

13th – 14th December 2008 – London.

Summary

Consensus

- WG remits – Space, Action Support, Research (formerly Strategy) and Networking
- Interim budgets approved for networking and international.
- January Gathering will be one day on priorities: face off, Copenhagen, camp and others, will there be a camp and camp/action proposals. Rest of Gathering as time for WGs

WG actions

- All WG asked to speak to Space WG about their requirements
- Fundraising – preparing festivals proposal
- Research WG - looking at possible actions and camp possibilities, contact via research@climatecamp
- Action Support WG sorting out training.
- Media WG sorting out how to support days of action and resubmitting remit in January

All actions

- Submit proposals for January early, so draft agenda can be discussed at n'hood meetings in early January
- Contact networking if you want red cards for FA Cup leafleting
- Space WG needs more people.
- Finance needs people
- Send any feedback on recent Kingsnorth leaflet to networking group.
- Please distribute new Fossil Fools Day cards. Lots of resources available on ff website and network for climate action website.
- Fundraise for person who didn't get legal aid
- Whoever gave £100 in cash to Bindmans, please tell legal because it can't be used at the moment due to money laundering rules.
- Please reclaim property from Police.
- N'hoods consider what can be done about travel pool and whether n'hoods are functioning
- Submit proposals on camp possibilities
- If you were arrested at Climate Camp, please tell legal WG about the outcome

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Recap

Major decisions so far:

- Pledge to return to Kingsnorth following 2008 Camp. Now e.on face off 'take the power back'. Objectives: Stop approval. Max disruption to all aspects of construction. Max movement building. Challenge social and economic systems. Support workers and communities affected. How: events, secret actions and supply chain intervention. Decided to find space in Kent to support action.
- Agreed to mobilise around Copenhagen – international working group formed.
- Various other working groups formed or reformed.

What next for Face Off?

Review of action so far and discussion of what next.

Actions so far:

- London: demo outside e.on office and general stickering.
- Coventry: 3 separate events at e.on HQ: Santa action, parade and office occupation.
- Kingsnorth: an individual shutdown turbines
- Brighton: RBS panto action and animal parade ending with mass extinction
- Bristol: RBS actions – balloons cake etc
- Swedish action!

Research on decision: WHEN: May-June 09 (or after election?) Planning approval and CCS announcement at same time. APPROVAL?: not sure – Copenhagen credibility versus jobs issues – Milliband wants to find a solution. IF APPROVED, WHEN BUILT?: not before May'10. Might be not built if Tories win. SO: keep up the pressure!

Other points from plenary: Infrastructure Planning Committee may change things. N-power is taking Gov to court over being unfair. E.On has frozen investment? But they have a shortlist of construction contractors. Regular media stories about threats to supply.

Review of e.on face off and 48hrs – plenary points:

Concern about focussing on e.on and Kingsnorth:

- So much uncertainty

- It's become so longterm
- Other energy companies could do stuff without us noticing.
- CCS may never happen (technically, economically).
- Psychological damage if we 'fail'
- Won't be a victory if it's just for economic reasons. (And coal would just be built elsewhere).

Positive about focussing on e.on and Kingsnorth:

- Useful 'brand', 'line in sand', 'totem'
- Everyone else will be watching – lots of examples of this approach working.
- Over next 6 months we can influence decision – then we'll need a rethink. If approval refused – victory for us!

Suggestions for refocusing 'face off':

- Focus on heat issues – insulation etc.
- Coal mines, BlueNG plants: diversification of action needed against all unsustainable power.
- Media coverage so far has been poor / nonexistent: need to make bigger media impact.
- More interaction with government as well as e.on
- Campaign for sustainable energy and jobs
- Diversify to cover aviation
- Focus on Copenhagen

Group feedback:

1. Media coverage needs to be improved (make earlier contact). Big actions better for media and movement building. Remember publicity. Keep on being radical – not turn into campaigning stuff. Network more with local coal action groups. Widen network of arrestable activists and help people deal with arrest. More focus on FA Cup.
2. More action days and encourage small affinity groups to do it anytime. 'No new coal' doesn't capture CCS and coal export. Connect with zombie actions. Get media training. Get legal training. Non-violent DA training.
3. Link with other grassroots (action) groups. Clever media to bring small actions together. Balance between secret and public actions. And make sure we do what we say we were going to do. Flexibility of name – face.off could be widened to all coal and sustainable energy.

