international planning meeting. Hopes to get involved in working groups. Get the message out about Copenhagen, and get our radical/rational message out about Copenhagen. International day of mass direct

action of 30<sup>th</sup> November. International Outreach work. Mobilisation for Copenhagen: info tour in the UK, make them aware of what's going on in the meantime.

[SPLIT INTO GROUPS]

Feedback:

-EON F Off: Difficult, because we don't know when the decision is going to be made. We want to have strategic talk tomorrow, so it may all change:

- Direct Action Pledge March
- Speaker Tour: getting people signed up to pledge
- 5<sup>th</sup> May: Eon AGM Germany
- 30<sup>th</sup> May: FA Final
- Space will be launched
- Then there will be decision.

-Copenhagen:

- March: planning meeting
- Next National Gathering: do we want to go to Copenhagen/do something at home.
- Probably definitely want to do something at home.
- At G20 and Convergences: there needs to be linking messaging up with Copenhagen (Carbon Trading, etc)
- Need to link up messages at G20 and Convergences, we go all hands on deck for Copenhagen. Info Tours, etc.

-Convergences

- Gaps: Doing it sometime in the summer holiday.
- Didn't talk about capacity for regional/national convergences.
- June: there's the Scottish Climate Action Convergence
- July: Climate Camp in Copenhagen.
- End of July into August: 5 day camp in Ireland
- First week of August: French Climate Camp
- Welsh Camp is four days in first week of September
- June: Big UN meeting on Climate Change in Bonn
- End of June: Drax 29 Trial
- G8: Italy (?)
- Earth First Gathering (?)
- Summer of Climate Camp

Question: Was there a sense of how much the French Climate Camp has on our capacity?

Response: Didn't have a chance to discuss capacity, more mapping out what was going on

-Equipment: ATC already has requests for equipment coming in, so it needs to

### **Convergence Introduction and Proposals**

Proposals read out...

## BRISTOL URBAN CONVERGENCE

-Bristol Urban Convergence: Joining with other activists (other anti-capitalists causes) in order to put together Urban Convergence. Political statement read out.

## SCOTLAND CONVERGENCES

-Scotland Climate Action: convergence aims to get lots of new people involved, in order to get them involved in Direct Action. Then a second camp to take the action.

-Asking for loan of money.

## COAL CARAVAN

-Is definitely happening. Cycling to visit Open Cast Coal mines –starting to talk about coal, and what it means to different people, such as ex-miners, NUM, etc. Cycle between different areas. Aims to start to talking to people who have different opinions on coal –flyers being delivered.

-Was asking Climate Camp for loan, but due to funding shortage need to ask for money not to give back, if possible. Publicity is very important, due to all the outreach being done.

## CLIMATE CAMP CYMRU

-Have a fundraising group, but needs a bit of seed money (part grant, part loan). Also need to talk to ATC about structures.

## HEATHROW CONVERGENCE

-Not a single camp separate from local community, but instead it is integrated into the local community. Developing grass roots community resistance to the third runway. We'd separate the big action to a different time of year –due to police, don't want to piss off locals.

-Why go back? Need to prove we are in it for the long run. Need to defeat Heathrow. More information available on details of proposal.

## LONDON CONVERGENCE PROPOSAL

Lea Valley/Hackney Marshes –big area, lots of disadvantaged communities who have long lived in the shadow of the city of London. We'd not get in their way as it is a big space. Lots of local groups in the area keen to welcome us. We don't have to target just city –City Airport, Olympic Park (dominates part of the areas), Stansted Airport nearby, biofuels plant nearby. Follows on from the decision made last time.

## PLANE POLITICS

Every day highlight the sham politics of a different political party during the Convergence: By going to the. Not a proposal for THE target, but rather an additional add on that could be done as part of something else.

## LAND GROUP

Message from the Land Group is read out, explaining that they are up for continuing their work or will recruit others to do so.

