

# **Camp for Climate Action**

## **Minutes**

### **Leeds Gathering: 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**(plus 2007 Financial Report and Accounts)**

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## SATURDAY A.M.

### INTRODUCTIONS

The facilitation team outlined the meeting process and agenda.

### FEEDBACK FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS / ACTIONS SINCE LAST GATHERING

#### **1. Mass Action**

Direct action is a defining feature of our movement. The group asked whether we are being successful or could we be doing more? Concern to be active all year round rather than just once a year: Features of mass actions: lots of people taking action together; inspiring, empowering, bring people together and build trust which can serve as 'trigger points' for yet more actions to happen. Yet we so often don't achieve this – people come to our mass actions without having a plan of their own, end up corralled by police and not shutting down their target. Mass actions create the expectation of a predetermined plan which they can simply follow. We must encourage people to form affinity groups who can form their own plans and act autonomously. Perhaps we should think about 'big' (rather than 'mass') actions. Faslane went out to different towns and provided them with action training – we need to do likewise. But we still need action ideas for people who simply turn up on the day too.

We need to think about the timing of other 'big actions', to maintain momentum without overloading our capacity. Suggestion of several days of actions spread through the year. Decision to promote at least 3 days of action: Fossil Fools Day (April 1<sup>st</sup>), a day on

Feeling that we need to get beyond all going to one place (e.g. Drax or Heathrow) and spread to multiple targets around the country.

The rationale for doing actions on different targets was questioned, rather than having a sustained attack on a clear target. Answer: it was felt that the targets selected were ones which haven't attracted attention yet – we need to galvanise debate and action on these. Also, the media tended to portray the Drax camp as being against coal, and the Heathrow camp as being against flying. We need to find ways to make it clear that we are against the whole economic system which drives climate change. It was also suggested that Heathrow is an issue on which there is a sustained campaign already happening, albeit one which is currently more mainstream and local rather than national and direct action focussed. It was also suggested that there was a need to co-ordinate our actions to avoid clashes of dates. But one of our strengths is that there is no 'master plan' and nobody knows everything that is going on within the movement. If there are so many affinity groups that their actions are clashing, that will be really healthy!

## 2. Strategy

<http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/larc.php>

## 3. Decentralised movement building

See separate notes on website.

## 4. Student Climate Project

Launch gathering in Dec to work out how to engage students in climate change action. Issues: how to make it emotive as well as intellectually sound, make it political not just personal action.

Needs lots of people to get involved –email [process@studentclimateproject.org.uk](mailto:process@studentclimateproject.org.uk)

Decisions: to hold Tour of Climate Action, one event every two months during term time: February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Cambridge, April 11<sup>th</sup>: Roehampton University, London.

## 5. Workers' climate action

Aim to build solidarity between workers' and environmental movements. Greens have been resistant to engaging with people who are hanging onto jobs in environmentally dodgy businesses.

Aim to undermine some of the support which the official unions are giving to environmentally dodgy industries – e.g. support of 'Unite' trade union for Heathrow expansion. For more info contact [paddygillett@googlemail.com](mailto:paddygillett@googlemail.com).

## 6. Activists' Tat Collective (ATC)

**Proposal that ATC should take on the role of holding, maintaining and lending out the climate camp movement's equipment. Make sure it is readily available to those who need it, that it is not lost (estimate that we have squandered c£100K in past 2 years) and kept in good order. This will cut down on stress, and on purchase, hire and maintenance costs. A legally established co-operative will own the kit, making it harder for police to impound it. There would be Climate camp would have prior call on the kit.**

Questions raised about 1) Whether the kit would all be in one place or several? Answer not known yet. 2) Would police really respect ATC's 'ownership' of the kit 3) What budget would be needed? Also to be worked out. 4) What would its legal structure be? It was also suggested that there should be review of the arrangement in a years' time. It was agreed to refer these issues to a working group.

**Proposal AGREED.**

## 7. Finance

We have £21,259.99 in bank!

(See Accounts and Financial report at end of this document)

## 8. Legal updates

The prosecution case collapsed against activist, so she was found not guilty of obstructing the police

when she super-glued onto the gates of the Heathrow camp.

The group who had shut down Radcliffe power station had used the 'defence of necessity' – i.e. the action was justified by the urgency of action on climate change. The judge took it seriously and will not announce his judgement on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. The defence's arguments will be placed on the website for others to use.

## **9. Actions since last climate camp**

20 women blockaded Department of Transport on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> (day before the climate demo) in protest against Heathrow expansion and M1 widening. Next court date Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

c30 RBS branches were mysteriously blockaded in several places in Scotland

Plane Stupid Scotland blockaded Edinburgh airport a few days ago.

c30 activists closed down what is probably Britain's largest open coal-mine in Merthyr Tydfyll recently. Clowns, polar bears and climate safety inspectors climbed on diggers and stopped them working.

Biofuels action in Nottingham and Middlesbrough both attracted media coverage.

Rising Tide Plymouth occupied Newquay airport in December

Some Plane Stupid penguins reclaimed the ice of the BA-sponsored ice-rink outside the Natural History Museum in London.

The high winds in December brought a tree down on the car of the former boss of

In Nov, a London Rising Tide group got into a carbon trading conference. They also did a die-in at Tate Britain exhibition sponsored by BP. Shell have dropped their sponsorship of the Wildlife Exhibition at the Natural History Museum

Group in Manchester blockaded passenger terminal in Oct.