Action suggestions:

- FA Cup action: give e.on the red card on 3-4 Jan. Potentially use 'dirty money for dirty coal' as a slogan. Or place e.on f.off on football club flags. Do actions in interval or before (don't annoy millions!) Invading pitch is dangerous. Needs to be about awareness raising – outreach –

harming e.on's brand. Corporate pageantry is stuff to target. Leafletting outside is valuable too. Possibility of focussing on the Final.

- More RBS bank cash machine action.
- Coventry HQ energy trading floor.
- Something large and spectacular using physical theatre.
- Mass secret DA – many arrested.
- Carbon capture day – ie it doesn't exist so coal mustn't happen
- Victorian day - no return to old-fashioned coal.
- Actions that annoy the company, not the public.
- Play on media interest in individuals – 'green Banksy'.

Consensus:

- Action Strategy WG asked to look at possible actions.
- Action Support WG asked to sort out training.
- Media WG asked to sort out how to support days of action.
- Networking WG produce red cards.
- Encourage/support small actions and plan something secret bigger later.

Spaces proposal

The spaces working group was set up to look into the potential of securing a semi-permanent base of operations for the climate camp's initiatives near Kingsnorth. The aim is to build up a strong local campaign and a large number of people willing and able to take direct action against the construction and by doing so hopefully reduce the chance that the construction will ever begin. Using activities such as film screenings, public meetings, discussions, practical workshops and direct action training, the space will provide an 'in-your-face' focal point to engage local people in the campaign and support people in taking action. The outcome will be that we send a clear message that there will be a sustained campaign of direct action targeting any new coal fired power stations. Additionally, as far as is practical, we'd aim to demonstrate and raise awareness of sustainable alternatives.

The space will act as a springboard to setting up a permanent protest camp on land near Kingsnorth should it be required. It is not seen as a long term project but rather as a step in the climate camp's longer term campaign of attrition against new coal. If the government grants permission to build the new Kingsnorth power station then the project will probably continue in some form for as long as the construction phase continues (assuming it is still considered strategic to apply efforts there). It would be likely that land closer to the power station itself would be occupied to provide a permanent protest camp and a space in town maintained as an office and info point. If the permission is not granted then the space would be wound up and perhaps moved to whichever location the government chooses for the first new coal fired power plant.

At the Bradford gathering the budget for the project was approved but we're not sure if the actual updated group remit was discussed or agreed so here it is again fleshed out with more detail.

1. [location] The space group will locate and then rent (for an initial six month period) a suitable building (using whatever name/legal entity is appropriate) taking into account the requirements of the relevant working groups.
2. [people] The space group will find people to run the space and encourage other working groups and n'hoods to find people to help out on an occasional or ongoing basis, both in terms of simply running the space and using it for specific strategic initiatives in the area.
3. [activities] The space group will help facilitate other working groups such as outreach and action support (as well as relevant existing local campaigns) in putting the space to use for events and training etc.
4. [resources] The space group will sort out basic essential equipment and assist relevant groups in equipping the space with the resources required for the various projects and initiatives planned.
5. [visibility] The space group will work with the camp outreach, networking and media team to ensure that the space, activities and campaign in general, get and maintain a high public profile.
6. [accountability] The space group will feedback to the gathering process each month. Before the lease expires the group will make a proposal to the gathering to either continue or wind up the presence in the Kingsnorth area depending on the status of decision to building the power station and other factors.

Non-remit (non) Proposal: [non-accountability] The climate camp acknowledges the possible future desirability that some people working from this rented space, or some other group, may autonomously open or associate with squatted spaces in the area and/or secure land suitable for a permanent camp in any way which doesn't burden the camp for climate action with an unapproved financial commitment.

Clarifying questions: What happened at Bradford? How was budget agreed without remit agreed? Finance group knew nothing. Procedure was ignored, so suggest decision should be revisited. (Process tried to contact Finance during Bradford weekend.)