- Concern: Are we not going back on what we've done?
- Response: That there are a lot of different proposals come in from regional events, and other concerns, and we need to reassess based on the regional camps.
- Further response: We're not going back on our decision, but rather
- Also, feeling that it was a fudge to put together. We need to think about this properly, and in terms of finance and capacity, before proceeding. Especially with the question.
- Bristol Convergence: Not just Climate Change.
- Where should the money come from – central fundraising applications/donations or from local groups doing their own fundraising?
- Quite a few local groups have put in Artists Project Earth funding applications recently.
- There is a lot going on here and it would be useful to try to break it down a bit
- Not sure how much the different regional proposals are about money as opposed to time/resources
- Maybe the message didn't get out enough that we were asking for concrete proposals for a London convergence
- There is a danger of committing money to too many things and running out
- Finance report from Oxford: £24k at end of 2008
  - 3k to G20
  - 9k for Kent space
  - Money is tight! Need to raise more
- Don't understand the difference between talking about "regional" and "national" camps
- The difference is a national camp is organised by lots of people from lots of places through the national climate camp process
- Clarification: Wales want to self-organise, but what like skill-sharing from experienced people
- Question is: what is the climate camp's main activity? Has become harder year on year. We all need to pull together and focus on something.
- Main difference between national and regional is what is organised through the national climate camp process, rather than regional meetings

## **Finance proposal**

- Came out of agenda setting meeting for this gathering
- Received many proposals from regional projects requesting financial support

- Proposal: The climate camp network agrees to reconfigure its financial strategy so as to be able to support this projects happening. Sattelite climate camp projects are able to request start up loans from the climate camp to allow these projects to begin asap.
- Budget would be submitted to gatherings and finance group with the proviso that these are essentially loans and need to be paid back
- We are not choosing to do every single thing, but using our funds strategically to help different projects start which will hopefully become self sufficient in the future.
- Enables climate camp to support regional projects without becoming a national pot of money
- Addresses geographic concerns
- Would increase fundraising skills
- Support would need to be given to ensure the regional groups are able to make the money back
- Would need guidelines about what money goes where
- Would be a very creative way to strategise the way we are using our finances
- The process is changing, we need to be responsive to that

### Questions

- Experience from doing food: One of the problems consistently come up against is that we can't get credit with suppliers because of our organisational structure. It might be useful to think about some sort of fronting organisational structure to enable us to get credit for things.
- Like the idea, think it would be fantastic to support projects, which are just starting up. Would like to hear a report back on how fundraising is going. Financial crisis means that funding is harder to get. Mustn't make an "in principle" decision – must be possible to provide the money.
- How do we deal with the issue that so much of our money has historically come from the week of the camp?
- How is the money paid back? How is it organised? Would it cause tensions between different groups?
- It seems like we are being sucked into the financial system that we're campaigning against.
- Last year Lou had to put 6k on her personal credit card to front the food money!
- We can't always do things from within the existing money, have taken risks in the past
- Perhaps set up a climate camp trust to get money from charities and pop groups
- Have had loads of different proposals now, so need to take 5 mins to think about process.

5 mins (ish) was taken, then we came back...

- Facilitators thought it would be good to move on from the regional/finance thing now. We will come back to it tomorrow.
- Temperature check on that: ok

### National convergence

- We had a session about whether we were to have a national convergence
- Concerns that we were going back on the process

- Temperature check to see whether people want a national convergence
- No clear feeling
- Temperature check: do we need to discuss whether we have a national convergence
- Depends on whether the concrete proposals are actually any good
- Could just move onto form and target – wiggling
- 2 proposals currently on table: heathrow or north London.
- Explanations: session planned allows for other ideas to be brought to the table
- Those two proposals are not proposed as national – they are just convergences
- Some people have said in their regions that they are NOT asking the camp to organise it for them. Don't necessarily want to travel round the UK to organise.
- We need to talk just about NATIONAL activities

Take 1 min

- Seems there is a major concern that nobody is going to agree to a national convergence unless they know what it is
- Specifics are important if people are going to agree
- So going to discuss form/target now and see where we are

[Split into two large groups.]

[Feedback from large groups.]

[Change to small groups, with questions: Length, Target, Form, Action?]

[Small groups asked to try and form joined up holistic concrete proposals.]

Group One:

- 2 day convergence in safe space: hired.
- 1 day all go into the city and have workshops on the Underground. Affinity Groups 'pop up' from the tube and do actions at points in the day.