Group in Oxford has opposing a major shopping centre development, doing tree-sits and presenting sustainable alternatives.

Internationally, groups planning climate camps have been shutting down airports,

All tomorrow's politics group in Glasgow seem to have been successful in opposing a local Tesco.

The Tesco Chief Exec had a 'greenwashing' welcoming committee when he visited Manchester recently.

There was feedback from a conference on a Tyndall Centre conference on climate change, which an activist from Manchester managed to attend and had found it really useful. There is an opportunity for someone to go to a similar event in April. Any applicants to the networking group. For further info visit [www.climateframework.org](http://www.climateframework.org).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a conference organised by Campaign Against Climate Change on trade unions and climate change – date 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, University Students Union, London.

The Earth First Action Update is now out.

From the Evening Standard's story claiming that we were planning terrorism at Heathrow has triggered a complaint to the Press Complaints Commission. ES has effectively admitted that the story was fabricated. The PCC ruling is expected but may force ES to publish a front page corrective story (i.e. one as prominent as the original).

We have an opportunity to provide a speaker at the Green Party conference next month.

Conference on migrant workers, potential link-up with No Borders movement. 29<sup>th</sup> March, SOAS, London.

Terminal 5 will open on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Plan for a flash mob, turning the terminal into some kind of a carnival. Although the bylaws prevent most activities (e.g. singing, handing out leaflets), it is not (yet!) illegal to wear a tee-shirt!

Saving Iceland campaign has written to the camp asking us to avoid clashing with their camp, which begins on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

World Social Forum day of action is today. Suggested that biofuels should be a focus. There will be biofuels protests in London on Wednesday and in Edinburgh on Thursday.

Leeds Uni has applied for a GM potato trial.

D is working on an interactive site which people can use to model the effects of particular climate

damaging proposals in an entertaining way. Would welcome feedback.

Observer is calling for nominations for 'climate hero'. Suggestion to nominate 'the power of collective action'.

Corporate Watch is working on a 'technofixes' publication. Would welcome feedback.

## **SATURDAY PM**

### **NETWORK FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

There was an update on NCA events and activities to date, including the Action Toolkit, the website and the list of 50-odd local groups who have joined the network.

The recent movement building/networking meeting that took place as part of the Camp process – talked about two things:

1) Days of action set for April 1<sup>st</sup> - Fossil Fools Day, international day with lots of interest already; May 1<sup>st</sup> – challenging false capitalist solutions e.g. biofuels, nuclear power, carbon trading, sequestration/capture etc, link with International Workers Day; June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> ish – Food and climate, work with permaculture, animal rights, international food campaigns etc.

2) From Oxford - wider network would be good, not just an annual event. This was discussed further and agreed with, because:

- a) Need action all year round
- b) Sustainable solutions need to be available and worked on all year round
- c) Ability to react to topical events and issues
- d) Magnify the impact of local events
- e) Avoid duplication and share skills
- f) Forum for strategic thinking and long-term planning

Who is/would be included in the network?

\* Neighbourhoods

\* Rising Tide, Plane Stupid, Biofuelwatch etc.

\* Camp becomes one (major) event that takes place as part of the network – skills and resources shared between the camp and other activities.

Three proposals based on the above have been brought forward from the movement-building meeting:

- 1) Climate Camp actively supports the three days of action (which are happening in any case)
- 2) Climate Camp actively supports fundraising for the three days of action
- 3) One day of each gathering is dedicated to the Network.

This was then opened for the gathering to discuss. It was decided to discuss the third proposal first, as it was the biggest one and would inform the others.

Sub-proposal: that the first time this “networking Sunday” happened, it should be devoted to working out the logistics of how this would work at future gatherings. However, the general principle would need to be decided now.

Questions: Q1) Is this just a name change or a fundamental change? Should we just set aside extra time for networking stuff? A1) Work has been identified that has slipped off the agenda in past years, time needs to be dedicated to it to make sure it happens. There has also been duplication between the Camp and NCA, this proposal would resolve it.

Q2) What is NCA? How does it make decisions? Is it different people from the Camp? A2) NCA is pretty much the same people as CCamp, but hasn't got much structure yet. This is about providing space to let NCA develop and let people work on other things, not just the “main summer event”.

Q3) Are the names confusing? Do we need to even call it NCA? Let's just have one day for planning a major event, and one for discussing everything else we need to do! Q4) This proposal

would help us to talk about more than just a Camp, make sure we're not seen as a one-issue/one-trick organisation. Q5) Why do local groups need to travel to a gathering to talk about their local actions? A5) Only need to meet nationally to talk about national coordination, not local actions.

Also, this doesn't need to be such a rigid division – perhaps if we just agree to give the Camp and the network equal weighting. Q6) This hasn't happened before because we didn't have the

time/capacity. Do we now have that capacity? A6) This is happening because a lot of people now want to put energy into this. Surely it doesn't make sense to have separate meetings for this from the Camp meetings, when it's all the same people and there's loads of overlap? Q7) There needs to be more on the website to draw new people in. Q8) This isn't a new thing, this is just us! We're

already a loose network, what we're essentially talking about is a better way of organising

ourselves. Q9) I'm against the proposal, because we need to move away from this old networking model – Climate Camp was great coz it was new and innovative, broke new ground, need to build

on that. Q10) I support this proposal, but I don't think we need a whole day per month. Q11) Not clear whether this is a big deal or a rebranding. Do we need a whole day, parallel meetings or just a

new working group? Also, we can do more to encourage local groups to feed in their ideas for mass action. Q12) Is this similar to what the networking group did in the past? Is this an expansion of

their role? Q13) Does it need to be such a precise split? Q14) This is about increasing and strengthening the network, will give us more capacity in the long term. Q15) Don't need the rigid

split. Q16) It would be ironic to say we don't have capacity to build capacity! New and innovative stuff would continue to emerge coz it's the same people who did the Camp. Q17) We need a better name!