Suggestion: agree remit, then discuss space requirements during WG time and then revisit during budget discussion.

Concerns: will budget time work? Is there capacity to use space? Fixed site is more vulnerable to confiscation than our current flexible work. Let's not throw out decision just because procedures not followed.

Space feedback:

Secret property shortlist created. Diverse properties depending on exact WG requirements – so WG need to create wishlists. (Eg how close to river, how close to public access?)

Aim to move in by end Jan. Need more Space people. Need to find more possibilities. More legal advice needed. Using crabgrass on riseup – need to work out r'ship with WGs. Progress with finding people to run it. Interested people email space@. Creating process to finalise who should run it.

Consensus - dedicate WG time as above.

Suggest – more interaction with local people –eg K-CAM.

Concerns – regionality. How will we use it to make friends? 4 stand-asides – financial unease.

Process - concerns may be addressed by WG time, in lunch chats and in later gathering time. We're talking about remit not budget - so decision please - budget was agreed at Bradford.

Finally 2 standasides. No blocks. **Consensus on space remit.**

Announcements

Documentary about Costa Rica's bid to become C neutral through offsetting and biofuels. Invitation to speak to team upstairs about your personal views.

Meeting with Jim Mullholland (Observer) who was very apologetic. He's keen to reach out to us. Media team will deal with it.

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2 biofuel plants in London. Becton got application. Southall applying. Crude veg oil plants. Rapeseed, detropha and palm oil. NEED HELP. Speak to Katie or Maryla (Food not Fuel).

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Action round up

- Stanstead: Monday, 57 activists brought in fences, locked onto runway, disrupted flights for almost 8 hours
- Campaign Against Climate Change march: banners about no new coal, agrofuels, and aviation – demo outside largest biofuels company in UK
- Bond Street: santas against excessive consumption; Lapland is melting, alternative carols – earlier today. Leaflet available about no coal at all and melting ice caps available

Working group feedback and remits

All WG were told at Bradford to prepare Jan-Jun 09 budget and remit, for this gathering. We want consensus on the remits, which will be presented later. The budgets will be emailed out to all, so n'hoods can discuss for consensus at January gathering. If a WG needs money before January Gathering, also need to submit an interim request for funds.

WG tasked to complete their remit and budget, and consider what they could need from a space group/ a space in Kent and WG input to actions, action training, media, legal.

The working groups are:

- Action support: remit never completely agreed on. Essentially role is to encourage and facilitate people to take direct action. This group needs more people.
- Action strategy: was split off from support at Manchester. This one is about big picture, looking at targets, fleshing out plans for big actions.
- Fundraising: not going to meet today, but want more people involved. Emails being collected by James Holland.
- Networking: has a draft remit to agree and will probably need to split into sub groups.
- International: Climate Camp is mobilising for Copenhagen next year – about networking internationally
- Space: finding a space in Kent for e.on face.off base
- Website: making website look good and making sure all WG get the most out of it. No technical ability required. Would be good to have someone from each WG involved.
- Media: proposing a remit today, has been existing informally.
- Legal: not meeting today and focussing on 2008 issues.
- Finance: needs a new treasurer. More people should get involved.
- Process: looks after the admin eg minutes, facilitates the gatherings.
- Sustainability and practicalities group: in embryonic form, might meet tomorrow.

Working Group feedback and remits

Action Support: Remit: to build capacity for and support direct action in the movement. No stand asides, no blocks, **consensus**.

Action Strategy: Propose to change name to Research group: not appropriate for one group to decide the strategy of the camp as a whole, also issues of legal responsibility. After discussion, **consensus** reached (1 standaside): Remit: research possible actions and targets and put forward proposals or suggestions for action whenever asked to. Concerns that group needs to be proactive as well as reactive, and should just be part of Action Support.

Networking

Concerns about suggested databases and enormous remit. Needs more people involved so it can be sub-divided. **Consensus** on: Remit: To increase awareness of Climate Camp and involvement in its activities by: 1 creating and distributing publicity materials 2 liaising with other orgs, networks and communities 3 organising our own outreach and educational events 4 organising attendance at other events.

International: remit was agreed before. No changes.

Space: as agreed.