Group Two:

- Five days or more.
- Last week in August
- No specific target
- Park in London: Green Space (using some existing spaces)
- Action to coincide with Notting Hill Carnival, and nature to be decided

Group three

- 5 days camping and three days action
- Square Mile: multiple targets
- Park in City or Brownfield site
- Close as possible to city, dense population.
- Forays into the City in groups: small group actions, multiple actions everyday.

Group Four

- Bank holiday weekend
- Less than a week
- Theme

- Keep camp concept, but using additional rural buildings but only if they happen to be nearby.
- Large multiple actions: 20-30 people, focus on these. Possibly with additional mass action.

#### Group Five

- Target decided later
- Legitimate Camp somewhere (paid for), separated from the action

#### Other comments:

- Multiple targets with a theme
- City
- Link up with workers struggles.

#### Key questions:

- Action separate from the camp?
- Legal space for the camp?

#### Spectrums...

Should the event happen in the last week of August (Notting Hill Carnival weekend)?

- Majority go to the 'yes' side.
- Comments from the 'no' minority:
  - No places are open.
  - All our audiences going to the Carnival
- Responses from "yes" side
  - We don't have to do action on the day everything is closed.
  - We could be demanding

Facilitator: We won't find a better week than this.

- Could impact on Welsh Camp, as it is first week in September. But it could be flexible.
- Scotland is the same. Flexible, but wanted it that week.

#### PROPOSAL:

The camp is held with

Should the Camp happen in the second week of August?

- If we were Afro Caribbean, then

Should the Action element of the Camp be separate rather than during the camp?

- Lot's in the 'middle to no', a few at the 'yes' section.
- “Yes” section: Having a camp separately is a great way to separate
- Response from “no”: People won't go and come back.
- Response from “no”: It is the acting collectively, and this makes us stronger.

-Clarification: the publicly organised leaving camp together won't happen, but a mass action will happen at some point and this will publicised.

-Someone in the “middle”: Mass action should be around the Notting Hill Carnival, and the camp two weeks earlier. Can’t leave it too long or people will get distracted.

-For logistical reasons, people won’t come, go home, then all go back.

-Feeling we shouldn’t pre-advertise something. No point in advertising mass action, day of action where people can plan secretly and separately.

-Facilitator: we’re getting into loads of other possibilities, and there isn’t time to do it now or agree it now.

-Let’s go to third spectrum line.

Should we have a safe/legal convergence space?

-People stood right across the room: slightly more to the squatted side, not so many at the hired side.

False dichotomy –isn’t either/or: idea of going on the Underground and taking back space: mobile camp.

-Contingent on other decisions: Legal Camp if we separate action away, then it makes coherent sense. But if we go with action as part of camp we will get fucked over anyway.

-Squatted land is embedded in our politics.

-Would anyone refuse to come to the camp if it was squatted.

-Tired format: the police are on to us and know our tactics.

-Wrong dichotomy about the action: Could be decide instead on whether we don’t announce the action in advance –there seemed to be more agreement on that.

Spectrum ends: people sit down to try and move to consensus.

Confirm the action/convergence separation, and then we can do the timing.

Do we separate the action and the camp?

-Everyone is agreeing, but we’re just not realising it.

-There’s potentially a proposal we can agree, let’s concentrate on proposal

-For the last three years the Camps have been great, but actions rubbish. We need to move the format to separate the illegality (action) and legality (camp) –hire the site and separate the action!

PROPOSAL:

-Action is separated from the camp, and the site is legally hired.

PROPOSAL:

-Camp is the mass action.

PROPOSAL:

-That we do two day camp following by temperature checks.



## PROPOSAL

-Reduced time, 5 days. Legal safe structures supporting the site. Do it in a park. We don't openly declare that we are attacking 'this thing' on 'this day'.

-Concerns:

What are we doing then?

## PROPOSAL:

-We don't announce the action ahead of time.

-Do we announce it at the camp?

Clarification: we don't agree it now, but can agree it at the camp.

-What are we going to do then, if not that?

-Response: We don't need to decide that yet, but we DO need to decide the date.