Amended proposal: As above, but not a rigid Saturday / Sunday split. Also, clarify that this isn't “extra time for networking”, it's time for “everything else we want to do that isn't the Camp”.

Amendment: “Roughly equal consideration, with flexibility”. Some concern about this – will non-Camp stuff just fall off the agenda?

**Final Proposal: “Roughly equal consideration, with flexibility, is given at future Gatherings to organising the main summer event (e.g. the Climate Camp), and to other nationally-coordinated activities.”**

**One stand aside.**

**Consensus!**

Return to Proposals 1 and 2:

Clarification: the two days of action are happening, these Proposals are about whether we want to support them. There seemed to be interest in discussing Proposal 1 further, which there wasn't time for now. Proposal 2: Not about putting in time and support, just about agreeing a few hundred pounds to get things started. No clear budget being presented. Finance Group can agree up to £300 without wider discussion, so don't need to talk about it now. If the days of action need more, they should come back later with a more detailed proposal.

## **DISCUSSION ON THE FORM OF THE SUMMER EVENT**

Pros and cons of different forms of event were presented.

1) Caravan. Pros: Allows lots of different issues to be included, resonates with historical marches (Mexico, India), good for movement-building as can link with lots of local groups, it comes to people, powerful bonding experience – journeying together. Cons: could dissipate energy, logistics difficult, need to find accommodation, police could block it, hard to do examples of sustainable living, tiring, accessibility issues, people might just come for a day not long term, may not have numbers in one place to have an effective mass action.

2) Rural Camp. Pros: Feeling of convergence and critical mass, more than sum of our parts, creates a new space, larger numbers than a mobile camp, mass action more likely, serves as a base for number of small actions and other issues, can welcome new people easily, lasts long enough for people to hear about it and find it, familiar / public profile, less scary for new people, we doubled the numbers from Drax-Heathrow...?, we know how to do it, only need to put things up once, sustainable living examples. Cons: Can suck up lots of energy, dominates meetings, could get stuck in a rut, not innovative, looks single issue, police have practice now...

3) City Camp / Urban Convergence. Similar in many ways to Urban Camp. People would be staying in scattered venues in a city but get together for meetings/events. Pros: Feeling of



convergence and critical mass, more than sum of our parts, creates a new space, larger numbers than a mobile camp, mass action more likely, serves as a base for number of small actions and other issues – lots of targets in a city!, can welcome new people easily, lasts long enough for people to hear about it and find it, less work on infrastructure, might be easier to involve local people, police don't know where we all are, less visible. Cons: Police can put pressure on landlords, needs lots of support from locals, need lots of organising and networking with existing groups.

4) Blockade: Not in opposition to other proposals. Could happen during, before or after other events. Lasts 1-3 months. Could be in a more permanent structure than a camp e.g. a village, could fit in with a caravan, could include . Pros: Ups the ante – lasts a long time! Lots of opportunity to get involved, accessible action, room for variety of actions, less manic than a short-term camp, regions could come down at different times, epic quality of us vs. carbon, could build in other proposals. Cons: Do we have the resources and capacity to keep it going and keep the site defended, is it always the most effective method, dilution of energy.

## **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS**

### Biofuels

#### Inningham between Hull and Grimsby

- joint fossil fuel/biofuel focus
- Green Energy target
- link with climate justice
- fossil fuels and biofuels together are quickest way to global meltdown/die off – accelerating the speed of what would happen with fossil fuels on own
- alliance of world's biggest corporations – oil, gm, agrobusiness, car, coal, aviation... -- tackling corporate alliance
  - still in its infancy – if we wait it will be difficult to stop
- this year major decisions will be made about biofuel policies – they will be difficult to reverse, they will determine the future of the industry
- pull together climate change, biodiversity, gm/biotech, poverty campaigners (rising food prices), human rights (land grab on massive scale)
- Inningham has a biofuel refinery, ethanol refinery, coal terminal, cargo port and it's in the vicinity of oil refinery
- likely to be a rural camp
- not much of an activist community around
- 'howling windswept mudflat'
- Hull hit by floods last summer and a potential to mobilise a now concerned public

### Protest near Liverpool

- refinery under construction
- established groups will do stuff at different refineries – decentralised
- camp itself will be fluffier (encourage more campers, less police, lighter camp)
- decentralised protests will allow us to point to number of refineries around the country
- may allow us to shift the image of network away from camp to what else we will be doing – spread word about our diverse message
- media coverage: European City of Culture that year, Manchester nearby

### Coal & Kingsnorth

- coal is dirtiest of fossil fuels
- no new plants in 30 years in UK but industry trying to build resurgence