Website: We propose to set up a sub group called technology as a resource for the climate network. The technology group would cover web, communications and media technology as well as provide guidance on security issues. A full remit will be proposed at the next gathering. Website already has an established remit. The other sub group is content. Issues for website: 1. Making sure technology functions efficiently, 2. Sorting out who and how can upload.

Media: requested to resubmit a shorter remit. Concerns that media team is dormant or unaccountable. Concerns that key messages need wider/longer discussion.

Legal: no meeting, already agreed remit.

Finance: already agreed remit: managing the money of climate camp. More people to get involved in finance please.

Process: already agreed remit.

2009 budget

WGs were asked to submit a budget for costs they could definitely foresee Jan-Jun 09 considering current Camp decisions (e.on face off and Copenhagen) and no 'summer event'.

WG	Submitted	Interim (before January Gathering)	Jan 09-Jun 09
Action support	Yes		Materials for promoting direct action, trainers costs £680 Reprinting of previous resources £1000 £1680 total
Research	No – might not be legal		
Fundraising	No		
Networking	Yes	£400 (for red card printing)	£4500
International	Jan-Jun to be submitted at Jan Gathering	£750 (£500 for flyers for Climate Rush, £250 to send 2 people to Strasbourg dissent	?£3000? estimate

		network mtg)	
Space	Agreed at Bradford		£10,700
Website	No		
Media	Yes		£500 for phones and credit, £200 for travel to interviews. £700 in total.
Legal	£500 already agreed		
Process	Agreed at Bradford		

Clarifications:

LARC has been recompensed for telephone costs during camp organising for past 2 years. Finance and Steve will sort out uncashed cheque.

How much money do we have in total? £23,000. At the moment, all the proposed budgets in total would leave us overdrawn by over £1000.

Space budget is a maximum and may be offset by housing benefits etc.

Concerns:

- Unease expressed at Space budget and Bradford agreement
- Space budget defended, as Bradford Gathering was attended by over 120 and agreement was preceded about discussion of politics/priorities
- Unease expressed over what mobilisation for Copenhagen means for Climate Camp compared to NGOs
- Budgetting without a decision about 'summer event' is difficult.
- Budgetting without clear remits is difficult
- Budgetting without clear understanding of relative importance of face off / Copenhagen / camp is difficult
- Need to be clear whether all materials etc need to go via networking group.
- We must get things for free/cheap as much as possible (eg printing, trainers, fares to interviews)
- Try to use agreed printers like footprint.
- Need to consider distribution – no point if materials lie unread in social centres.

£400 for networking and £750 for international approved – **consensus**. No standasides. If networking want more, they can make a proposal on Sunday.

Finally, spectrum lines:

Kingsnorth vs Copenhagen: approx one third Copenhagen, two thirds Kingsnorth.

Kingsnorth and Copenhagen vs. a summer convergence/ camp: most people in the middle.

Announcements

Send any feedback on recent Kingsnorth leaflet to networking group.

Please distribute new Fossil Fools Day cards. Lots of resources available on ff website and network for climate action website.

If WG discussed space requirements, please feedback to space group.

Minutes – 14th December

Legal update:

Legal WG focussing on 2008 stuff:

Judicial review on blanket use of section 1 progressing with 3 litigants. Feeble police response, who are trying to get it chucked out.

Criminal cases: 1 charged with police assault. No legal aid. Trying to make sure they get representation. Fundraising happening.

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Various requests eg Freedom of Information (Fol), see on police website. Some parliamentary questions. Home Office Minister said 70 police injured. Fol request found out most injuries were bee stings, and one accidentally fell off a fence. Hopefully into press soon (via Kev and Mel.) (Media suggestion to link to story about individual turning Kingsnorth off.) Waiting for media launch on policing issues in 2009.

Francis had a surreal meeting with Police Professional Standards who are writing a report to police constable. They said 'lessons learnt from Heathrow' lead to style taken, but no thinking through of consequences especially in relation to property. So report might suggest more efficient property seizures. Please can someone make Fol request for report when it's released?