-We are only deciding when the convergence is tonight.

-Let's start with deciding when the Convergence is.

-Use the fourth week in August as the date for the camp.

-Amendment: multiple affinity actions rather than big mass action.

-Response: We are too far from agreeing action or a theme

-We already have a theme.

-We can decide theme later.

-We already have a theme!!! –The strategy

-What should we do now process wise?

-We've had a good discussion, but we can't get anywhere now because we're tired.  
So let's return to this tomorrow.

-Statements like "It will overlap bank holiday" are the way to go, because it is a step in the right direction. Let's move step by step.

-Any more process concerns?

-No.

-So proposal: 4<sup>th</sup> week of August.

## PROPOSAL:

We have a convergence that overlap the bank holiday, from which we will undertake themed actions around the economic system and Climate Change.

Question: Themed around economic system?

Response: Yes, that's our agreed strategy.

Back in the real world, we need real dates so people can book time off work.

-Doesn't address the fundamental issue that affinity group actions don't work! Mass actions

-We should finish

-We should test for consensus, because that it can be minuted and people can mark it in their diaries. We should be able to agree a date, or we might as well go home.

-Our we carrying on or stopping?

#### PROPOSAL:

From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> before bank holiday till Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September Climate Camp will hold a convergence in London, according to previously agreed decisions.

-Stand asides: Schools are back on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Stand aside: We haven't thought through this properly

-Stand aside: We haven't through properly, and need more time to talk it through.

-NO CONSENSUS

#### **SUNDAY**

##### **Bits and Pieces**

Finance report – Has been sent round list we have roughly 24k left and 16k is allocated and this means 8k is left. Networking haven't submitted a budget so realistically there is almost nothing left.

There had only been an emergency £750 networking budget. We had also suggested ballpark figures, but no budget agreed. Every group needs to submit a proper budget.

Agreeing the finance report – One stand aside (hadn't read it)

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New treasurer appointed. Many thanks to Stuart for doing an amazing job until now! If you want to get involved, then email [finance@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:finance@climatecamp.org.uk). This job can't be done by one person so please volunteer.

Statement on our principles – This was discussed in Bradford and a draft circulated in Oxford. The statement attempts to incorporate not just the four aims, but also the three points of statement of belief which were on the network for climate action website.

Q: What is it for?

A: For the website, so that we have something to introduce the group at an entry level for new people.

Discussion:

\*Is it militant enough? It doesn't mention capitalism. It doesn't make it explicit enough that governments and corporations are the root of the problem

\*We can have this as a minimum and build on it.

- \*How do we define ourselves? 'Citizen' is problematic.
- \*Wordsmithing isn't the best way forward in terms of process.
- \*Once it's on the website it will be used and reproduced - better to get it right before we put it up.
- \*Change 'if anything' to 'in fact' this would really change the tone of the sentence.
- \*This is nothing new it's been in the public domain since the beginning of the camp.
- \*Add solidarity with IPCC scientists.
- \*It has been in the public domain, but we agreed it really early on in the process so it's good that we're discussing it again.
- \*Change citizens to responsible individuals.
- \*There isn't massive disagreement speak to the proposer over lunch and final consensus after lunch (but no one at this stage says that there are any fundamental issues).

### E.on F.off

Proposal: When we agreed the objectives of the e.on f.off in November etc  
 When we agreed the objectives of the e.on face off in November, it appeared that construction was imminent. However, this has not proved to be the case and as a result the nature of the face off has yet to be defined in practice. Therefore in order to prevent e.on from misrepresenting the nature of the face off and in order to prevent the police from misusing legislation to target legitimate protest, we feel there need to be some clarifications to the agreed objectives and plans for the face off. In particular, we need to clarify that when we say 'disruption' and 'obstruction' we mean in line with the climate camp's values. Secondly, we need to clarify that the climate camp is an open process that has publicly advertised meetings operating by consensus, and I not used to support secret actions. As a result we propose two things:

#### **1. Amendment to objective 2**

**Cause maximum disruption to all aspects of the construction of Kingsnorth power station, in a way which is consistent with climate camp's values.**

#### **2. A rewording of our plans for the face off**

**Climate camp commits to organise the obstruction of all processes which contribute to the building of a new Kingsnorth power station through publicly organised events and action.**

**-CONSENSUS**

### Strategy

Proposal: We should make the theme of this year carbon trading, reducing

What is Carbon Trading sheets – have a look and make comments.