- proposed new station (site of old one) at Kingsnorth – to open 2013
- 6 others in the planning process, but Kingsnorth already permission by local council and on desk of Gordon Brown – critical time to stop new coal (if this one goes ahead, so does others)
- being justified on the basis that it will be 'capture ready' – requires more oil to do this and won't be ready when the plants open – greenwash
- decision on UK energy for years to come
- Kingsnorth is in Kent on a peninsula – potential difficulty of getting off peninsula
- owned by company called Eon – if you add up all the power stations they own, they're far and away the biggest carbon emitter in the UK
- action would be against current plant
- Greenpeace and local Friends of Earth working on it
- when we go it will either be decided, in planning proposal or bottled because we've decided to go there
- this will also involve more open cast coal mines
- this was already fleshed out and investigated by land group last year – found viable

#### Caravan from mini camp at Heathrow to Kingsnorth

- need to tell a good story: clear and inspiring, will push idea that capitalism and sustainability are incompatible – must be exciting, that we all want to make happen
- should say that we want to stop expansion of fossil fuel economy, no more economic excess, no more fossil fuel growth – core of problem
  - Heathrow and Kingsnorth are the centre of this right now
- start with 'a something' at Heathrow (shouldn't lose sight of good work we did there last year)
  - not confrontational/action based – maybe mini-camp, workshops
- proceed by caravan to action at Kingsnorth (build minimum possible camp we need there to make the action happen)
- probably depends on rented site near Heathrow (possible because of connections from last year and the money we have)
- even if we don't want to go to Heathrow, caravans can start wherever to a single action at Kingsnorth
- politically links the last two camps, moves forward because we won't be just against a particular sector – focus on expanding fossil fuel economy
- lots of different angles, lots of different possibilities for involvement depending on enthusiasm and energy
- flexibility depending on capacity
- Thames and M25 link the sites
- camp focused stuff at Heathrow site, action won't need to be cluttered up by stuff at camp
- caravan is great outreach
- time scale involved means really good media story, momentum of moving from aviation to coal, good story in increasing numbers...
- moving around keeps cops on their toes, won't know exactly where people are coming from or where it's beginning

#### Join the Dots

- build on advantages from last camps: mass media interest and coming together
- but also the problems: numbers involved, centralised organising, where people are coming from (mainly around the target), problems with mass action, rural camp isn't like everyday lives (most people live in city), message gets lots in media
- 'it's the economy stupid'
- caravan around country, stopping for workshops an action, relay idea because not everyone will do the whole thing – final destination blaze of glory
  - walking down M1, mass train jump, etc

- overall theme: economic growth is the problem
- needs big end point/finale of action: convergence wherever we end up, so some camp elements would be in there
- decentralised: folks organising section in their own area, strengthen local networks and local media
- inclusive: much easier to go on march for day then to camp in field for week
- idea for route: Grangemouth oil refinery near Edinburgh, train jump to refinery in north, visit drax, down M1, East Midlands airport, Heathrow, in front of BP HQ, reenactment of June 18 reclaim the streets party, to Kingsnorth...
- actual targets and route will be decided by those who want to host it
- looking at time scale of around 2 weeks (longer would lose momentum)

### Incineration

#### Newhaven (near Brighton, Sussex)

- permits just withdrawn by EA because of climate change issue, but by July they're probably going to start building (planning permits will be put in again) – May to October likely to start building
- incineration propagates consumerism/capitalism – burn the waste
- methane is one of worst gases – most emitted by landfill, and this is connected to incineration
- there will be nuclear incinerators built (including Newhaven)
- will take in waste from London and also France
- double profit by taking waste from other countries
- inform public that it isn't just about the obvious forms of industry – also other insidious forms that we don't realise – give people a holistic picture of what's going on
- would like to turn it into a long-term occupation
- big activist community to tap into
- camp would be nearby (site is contaminated), but they'd like to take the site and build towers for long-term
- even a one day event, via caravan, would back up the existing direct action group there and help raise the issue

### Heathrow Day of Action

- how do we top last year?
- instead of camp, having a day of action in one place where we all go to
- back to Heathrow (don't always just move on) – say we're sticking to the issue
- go the step further: we didn't shut it down and we could have
- by the time we get there the consultation will be almost finished or they would have decided – prepare them for the next 15+ years of protests
- or: same thing, one day, to the city in London – not just to airport, coal port, but actually going for the city – talking about the people who finance this and make billions of dollars
- could still bring in other elements: workshops organised around, set up wind turbines, etc
- wouldn't have the same mobilising force if it was just a day of action outside of climate camp's big event

### Car Imports

- at major port
- 80% of direct emissions – huge part of global economy

### Many Regional Camps

- decentralisation

### Permanent Camp at Heathrow

- going to Heathrow and staying

(people who proposed these weren't at the meeting)

Other ideas:

Open Cast Coal Mine

- South Wales
- possibly a regional camp, depending on local resources
- New government proposals around nuclear