Property seized and recorded is all together. Some things not released (eg circular table tops and geodesic dome connectors considered dangerous – maybe we'd get them back if we proved they were for domes). They have given back a whole box of carjacks, 30in bolt cutters, wire cutters etc. Loads of property there – if you want something, ask and get it. Will be stored for at least a year. Whole list will go on their website in January. All you need to collect can be squiggle of a signature and description of property. Stacks of canoes and life jackets particularly should be picked up. Please look and choose what you can collect. Kent space could help with this. Claim form is on Kent police website and from legal team.

Neighbourhood inclusivity proposal:

National Gatherings not particularly representative of various n'hoods. Maybe because of travel costs?

So, should we change travel pool arrangements? Or is there a deeper discussion to be had about how n'hoods might be working?

Representatives of n'hoods at Gathering asked for their current level of activity and their views on travel pool and other barriers to coming:

- North Wales: stuff happening.
- Eastside: no physical meetings but probably ought to be – concerted effort for n'hood mtg. Travel pool won't help.
- Devon and Cornwall: mtg occasionally. Travel v expensive. Formal travel pool would help enormously.
- Bristol – Westside: mtg weekly in Bristol. Rising Tide very active. Feedback happening. Finding people who are available to travel and can afford it are the issues.
- Oxford – Thames Valley: monthly mtgs. Oxford don't have a big problem, esp as most mtgs in south east.
- South Coast: S'pton might be forming its own. Regular mtgs. 48 hrs helped identify active people. Travel pool would help.
- Canterbury – sort of south coast, because south east not working, only 3 people and they're busy so not coming.
- Berkshire: suggest fewer national meetings.
- West Wales: active mid-Wales group. West is hoping to start Pembrokeshire group. Geography and lack of public transport is tricky. Travel pool helpful and also time and having crash space from Friday to Sunday. Maybe need to get Wales national gathering.
- Mid Wales – v active on open cast mining. CAT people involved. Welsh climate camp 2009 – mtg Cardiff 24th Jan.

Temperature check on difference a better travel pool would make: some big difference, most some difference, none no difference.

Temperature check on whether fewer Gatherings is a good idea: mostly bad idea, some good idea.

Other ideas – Climate Camp minibus, n'hood fundraising to create own travel pool and help n'hood growth, reliable kids space is needed, one day meetings, shorter second day.

Consensus - N'hoods take back to their group and discuss. Something in national email to gain feedback. Find out if there's general dissatisfaction with gatherings and process and whether n'hoods are working outside the 'camp' structure. Ben, Helen and others to make sure anything useful is turned into a proposal.

2009 activities

Convergence/camp/summer gathering:

Pros	Cons
<p>Fun</p> <p>Crucial to name</p> <p>Consensus decision making in action</p> <p>Inspires and energises, ignites movement, binds us together, team building</p> <p>Focal point, visibility – to ourselves and others</p> <p>Raises money</p> <p>Media focal point</p> <p>Lots of time together, beautiful friendships, networking</p> <p>Highlights cause of global importance</p> <p>Space for sustainable living</p> <p>Direct action, it is one, plus an introduction to</p> <p>Skills sharing, education</p> <p>It worries the Government</p> <p>Radicalising experience, makes us hate the police</p>	<p>Too easy to police</p> <p>Big distraction from Kingsnorth</p> <p>Repetition loses momentum</p> <p>It's only 1 week</p> <p>Illusion of movement building</p> <p>Too many punters consuming the event</p> <p>Clashing with other events</p> <p>People don't live like that, even in sustainable future?</p> <p>As it gets bigger, it gets less sustainable.</p> <p>Should build permanent sustainable structure instead</p> <p>Too much time together</p> <p>Expensive – easier ways to raise money</p> <p>Perceived as single issue</p> <p>Rubbish, unimaginative</p> <p>Hard work, same group responsible – burn out</p> <p>Accessibility, difficult for people with health concerns</p> <p>Negative impact on local workers</p> <p>Camping puts people off</p>

Proposals:

1. Super growth: 3 camps to break through to 20,000 people. Each with different issues: agrofuel, coal and aviation. Could be urban, rural or mix.
2. Urban camp:
 - a. In wasteland in deprived area. Do up abandoned houses.
 - b. System/consumption focussed – urban based DA.
 - c. Squat a car park and turn it into a recycling centre
 - d. Do many small actions all over the city
3. Small, considering what else we're doing. Based at Earth First and/or at Big Green Gathering.
4. Big Action spectacular. Eg. If Heathrow gets go-ahead, shut it down for a day. Or April 2nd G20 day. Or coal train. (Other day of action dates, submit to facilitators)
5. Mansion squat (grounds would be useful). Or disused barracks (connection to military carbon). Or University Halls of Residence.
6. Wherever, aim to be next to 'climate baddy' and avoid saying 'we're going to shut you down' so less policing (if they believe us).