### Copenhagen

The International Group is representing the Climate Camp at a planning meeting in a couple of weeks.

There was a working group meeting in Birmingham 2 weeks ago.

-Discussion on what the Copenhagen Group takes to the meeting.

### Discussion

\*Worth bearing in mind what we said in our strategy – proposals to use similar systems at COP are bound to fail we will actively oppose these.

\*Only thing missing from statement is a direct recognition that capitalism is a direct driver of climate change.

\*Lots of options for what action is taken in or out of conference centre.

\*The loss of sea ice is going to have a big impact on how people think.

\*We should focus on obstructing the corporate lobbyists.

Break down into small groups discussing how CC can support the aims read out.

### Feedback from small groups

- 1) Mobilising to get to Copenhagen but also doing a UK action. Perhaps global solidarity of shutdown of biggest emitters. Talked about Bonn – shouldn't we mobilise for that? But actually this action will end up being symbolic. This could be a great opportunity to spread the CC ethos around the world, meet up and do a big European climate camp. We won't be able to organise a camp in Copenhagen but could make logistics easier if we linked with other groups. Targeting corporate lobbyists – focussing on airports/hotels? Would be good for CC to have strong presence.
- 2) Have something happen here in the UK for people who can't go to Cop. Use the energy going into Cop to take forward afterwards to come up with alternatives. Outreach explaining why Carbon Markets don't work.
- 3) Carry on as we are before during and after saying Cop won't change anything. Network building at Cop. Strong anti-capitalist and environmental message. Government has got their own agenda – GB wants people to protest and wear blue gloves to 'cheer them on'. Use it as a movement building space.
- 4) Need to decide the politics before deciding the type of action. Big issues surrounding shut them in/shut them down. Exposing corporate agenda at cop 15 and preventing a bad deal. Movement building. No Bob Geldof moment. Wait to see what Southern groups want to do on shut down/shut in etc. Focus on corporate more important than shut them in shut them down. Pick apart the new green deal – see what's good and what's bad.

Summary: The proposal and aims from the international group got broad support and we discussed them in small groups.

### Convergence

-We had some positive discussions yesterday and are close to getting somewhere

-What we need to achieve: decisions that will enable working groups to start laying the groundwork for a convergence

- We need a date for the convergence and to work out where we stand with regard to an action so that networking know what to do
- Part of the issue with the date was to do with how an action relates to that
- Need to tackle that issue of action
- Yesterday there was strong agreement that we want to incorporate the bank holiday weekend in august
- There was a strong feeling that we didn't want to pre-advertise a mass action (if any)
- We agreed that target(s) need to be in line with the agreed strategy

Small group discussion to work out pros/cons of three possibilities:

- Mass action as part of the camp
- Mass action separate in time
- Themed actions or multiple targets

### Plenary

Summary: Positivity about mass action during the camp engaging people. There seemed to be a broad feeling that it would have to be done in a different way though. The idea of having a mass action separately seemed to have big concerns. The logistics of getting everyone back would be difficult. People seemed positive about the themed multiple actions forming affinity groups which can go on and do action in the future. However big concerns about the impact on media, messaging, timing etc. to create the narrative we want. Some concerns about including new people and being able to engage them.

Want to now get a sense of where the energy and enthusiasm of the room is (spectrum).

Mass action at the camp?

- Equal amounts of people from the "love it" to "hate it" end
- Hate it if it's publicised, love it if it's not
- In the middle because think mass action at camp is okay if done differently, but equally thinks that we could do small actions
- Real problem is how to have action without the camp itself getting pigged out

Mass action at separate time to camp?