## **SUNDAY PM**

### **TEMPERATURE CHECKS**

1. Many camps at the same time (regional) or one event (not specified exactly what) at the same time
  - vast majority at one event end, 3-4 people on many camp end
  - proposal: take regional camps off the list of options – consensus
2. Which of these two options is your favourite: caravan/something moving or a static camp/event (like last two years)
  - people spread throughout the room, but more towards the static end of things
3. If there was a moving element (caravan, travelling between), how much energy would you personally put into organising it?
  - large minority of people who are up for it (enough to make it happen)
  - also a large number who are at end of not putting energy into it
4. If there was a static event (camp, urban convergence, blockade), how much energy would you personally put into organising it
  - everyone at end of putting energy into it
5. If both static and moving event are happening, which one are you putting your energy into? (middle for energy in both)
  - minority of people at caravan end, large number in middle, large number at static end
6. Huddle around the proposal that you most want to happen (not necessarily ruling out the other options) – trying to see what people are passionate about and what hasn't got any energy at all
  - **proposal: remove Day of Action in the city, London – consensus**
  - **proposal: remove incinerator near Brighton as main event – consensus**
  - **proposal: remove car imports as the main focus – consensus**
  - **proposal: remove Day of Action at Heathrow as main event – 3 stand asides (1 grumpy), no blocks – consensus for rest**
  - **proposal: remove permanent camp at Heathrow starting in July – consensus**
  - still on the table: Heathrow to Kingsnorth, coal at Kingsnorth, a biofuels target/location (Wirral or Inningham), Join the Dots UK tour and combinations of ideas

Concerns with remaining options

## Biofuels at Immingham or the Wirral

- need to look at what's right strategically – fundamental question is what will get lots of people together at an event which will challenge the system – no option has obvious spark so we have to make the spark – this is not biofuels
  - physically, politically and psychologically Immingham is isolated – need to build movement to beat it and this isn't Immingham
  - need to move forward: need to talk capitalism, large exposure and resonance and getting lots of people involved – Kingsnorth is better than biofuels
  - argument will not be about capitalism – won't get to talk about main anti-capitalist issues
  - system can survive the end of biofuels issue, can't survive coal/fossil fuels
  - didn't get core issues exposed last year and biofuels will wind up the same
  - Greenergy is small part of the whole port – practical issues for an action – great to do the whole port, but the biofuels message will be lost if we do this – many locals work there, lots of local hostility, won't have that much effect on Greenergy if we do the whole port and if we only shut down Greenergy there won't be much political resonance
  - lacks iconic confrontation – big power station represents start of new industrial expansion
  - biofuels needs action and campaign, not 'the' climate event of this year
  - doing coal at same time will be distracting
  - international camps look like they're going for coal, will be powerful if we do it as well
  - concerned about access to reasonable land – to agree to land, would want to know that we can get suitable land
  - lets agree to a national day of action, not the camp

- negative for all proposals: if we don't have more people than last year at Heathrow then it will be perceived that we aren't moving forward

## Responses:

- don't agree that you go for coal and not biofuels if you want to challenge the system
  - they are a fundamental part of delaying peak oil, part of the neocons national security issues – don't dismiss biofuels as a way to challenge growth and the system – it is the most vulnerable part in the chain
  - decisions are going to be made this year and if we don't take it on as a major issue maybe we are playing into their hands
  - time factor is more pressing for biofuels than coal
  - there has been some success in the mainstream press and it should be built on
- technical point: a decision on 1 of 6 coal fired plants will be made this year

## Coal at Kingsnorth

- concern with static event that doesn't allow us to explore the linkages with all the issues
- need to lift game from last year and we have to be doing something more audacious – Kingsnorth on own isn't more audacious – if on its own it will be dismissed as single issue
- concern with access and isolation
- coal is big sector of energy market where biofuels is only 10% - chance of win is much greater with biofuels
- what can we do on the day of action? Looking back on Drax, just a bunch of people getting stopped by cops and even at Heathrow it didn't feel like a huge number of people were out there – don't just want to be sitting by a fence looking at riot cops – will be set back if we fail again at an action
- inadvertently could be pushing for biofuels if we do a coal target – will look like a good renewable (a combo of the two will help this)
- WDM and Greenpeace are fighting this fight – if we don't focus on biofuels we're missing an opportunity to bring something into the public domain

- both biofuels and coal are really important so trump question is which place will bring in more people
  - need to look very soon at starting to thread things together: if we put Bristol biofuels, Heathrow and Kingsnorth together then people will work on what they're passionate about in a way that won't happen with other options
- need to be seen to be leading the debate and the big picture is really important – need to get message out that feedback mechanisms are speeding it up, Kingsnorth misses this – need to link with bigger picture, which biofuels does
- Americans and Australians are attacking parts of the coal chain, we should be part of it
- we say we are part of a systemic critique, but we haven't looked at ecosystem collapse yet (two on fossil fuels) – let's do biofuels and make the systemic critique

#### Response

- being audacious is what we do at the target – could be looking at riot cops anywhere
- coal being a bigger part of the national grid means that we should be doing it more, not less

#### Heathrow to Kingsnorth Caravan

- why not in the reverse?
- will lose people on the trek
- don't want to spend July in a mobile kettle just to get to the end of a long walk knackered and unable to do anything
- it doesn't include biofuels
- if people are on a march, where is the personnel to set up the camp? very hard to have something mobile leading into it
- before we could discuss it seriously we would need to hear about physical possibilities of catering and transporting people
- both targets very good and part of crucial decisions, but caravan is a concern – how are we really going to do it and what is it going to look like? how will it not distract from getting more people than were at Heathrow in one place
- by the time we get to Kingsnorth there won't be anyone left to take action
- anything that works against numbers won't be an option

#### Responses

- caravan doesn't have to be a convoy, just a series of jump points where we pick people up/do action
- caravans are fucking amazing! the idea that we're going to lose momentum isn't true – collectively moving through towns in a completely legal fashion is amazing – lots of people can join on for a day, get more people involved, fluffy enough for new people, lots of people who won't feel comfortable coming to a camp or blockading will get come – marchers won't have to be the same people in the camp (will bring in FoE, other groups)
- food and accommodation won't be a problem because people are very helpful – coming from past experience on a caravan
- last year with Heathrow much of the fear was with the unknown, just like this – Kingsnorth is not audacious, the caravan is the audacious thing to do