7. Urban gathering not in summer. (eg in December during Copenhagen).
8. Traditional camp with agrofuel issue (and/or veganism etc)

Temperature:

Urban – pretty hot. Refit – pretty hot. Consumption-based – mixed. Traditional – mixed. Super growth – pretty hot. Spectacular – mixed.

Other ideas: flash camp! Or camp in the financial district of London. Or join in with Earth First Gathering and Big Green Gathering.

How it fits into wider movement strategy:

Plenary points:

- Against traditional – predictable, boring, being ignored. If we don't expand, we're in trouble.
- For expansion - not as difficult as sounds – eg Wales, Scotland, Bristol – already doing it.
- For urban - really important to get away from white and middle class 'audience' – so urban is perfect.
- For one thing – Kingsnorth and Copenhagen are ambiguous and/or not here. We need something big and definite here – either a camp or a massive action.
- For everything - we've got plenty of energy! Face off and Copenhagen won't take much. We must have camp and can do it.
- For biofuel focus – biofuels are killing people now, London sites are in deprived areas.
- For unity - build bridges with liberty movements, human rights, unions. Together we're stronger.
- Focus either face off or Copenhagen versus new focus (agrofuels, nuclear, veganism). Need to respond regionally. Might need quick revision if Gov decisions change.

Individuals charged with submitting detailed proposals. Probably don't focus on issue as this may change politically. Action research / strategy group to do something on it too.

Energy & funds: how do we do everything we want?

This session is about where we get more energy and funds from.

Group feedback:

1. Events and gatherings to raise awareness and funds. Everyone responsible for their fundraising. Needs to be clearer how to donate, especially anonymously. Fundraising at actions. Direct debit giving. Donate to us instead of offsetting. Going to external events as climate

camp. All our actions will bring people and £ in. Target people we don't normally approach.

2. Focus on festivals esp Big Green Gathering. Fundraising for projects specifically eg via www. Make sure we do things cost-effectively. Better cooperation and resource sharing with other groups.
3. Be open to rich people donating to us eg Lush and Plane Stupid. Provide clarity on what needs doing to attract people and energy. Look after activists – make wellbeing a constant rather than just at camp. Provide mediation so we don't waste our energy arguing. Share energy – Wales and Scotland can do camps and other n'hoods focus on other things.
4. N'hoods do own. Reduce Copenhagen costs by sharing with others. Recoup funds through housing benefit, grants etc (concerns, compromising ethics and form filling takes time etc). Energy through decentralising. Role of Nat Gath to co-ordinate rather than doing all work. Last chance saloon – bar at Big Green Gath (2nd chance?)
5. Festival outreach – tour of all festivals, with bar, DA training and awareness raising. Apply to lottery etc. Support n'hoods doing it. Earth First could do with our help. Worry about days of action – 48hrs not well supported – so reharness energies and ride wave of public sympathy. Concern about dispersal of energy – jump on board with fossil fools. Take advantage of fragmentation happening and keep brand strong.
6. Do stuff and then £££ comes. Expand and engage activists. More up north. Apply for grants. Support n'hoods that are doing it. Eg process guidance to Wales camp. Apply for Awards4 (part of lottery) now!
7. Get stuff for free more often.

So: decentralising; making what we do easier to join; expand who we contact; everyone fundraise; project fundraising.

Concerns:

- We're not an NGO, we shouldn't rely on Government grants and we shouldn't encourage favouritism between projects by funding models. Begging is disempowering
- Logistics for festivals would need to be sorted out soon. And would need to be spring festivals to bring in funds.
- Direct debit giving could remove/absolve people from doing stuff. Want people to be active. Countering this: people giving donations isn't bad, it's how unions began and we can't expect everyone to DA.