- Most people at the "hate it" end, some in neutral
- Feel that the way the camp gets new people to take direct action is that they come and get the "buzz" and get inspired. Might not come back in 2 weeks.
- We should do a mass action after the camp AS WELL as during the camp
- We lose the whole feeling of being a camp for "climate action" – would become for "climate education"
- Middle of room opinion: Want to feel what the response is at g20 then we can get a sense of our ability to do separate action days
- The way out of this equation is to say that we won't decide on what type of mass action we will take – too many options so should defer decision but leave space for separate action if we decide that
- What we're primarily trying to decide is the dates for the camp

Themed actions at different targets?

- Most at the “love it” end, some in middle
- We’re becoming political chameleons!
- Opportunities to link this to other ideas
- Might not necessarily reduce policing problem

### **Plenary discussion**

One of the things which was a problem was having the day of action separate to the camp – not energy to commit to doing that at the moment. Could leave the option open though. Can we move forward and leave space to organise day of action afterwards if we want to? Wiggles.

Can we remove that as a block to deciding the dates of the camp? Wiggles.

Proposal: Sounds like we should use 4<sup>th</sup> week in august but don’t declare what we are doing in terms of action, other than that there will be action.

- We do need to set definite dates today
- We can say that we’ll encompass the bank holiday weekend
- Need to know exactly when the school holidays finish
- Schools back from Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September or later

Proposal: Wed 26<sup>th</sup> August until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Amendment: From Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> so we get an extra non-bank holiday or weekend day.

-Concern: Lots of action tends to happen at end of camp. If we end on Tuesday then all the affinity actions will happen there and tat down will happen at same time as actions.

-Christian and other events that weekend will clash with the camp and so they won’t come (greenbelt festival)

-20 minutes over already! Can we just test for consensus.

Firm Proposal: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>.

No clarifying questions

Concerns:

-Someone raised tat down concern – only a few people will be left to do it. Should go to Wednesday?

-The bank holiday weekend is a fantastic media opportunity – loads of people will want to come down after weekend but then we’ll be finished.

Blocks:

-none

6 Stand asides:

- Media concern
- Same
- Should be later

- Should have more business days for action
- Thought Wednesday to Wednesday proposal was better
- Wednesday to Wednesday would allow greenbelt people to come

Temperature check – Tuesday to Tuesday or Wednesday to Wednesday. Most people like the latter.

New Proposal: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Concerns:

- Personal concern with 3 children given schools go back on Wednesday
- Mass action would work better at end of the week and on a weekend
- Are we definitely having a week long camp? Can be made shorter if we decide.
- A week might be too long
- More days the better – would allow people to come if they have other plans for bank holiday weekend
- School concern again – might affect diversity of group

Blocks? None

5 Stand asides:

- People focussing on notting hill carnival – don't think it will make that big a deal. Would want to consider previous weekend
- Should just do it til Tuesday due to schools issue
- Maybe affinity group actions can happen after the camp anyway – so don't need to end on a business working day

Discussion:

- Don't give a shit about the date anymore!
- Should see how many people actually care. Temperature check: Fairly even split, though about half the room not expressing an opinion.
- Better to get everyone to wiggle.
- Practical point – EF gathering tatting down on Monday. Won't be ready for Tuesday. Wednesday might be better for that reason
- The closer to the weekend we take the land more people will come to secure it
- We are obsessing over creating reasons to be a problem. Should stick with wed to wed.
- Main concern about Wednesday to Wednesday is when we finish – don't need to use the whole type, can view it as an “envelope” for the camp

**Amended proposal: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September as an “envelope” period for the Camp to take place.**

**No blocks**

**2 stand asides**

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**Regional projects**

Proposal: The climate camp cannot give financial support to regional camps at this stage. However the process group will actively co-ordinate skill-sharing. This is beginning with a “guide” doc currently being written.