#### Join the Dots

- talk of it taking longer than a week, saving Iceland need us done by the 10<sup>th</sup> so people can join their camp
- two weeks from Grangemouth south is too long with not enough people
- focus: which form of event gets the most people? need AN event – need a big day, publicised in advance – caravan is cool, but shouldn't have equal weight

- risk of being exclusive: train jumping, cross country, time requirement – hard for most
- massive duplication of effort in terms of accommodation, food, medics, Indymedia
- people need to be in one place: workshops, in the evening over beers, movement building – if it's scattered, you're going to have less networking, meeting up – needs to be centralised as possible
- accessibility: biking across country will be young, able-bodied, without children – very different from our accessible camp – more of a specialist activity
- dangerously close to a tour against capitalism, which is great, but we're not ready for – too vague
- caravan is great but shouldn't be main event, should happen in the run up

#### Responses

- route was just a suggestion, route should be decided later and shouldn't stop us
- still supposed to end in a big finale – publicity should still give date and place for big fuckoff thing
- series of events in different places, by different methods – it's not about people starting from Grangemouth and travelling the whole country – people will do different things in different areas and everyone should try to get to the finale
- numbers depends on effort and publicity
- can be a feeder thing into a bigger camp

### **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

#### Group A

##### 'Movement for Climate Action'

- bringing everything together: Kingsnorth, Biofuels plus linkage

#### Group B

- biofuels to Kingsnorth
- caravans should be organised locally, not top down from this group
- want to stress the importance of local preparatory events, organised by local groups, getting people to take part in caravans and main event

#### Group C

- struggled to achieve consensus
- small event at the beginning, large event at the end, including biofuels and Kingsnorth, starting fluffy and safe to big and scary

#### Group D

- didn't reach consensus
- desire for something with clear message
- local group caravans to central or several central locations
- desire for equal focus on biofuels/coal
- movement building and political statement/policy goals/objectives clashing
- many concerns with logistics
- stress on audacious concept

## SUNDAY PM

### PROPOSALS

- proposal: The main event of cc 2007 is a single camp with energy for creating a caravan feeder and a working group to be formed to investigate and move that forward
- one main camp, but would have to start somewhere so if the working group decides there will be another camp at the beginning or along the way, that's up to them

concern on proposal:

- rushing into something and don't know if it should be an action or a camp at the end, depending on what we decide on where it is, not sure if camp is at beginning of end, but yes, it's part of it
- by passing this as a proposal we won't be properly looking at something that might have been qualitatively different – we have the time to do this even if it will take longer

#### Afternoon Session

concerns with proposal:

- can't see us coming to decision if we start with idea that we're going to have one big camp (becomes biofuels vs. coal)

amended proposal: the main event of the cc process is a single camp, but there is energy within the process for a caravan feeder, which could start with an event, and could have actions along the way, and there will be a working group formed to investigate it further

- distinction here is with camp coming at either the beginning or the end

concerns:

- don't achieve anything by putting a structural proposal on it – doesn't have any substance and we need to find the substance behind what we're doing
- balance still isn't right here, giving group who is excited by other idea an opportunity is worthwhile
- proposal on back burner
- underlying debate: do we want to compromise and try and find solution that keeps everyone happy, or maybe not do that but do the passionate, audacious option? discuss.
  - disagree: this isn't just a compromise, it's a new, exciting idea – really isn't like Heathrow vs. Midlands last year, could be a new, different, better thing

selling the new proposal

- two week event probably finishing with a big, mass action at Kingsnorth (best for mass action, not necessarily best for camp)
- sticking point with Kingsnorth is that it doesn't deal with biofuels which there is massive energy for – Bristol has what will be the biggest biofuel refinery being built right now
- start in Bristol with big event and travel from there to Kingsnorth, go through Heathrow, stopping for a couple of days, moving on to a very focused action camp at the end
- how would it link up? travelling could be done by small affinity groups, also a canal flotilla 'movement for climate action'
- envisage as three events, all building on each other, working towards final event which links internationally

clarifications/concerns:



- where are people going to stay at each location? people are going to have to organise at three places and it will be energy intensive
- still worried about the compromise solution, in danger of demolishing the political platform built at Heathrow – no big and spectacular story – maybe we won't give anything the impact that it needs by spreading selves so thin
- it will dilute it in the media if we don't pick an issue – it will be lost, not as well covered, not the same political impact
- won't bring enough people to make the journey between big and massive
- realistically/logistically we could only have one camp and should happen at Kingsnorth – all of the other things would have to rely on local people in Bristol and Kingsnorth
- it isn't as much about excites us, as what will excite other people – don't think other people outside this room will be excited
- worry about being too centrally planned and prescriptive
- linear hit this-this-this vs. Kingsnorth as main thing with local actions happening organically and locally
- cannot ask Bristol to do this without them being here and agreeing – cannot prescribe route, need to talk to other people from those areas first
- need a focus so that we can explain to people outside this room – we can't do this twice in a fortnight, something can happen at the beginning, but cannot be equal weight

