

## **JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009** **at the Frances Le Sueur Centre, Les Mielles, St Ouen**

**Present:** Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Hazel Jones, Roger Jones, Nigel Jones, Stephen Le Quesne, Jo McAllister, Nick Palmer, Joy Thomson and Anna Wimberley.

**Apologies:** Simon Crowcroft.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. Transport:** Anna suggested that J-CAN should consider producing a car sticker and T-shirt with the slogan 'one car less' as a means of encouraging people to reduce their car usage. Potential suppliers of T-shirts included Bernard Carré (Anna to contact) and Bob Henderson (Hazel to contact), and several potential sponsors were suggested, e.g. Boudin's Bike Shop, Connex, Planning & Environment, and Transport & Technical Services.
- 3. Talk by Andrew Casebow:** Jeremy reported that Dr. Andrew Casebow had agreed to give a talk at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June on his recent publication 'Planet Guernsey' and its implications for all those living in the Channel Islands. It was agreed that Jeremy would book the main hall at St. Paul's Centre for the event, and would write to the Cooperative Society to follow up an offer of sponsorship. A press release and posters would be prepared and circulated in the period leading up to the event (Roger), with a view to publicising the meeting as widely as possible. At the event J-CAN would aim to have a range of publications available to the public, including membership leaflets, newsletters, and copies of the 'Turning Point' report. No charge would be made for admission, although there would be a collection box for donations.

On a related matter, it was noted that the States debate on the draft States Strategic Plan would be commencing on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and Nick Palmer agreed to write to all States members in the next few days to remind them of the issue of climate change and the need to keep this at the forefront of decision making. He would also prepare a press release on the subject for issue at the same time.

- 4. Film Evening:** Having noted that 'The Age of Stupid' was scheduled for release in July, the group agreed that a good time to screen this film would be in September. Hazel was asked to book the main theatre in the Arts Centre for an evening in September.
- 5. Public survey:** Stephen volunteered to prepare some questions for a public survey on attitudes to peak oil and climate change, with a view to having survey questionnaires available at the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. As discussed at the April meeting, this survey would be given a wide circulation, including the J-CAN website, and would be repeated in future years to provide a point of comparison. It was suggested the Jersey Evening Post could be invited to publish the survey.

- 6. Funding of environmental initiatives:** The meeting discussed the recently issued public consultation paper on the funding of environmental initiatives, and it was agreed that J-CAN should prepare a response. Mark undertook to prepare and circulate some comments to the Committee, with a view to finalising a response in time for the closing date at the beginning of July.
- 7. The Turning Point:** Copies of the 'Turning Point' were distributed, and it was agreed to invite Louise Magris to the next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the contents of the report and the way forward (Jeremy to invite Louise).
- 8. Website/Facebook:** Nigel reported that Francis had registered as a 'user' of the website (i.e. with the facility to upload articles), and he urged other Committee members to do likewise – alternatively Nigel would be willing for material to be sent to him for inclusion on the site.  
The Jersey Organic Association had agreed that its website could be linked directly to the J-CAN site (Mark/Jeremy), and members were asked to consider whether there were any other organisations or websites that could be linked or publicised in this way.
- 9. Newsletter:** Mark was thanked for his work in putting together the first J-CAN newsletter, which had been circulated to supporters and added to the website. It was intended the newsletter would be published on a quarterly basis, with the next issue being due in July/August.
- 10. Fundraising:** Francies reported that £67 had been raised as a result of the appeal to supporters for voluntary donations/subscriptions. In addition, Jeremy would be making an application to the Ecology Fund for funding to support J-CAN in its early stages, with a total sum of £1,000 being requested as follows –
- Film evening ('The Age of Stupid): - £400 to cover costs of the hire of the Arts Centre (£305), plus film hire (approx. £100);
  - Printing costs: £200 for materials associated with producing J-CAN publications, i.e. good quality recycled paper and printing ink;
  - Public meeting: £250 for the costs of bringing a speaker over from the U.K. later in the year to speak on the issue of climate change/peak oil (air fare/ hotel accommodation/ room hire)
  - Display banner: £150 for a PVC banner featuring the J-CAN logo to use at exhibitions and special events.
- 11. Meeting venue:** It was agreed to continue to hold the monthly meetings at the Frances Le Sueur Centre for the time being, as this was a good venue and no charge was made for room hire. Additional meetings would be held as and when necessary.
- 12. Date of next meeting:** It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Frances Le Sueur Centre, St. Ouen's Bay.