- Might be reviewed at next gathering
- Want to make it clear support from national process is not limited to money – we can skill share
- Don't necessarily need to test for consensus

Discussion:

- Scotland concern: Just want a loan – need seed money
- Same from wales
- Suggestion to suggest amounts of money for loan
- There is maybe a difference about projects which are organised via the national process – maybe the coal caravan wants to be a national project, so would be more eligible for finance?
- Scotland: Don't have a concrete proposal, but maybe want a loan for £500. Could be paid back within 2 gatherings
- Wales: Similar amount, timescale to pay back not known.
- Bristol: If £500 could be lent that would be great but mainly about networking/skillsharing
- £8k will be needed by other projects
- We don't want to tie our hands with the wording of the proposal – should have a process for loans if more money comes in
- Networking are going to publicise regional – maybe some money comes from networking budget?
- Wales bilingual so will need separate publicity
- Coal caravan: Minimum budget £4k. Whilst hasn't been part of national process, but came out of climate caravan from last year. Have just got on with it but fulfilling goals of climate camp. £1k would be brilliant.
- Regional camps are going to do their own fundraising, just need startup loans
- Coal caravan has submitted funding applications, will still need more money
- Will be publicising the climate camp a lot – producing a newspaper
- Seems to be a big ask from the coal caravan
- Coal caravan: Aim is to get out and into communities. Really need the money! Budget breakdown can be given.

Where we're at: Responded positively yesterday to regional projects but they are not proposing to be involved in our process. Coal caravan wants to become part of national process. There's no way we can make this decision now before the finance meeting. We need to make a decision now about whether we give any guidance about that to the finance group meeting this afternoon.

- Finance needs to be empowered to give loans if it can
- Difference is with the coal caravan – should it propose it exists as a project within the national process and so can have a budget?
- Not just about money – regional projects need gathering time to network/work with people from other areas.
- Need to embrace projects so we don't have fragmentation.
- If we are loaning to regional projects they should send somebody to each national gathering



- Another specific request from Wales: Please could people who have done it before come to Wales and help?
- Regional groups need to assess what they need together
- Everyone should be thinking about how they can help out. Process can help too.
- Scotland and Wales had a chat about strategy. Possible will link together on subject of coal.
- Might be a difficult task for finance meeting – we should give some indication of where our priorities lie.
- Finance response: It's not controversy, it's that the money might not be available. That simple – priorities are needed!
- We haven't been thinking about the timeline this year (both for projects and finance). Maybe the issue is to clarify when money is coming and going.
- Hard to take forward without that timeline (which we don't have right now)
- Can we get consensus that supporting regional projects is a priority? No – don't have time.
- Have to move on – no way to get consensus now.
- Clarification: We can also manipulate working group budgets.
- Can we do a temperature check on whether to give money to coal caravan?
- Proposal: Regional camps and coal caravan need to have discussions and budgets – that can't happen at this meeting.

## **Lunch**

### **Land Group feedback**

The following is a response to the 3 questions and concerns raised yesterday.

1) That people who arrive at the originally scheduled time of noon will get kettled if we all are swooping in at 1:00. In response to this concern, we suggest changing the time from 1:00 to 12:30.

The postcards says to meet at noon. The callout says "begin gathering at noon", the facebook page has the start time at 12:30. We expect people who don't receive the updated message are still likely to arrive after 12:00, as many will be following hippie time. If we make the start time 12:30, then we will be able to support both those who arrive at 12 and those who arrive later at 1. We also expect there will be people from the North who are less likely to be able to participate if the start time is too early. If the gathering wants the time of 12 we can work with that as well, but we do recommend 12:30.

Either way, it is important that everyone at this gathering go back to their local groups, and communicate this change. Neighbourhoods will need to meet to discuss how they are going to plan for this, because everyone needs to time their arrival precisely and arrive as self sufficient as possible. There will be sleep space and convergence space available before for those who need it. Keep checking the website for details.

There were a question about whether this group can organise security of the perimeter. No. We don't have the capacity. People should talk to their mates or Neighbourhood and it would be good if others can take this on.

There was a question about getting equipment on site. We suggest that people trying to get equipment on site divide the equipment between as many people as possible and get it in at exactly 12:30. In terms of tactics, we believe this is better than having this centrally organised, and we also do not have the capacity to take this on. We recognize that kitchens may need a bit of support with this, and someone will contact them should there be any concerns.

**Proposal to change G20 meet up time to 12.30pm meet up point.**  
**-CONSENSUS**

Project groups who will meet:

G20, Eon Foff, International, Convergence will meet

Fundraising: If you are doing any fundraising can you please email process@ to let us know what's being done so we can avoid overlap

Proposal:

To dissolve the action strategy and action support group as in practice they are defunct.