#### Responses to concerns:

- potential for this idea to be more exciting and more of a story in the media than just Kingsnorth could ever be – nothing more simple and iconic to a big march to stop something, cross-country caravan idea will be a good space for the media to build up that idea
- actually, could be that we have many more people because people who can't go the whole way will get to do part of it
- very opened up and inclusive in a way that the far end of Kent won't be

#### More points:

- very worried about fossil fuel target as main because it will legitimise biofuels
- concerned that process is going to push Kingsnorth without adequately reflecting where the energy really is
- caravan could become some massive police kettle
- ideological split between people who think we must pick one thing and people who feel we have so little time that we have to make the interconnections between the different things
- biofuels would pull in many different campaigns on a global scale

#### General discussion:

- don't see why we need consensus on the caravan, just do it, but ultimately everyone does seem to want to have a camp at the end
- if we have a shut them down, stop them happening moment, if we have that this year then it will help the movement take off – there is no better way to kill a movement than decentralising too early – need a spectacular success – let's agree on a big fuck off action and figure out target after maps and tactics have happened (maybe a caravan on the way there...)
- leave what happens beforehand open – take it back to local area for each one to take something on, and know what the final target will be
- moving things isn't just a mishmash but is actually iconic in itself as well
- need to come away today with a basis for talking to other people in the next month
- one thing vs. link it: combine by saying that we will target the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and finish it off with a big event – this would be a good thing to come out with today
- even if we stop Kingsnorth, we haven't done anything if we don't build a movement – the caravan will do that

- if put all our energy only into the end result (camp) we might regret it
- everyone agrees: should be a big event and should be some sort of caravan
- two decisions: what form the caravan takes & what is the final action

**proposal: this year's climate camp event will consist of at least a climate action camp and a caravan linked with that event**

- **action camp and a caravan linked with that action camp**
- **caravan will include a start point which we haven't specified anything about**
- **1 stand aside: virtually no further forward than where we were at the end of the last meeting, no blocks – consensus**

Dates

- original idea to have it all at the same time internationally, at end of July
- Australia: 11-16<sup>th</sup>
- Westcoast US: 28<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Eastcoast: 30<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August
- fliers accidentally distributed say the 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
- Saving Iceland would like us to finish by July 10<sup>th</sup>, but it just isn't possible
- 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> is beginning of school holidays in England (most will be done by the 21<sup>st</sup>), a week earlier in Scotland
- proposal: we could go between the 16<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of July and call it a month of climate action
- proposal: 23<sup>rd</sup> July-6<sup>th</sup> August (accommodates fliers and within the school holidays)

clarification:

- are we allowing flexibility for changes (ie: for caravan and what makes sense)
- just that it happens within these two weeks
- is the camp going to happen at the end? last year there was much discussion about what day action should happen on
- international day of action being talked about for August 4<sup>th</sup>
- main thing is for people to be able to take a full week off when booking time off
- the only festival this clashes with is Womad

**proposal: camp part of the summer event happens b/t wed 23<sup>rd</sup> and wed 6<sup>th</sup> August**

- **stand aside: 1 feels like they haven't been listened to, 1 wants week of action later so people can go to Saving Iceland, 1 doesn't think it is explicit enough for those needing to take time off work, 1 wants to have discussion on when a day of action should be before we make this decision, 1 thinks that doing this hems us in from the biofuels/coal combo**
- **is making this step more beneficial than just July? yes.**
- **now: 3 stand asides**
- **agreed.**

## NEXT STEPS

- biofuels rekys being sorted and they will be given a list of issues to bear in mind
  - need a photograph of site so that we can start envisioning what we'll do
  - feeling that the issue isn't about whether there is a space for a camp on a biofuels site, so the biofuels group needs to think about whether they can live with being the first event or a feed in so that we can move forward
- group of people who want to have a meeting to flesh out the caravan idea: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February Sheffield, 1pm at 47 Caldershaw Road – email process to get on email list – make sure biofuel group get linked
- people need to be thinking about working groups they'll want to be part of

- what other information do we need to make a proper decision next meeting?
  - lack of visuals – come with visual idea of how things might take place to get people motivated
  - objective information about each proposal: how much emissions are, money involved, what's the next key stage in regulatory/planning process (not at front of our mind to try and make this strategic decision)
  - come with vision for what will audacious, exciting thing will happen at each of the targets/the story of the whole
  - two people will work together to get coal stats (paul/leila),
- concern over our security policy

#### Working groups

- caravan
  - Volunteer to be point of contact.
- networking
  - Networking group will take email addresses
- process: people who have responsibility of looking at overview, but know who's where and link people up (facilitate issues being raised in one gathering being carried through to next), support gatherings and a finance subgroup
  - suggestion that earlier incarnation of facilitation group was better
  - minutes coordination/secretary needed: readable minutes with synopsis each gathering - volunteer found!
  - (People found for beginnings of process)
- other working groups need to start happening at the next gathering

#### Next Gatherings

- **Nottingham: 1st-2<sup>nd</sup> March**
- **Scotland: 5th-6<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Scotland will contact finance to put it on the list as soon as location is known**
- **will need support with other facilitators!**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NVDA train the trainers day to be held – date will be put on website
- fossil fuels day leaflets – distribute widely!
- Funny Day comics available from LARC
- Mule being produced in Manchester to be distributed nationally
- sign No Third Runway postcards!
- trade unions and climate change conference: 9<sup>th</sup> February University of London Union
- student climate project in Cambridge has first project on 15<sup>th</sup> February
- biofuel week this week with actions around country – check out biofuel watch website

## **THE CAMP FOR CLIMATE ACTION 2007 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE REPORT**

### **The Finance Team**

The Finance Team consisted of two co-treasurers. This team was originally part of Process Group,

which worked well as this gave a good overview of things, particularly as one member of the team had a wider “Process Hat” as well. Once the Camp began, two further people joined the Finance Team to help, and the Team became part of Site Group, in particular taking on responsibility for attempting to manage Site Group’s budget.