Consensus - make sure fundraising group meets this afternoon around James and has meeting in January.

January Gathering:

What are we going to use it for?

Context: Since this year's Climate Camp we have, for the first time, proceeded into a new process without formally laying out exactly what we are working towards in the coming year. In the previous three years we have agreed to have a camp in January, and then the following gatherings have been planning forums for these camps. As such, the gatherings were made up of important decisions that related directly to the organising of the camp, and working group time.

Without such a clear framework the purpose of gatherings has become confused, and, understandably, different people have different ideas about how gathering time should be used. For some it is for detailed planning of the rolling blockade, for others it is a broader networking arena for multiple projects being undertaken, while for others it is a forum for discussion and debate. One consequence of this is that the planning of gatherings has become a very tricky task, but another is that gatherings have become places where energy is drained and frustration is often high: this has been reflected in feedback from the last two gatherings.

As a separate point, many people previously involved have not been as active since the camp, perhaps due to needing the 'traditional' autumn break from national climate camp stuff (as the camp was hard work). There is therefore potential, as in previous years, for January's gathering to be very well attended with lots of energy.

Proposal: That we use January's gathering as a space to ask the big questions about what we are going to do in the coming year: Will there be another camp? Will there be something else in its place? Are we still "The Camp for Climate Action"? What is our process from here?

The Process Group (along with any other volunteers) will go away and put together a well thought out agenda to discuss these questions, including consultation with the wider climate camp community about what is felt to be crucial. Proposals not related to these big questions of "where next?" (Such as detailed planning of the rolling blockade) will be postponed till a later gathering. Psychologically we aim to see this gathering as important and encourage loads of people to come!

A very wide-ranging discussion ensued. In short: Concerns: Shared political philosophy is not what's brought us together. Action is. Our politics differ and will continue to. We need to clarify our key messages.

Consensus for January Gathering agenda:

- Process – proposals to be submitted early, agenda to be drafted quickly, forwarded to n'hoods and WGs for consideration, please can n'hoods meet to discuss before Gathering
- One day on priorities: will there be a camp and camp/action proposals.
- Rest of Gathering as time for WGs

- Politics discussions from Bradford can return to Gathering at some point. Politics discussions belong in n'hood discussions – not to be discussed at January Gathering.

Shout out for action dates:

- Important FA cup matches – esp Gillingham and Aston Villa 4th Jan.
- Domestic departures – 12th Jan.
- 24th Feb – Zombie Mardi Gras
- April 1st fossil fools (possible quarter final replay)
- April 2nd – G20
- June 18th – stop the city.

WG feedback:

Support met with fundraising/festival group. Bar and DA training and outreach. Group now working on feasibility – Jan proposal.

Research – we'll set up research@ email address, contact existing strategy email list members, sort out the boundary with support. We'll research dates and locations as requested by Gatherings and also do some random proactive research, eg for random dates.

Networking – breaking into 4 groups (publicity materials, liaison, attending others events, our own events). Immediate actions:

- Trade Union conf March opp to speak.
- Global Womens Strike early Feb.
- Discussion about “database” – would help to know region that people are in.
- Need to sort out all n'hoods having a webpage

Media met. Will make themselves more obvious in future mtgs. Answered concerns about mixed messages: media WG always focus on ‘we must stop climate change’, ‘governments and corporations are responsible’, ‘direct action now’ and ‘come join us’. What gets into print is often completely different – not under media WG control. WG has recently spent lots of time on Observer article – now retracted – and also on 48hrs. Please raise concerns with media@ and join and they'll do training. Media to resubmit their remit at next Gathering.

Space WG asked for Kent space requirements: support – might need to store eg canoes. Media: need power, phonline and internet but only if we were active in Kent. Probably not before decision. How would media use space in messages? Media will consider that. Networking – didn't talk about space.

Legal – request for further info about results of arrests. Bindmans will not tell us, so people need to feedback. Remainder of court cases are in February.

Everyone - spread word to n'hoods. Let process know about n'hood meetings planned.

Global Womens Strike – contact Ruth if you want a speaker. (31st-8th)

THE END. Thanks all!