No time to consider this. In principle people are in favour of addressing this.

**Proposal for active consensus that the coal caravan becomes a climate camp working group.**  
**No stand asides, no blocks.**  
**CONSENSUS**

### **'What Unites Us?' Wording**

Proposal:

To agree the below "What Unites Us?" text, with minor amendments to be given to [roger@rgeffen.plus.com](mailto:roger@rgeffen.plus.com) in the following few weeks, to enable the finished draft to go out before the G20.

**We work together on the basis that:**

- **Climate change is already affecting millions of people around the world through extreme weather events, flooding and other disasters. We need urgent action now to avoid reaching catastrophic tipping-points.**

- a.. The climate crisis cannot be solved by relying on governments and big businesses with their 'techno-fixes' and other market-driven approaches. If anything, their grip on political and economic power lies at the heart of the problem, stifling the development of genuinely sustainable technologies and denying those most severely affected the opportunity to speak up for climate justice.**

- **As citizens we must therefore take responsibility for averting climate change, taking individual and collective action against its root causes and to**

**develop our own truly sustainable and socially just solutions. We must act together and in solidarity with all affected communities - workers, farmers, indigenous peoples and many others - in Britain and throughout the world.**

**"Our actions have the following aims:**

- **Education: raising our own and wider public understanding of the problem, its root causes and how it might be solved;**
  - a.. Sustainable living: exploring and experiencing in practice some of the ways in which a truly sustainable society might function;**
  - b.. Direct action: taking part in small and large group action to confront the root causes of climate change;**
- **Movement-building: acting in solidarity and forging links with people and groups with common or related interests, including workers and the communities or populations most acutely affected by climate change in Britain and throughout the world, to build a movement with the wisdom, diversity and strength to achieve true ecological and social justice."**

**-3 stand asides**

- **No reason**
- **Can't agree because hasn't read**

**-No blocks**

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### **Working group feedback**

#### **Finance meeting**

- Where the hell are networking? Nobody from networking came to finance meeting.
- Fundraising: We need to do it! We have no money. Everyone is applying for money.
- Everybody who has made fundraising applications needs to tell Justin
- G20 budget – £2305 + £1000 loan
- Coal caravan - £1000
- Finance group want to point out that now coal caravan is a working group that all their finances come through our finance process
- Question: Can funds be given directly to a working group or do they have to go through climate camp? Yes
- E.on f.off - £900
- It's incredibly difficult to work out finances if people don't tell finance what they need
- We don't even know what we're doing this year for the convergence – no idea at this stage how much money will be needed
- Question: We need to raise money – what sort of amount would make it a worthwhile activity?
- Networking hasn't yet had time to have a proper meeting this year. We need to stop squeezing out working group time in gatherings.
- Would be very helpful to have finance people in meetings during the gathering
- No money went to Scotland, Wales or Bristol – Had no time to reach consensus

## Legal

- Didn't meet
- Self funding this year

## Website

- Website group will start using Crabgrass for its process
- Website will be looking for feedback on training etc

## G20

- Tried to identify gaps
- Will meet again in 2 weeks at Carbon Trading training weekend

## Face off

- Going ahead with pledge to get done by the G20
- Talked about how the "space" is going to work
- Call out for people to be involved in the space

## International

- Agreed to postpone most stuff
- Don't want to bore people with the details

## Convergence

- Talked about logistics
- Need to get site/kitchen sorted
- Will meet again next gathering
- Talked about what further discussions need to be had in neighbourhoods and at the next gathering
- Prelim work being done – booking structures etc

## Glastonbury

- Applying to make a mini climate camp at Glastonbury

## Wrap-up

- Please sign up for Age of Stupid speaking
- Worry about regional convergence money – can't be discussed any more
- £300 can be allocated outside of gathering by finance
- Finance only heard about these proposals today
- Couldn't make decision because we don't know how much money we realistically have.
- If we make a decision now it might not stand at the next gathering – it's the end of the weekend

- £1000 freed up from f.off – partly in response to these regional finance requests
- We will have to come back to this at the next gathering – as decide now