## **Overview of Financial Planning**

Each working group submitted a budget proposal to a national gathering, where it was approved (sometimes after amendment). The Finance Team was happy to consult with working groups when they were preparing their budgets. An evolving cash-flow forecast and whole-Camp budget was maintained by the team throughout the process. Each working Group was asked to supply the Finance team with a list of people who would approve that Working Group’s expenditure.

## **Overview of Financial Procedures During The Camp**

The cash collected during the camp was counted by the Finance Team at least twice a day and banked at the local post office using a third party’s cash point card. It would have been good to arrange a facility to bank directly into the Camp’s account at a post office, but there wasn’t enough time to sort this out once we realised it would be a good idea! Any claims for money from representatives of Working Groups were paid where budgets allowed, or where it seemed reasonable.

Procedures were drawn up and approved for extraordinary payments to be made in emergencies. (see policy)

In response to recommendations from 2006, the Finance Team worked from a van, and this worked well, particularly from the point of view of accessibility and security.

## **Fundraising**

Early in 2007 there was a separate Fundraising Team. They had some success in bringing in money. The Fundraising Team more-or-less dissolved once it appeared that all possible sources had been approached. The practice of having fundraising and finance separate is a good one.

## **The Camp Budget**

The final approved budget (made up of all of the Working Group budgets plus a £3000 contingency) came to £32433. £1700 of the contingency was later allocated to Site Group. In practice, Site Group worked with a budget developed later as the scale of it’s task became apparent. This later budget totaled £22755, and Site Group spent close to this amount.

## Working Group Budgets

Once approved, Working Groups managed their own budgets. Fourteen budgets were submitted to National Gatherings. In order of size they were; Site, Networking, Workshops, Process, Activist Trauma, Legal Support, Liaison, Indymedia, Meetings, Kids, Gate, Tranquility, Medics and Welcome. The budgeting process mostly ran smoothly, and the practice of holding finance meetings parallel to other business at Gatherings was a success.

Two groups were appreciably over budget; Site (27% over it's approved budget) and Liaison (56% over it's approved budget). Most Groups were comfortably within their budgets and the Camp as a whole overspent by only £2700, Or 8.3%. Both the Working Groups who overspent dealt with unexpected developments and Liaison Group's role expanded as time went on.

One problematic aspect of the Working Group budgets was the inclusion of the Kitchen within Site Group. The kitchen was expected to make a surplus (and did) and given the amount of work that it generated for the Finance Team, it would have been better to have it as a separate working group, perhaps with a starting "loan" budget of a few thousand pounds.

## Camp For Climate Action Climate 2007

Income and Expenditure Account - 1/1/07 - 31/12/07

Balance at Start	15190.18
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Income	Notes	
Group Donations	1	1399.00
Donation Prior		5650.81
Donations During		11978.04
Donation After		990.00
Grants	2	9000.00
Last Chance Saloon		7500.00
Sales		650.62

Interest		489.40	
Kitchen	3	5000.43	
Total Income			42658.30
Expenditure			
Site		23700.29	
Small Working Groups		1293.50	
Networking		7291.49	
Process		302.63	
Legal Support		328.14	
Liaison		594.20	
Workshops		1129.15	
2006 Expenses	4	1464.12	
Activist Trauma		493.97	
Total Expenditure			36597.49
Excess Income			6060.81
Balance At End			21250.99

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**Camp For Climate Action 2007**

**Working Group Expenditure Analysis**

Working Group	Approved Group Budget	Budget Spend	Total Cost
Site	18688	126.8%	£23,700.29
Networking	6975	104.5%	£7,291.49
Workshops	1900	59.4%	£1,129.15
Process	600	50.4%	£302.63
Activist Trauma	500	98.8%	£493.97
Legal Support	490	67.0%	£328.14
Liaison	380	156.4%	£594.20
Indymedia	350	100.0%	£350.00
Meetings	350	87.4%	£306.00
Kids	300	73.3%	£220.00
Gate	200	108.8%	£217.50
Tranquility	200	0.0%	£0.00
Medics	150	100.0%	£150.00
Welcome	50	100.0%	50.00
Total*	32433	108.3%	£35,133.37

\*(The total included the remaining £1300 contingency)

2006 Exp

£1,464.12

Total Spend

£36,597.49

**Notes to the Income and Expenditure Account**

1. Groups who donated to the Camp were: New Internationalist, Green Action Society (University of Leeds) and The Millennium Oak Trust.
2. Grants were received from: The Rainforest Information Centre, Artists Project Earth and Poldham and Puckham. Thanks to the Climate Outreach and Information Network (COIN) for helping with some of those.
3. The actual surplus made by the kitchen is £2930, since £2070 was spent by the kitchen from the Site budget.

The costs from 2006 included Plane Stupid legal costs, 250 “ Reclaim Power” DVDs, 2006 Kid’s Group expenses, a Web hosting fee and a contribution to The Common Place for storage.