

## JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

### Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at the Frances Le Sueur Centre, Les Mielles, St Ouen

**Present:** Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Maya Hammarsal, Paul Hammarsal, Jeremy Harris, Hazel Jones, Roger Jones, Nigel Jones, Nick Palmer, and Joy Thomson.

**Apologies:** Simon Crowcroft, Stephen Le Quesne, Jo McAllister, and Anna Wimberley.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. Transport – ‘One Car Less’:** As Anna Wimberley was absent, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 3. Talk by Andrew Casebow:** The talk on 22<sup>nd</sup> June had been reasonably well-attended, with an audience of 30 people, including three States members. Dr. Casebow had focused on the material covered in his publication ‘Planet Guernsey’, and there were a lot of questions from the audience both during and after the talk. Nigel had prepared an account of the meeting, and it was agreed he would forward a copy to Roger for circulation to the media.
- 4. States Strategic Plan:** As agreed at the last meeting, Nick had written to all States members in advance of the debate on the draft States Strategic Plan 2009-2014 to remind them of the issue of climate change and the need to keep this at the forefront of decision-making. This letter had attracted good media coverage, and it was agreed that an update on the subject should be added to the ‘campaigns’ section of the J-CAN website.

The States Strategic Plan had been adopted on 10<sup>th</sup> June, and had included an amendment of Deputy Daniel Wimberley that the Council of Ministers should *‘evaluate on an ongoing basis Peak Oil and Climate Change and report to the States once a year on their impacts on policy for Jersey.’*

- 5. Ecology Fund:** Jeremy reported that the application to the Ecology Fund for funding had been unsuccessful, on the grounds that *‘in the present economic climate the Fund is relatively low and the Trustees have decided to wait until the organisation has become fully established before providing financial support. The Trustees did however invite you to submit an application for a specific project proposed by the Network once fully established.’*
- 6. Film Evening:** The meeting discussed possible films for screening at the film evening planned for the autumn, and it agreed it would be better to defer plans to show ‘The Age of Stupid’ as arrangements had already been made by a Hautlieu student to screen this film at 7.30 p.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> July (venue: St. James Center/ tickets £7.50, or £5 for concessions, with profits going to Durrell). It was decided to contact the organiser to see if J-CAN could have a stand at the event (Francis to contact).

In relation to the proposed J-CAN film evening in the autumn, it was agreed the programme should consist of a selection of shorter films (max. length 30 minutes), and members were invited to come back to the next meeting with suggestions. In the meantime, Francis would contact Jim Hopley at the C.I. Cooperative Society to establish whether the C.I.C.S. would be willing to sponsor the event. One possible venue might be the lecture theatre on the ground floor of the Jersey Museum (Hazel/Maya to check hire charge/ availability).

- 7. Public survey:** The meeting confirmed it would like to carry out a public survey on global warming and climate change, with this survey being repeated in future years to provide a point

of comparison. The draft survey that had been prepared by Stephen Le Quesne was felt to be ideal for this purpose, and various options for carrying out the survey were discussed, including distribution through the JEP or the 'Isle' newspaper. It was decided that Stephen should be asked whether he had any suggestions to make in this connection (Jeremy to contact), and the group would return to this subject at its next meeting.

- 8. Funding of environmental initiatives:** Mark had prepared a draft J-CAN response to the public consultation paper on the introduction of environmental taxes. Copies were distributed at the meeting, and it was agreed that those present would contact Mark if they had any comments or suggested changes, with a view to a response being submitted by Mark in time for the closing date of 6th July.
- 9. Jersey Gas:** Nick reported back on a meeting he had had with senior management at Jersey Gas to discuss climate change. It was agreed that the lines of communication with the company should remain open, although this did not imply endorsement of gas as a benign alternative to, say, nuclear or oil generated power, and J-CAN would continue to promote renewable energy as the only viable long-term alternative to the current system based on fossil fuels.
- 10. Recycling:** Further to an offer received from Stephen Harewood, the group agreed that it would be willing to meet Dr. Loic Lamberlais to discuss recycling in Jersey (Jeremy to contact Stephen).
- 11. G-CAN:** It was agreed that Vanessa Crispini of G-CAN should be invited to one of the J-CAN monthly meetings to discuss issues of common interest, including any lessons to be learnt from experience in Guernsey, and ways in which the two groups could cooperate in the future (Jeremy to contact Vanessa).
- 12. Bottled water:** Mark commented on the energy wastage resulting from the packaging and transport of bottled water, and the group agreed that this was a possible area on which it could campaign in the future. Mark will do some further research and will report back at the next meeting. Other areas for future campaigns could include reducing consumption and promoting renewable energy alternatives.
- 13. Grass Roots Music Festival:** Have noted that the 'Grass Roots' music festival on 1<sup>st</sup> August was being promoted as an eco-friendly festival, the group agreed that it should ask whether it could organise a stall at the event (Francis to contact the festival organiser).
- 14. Newsletter:** Mark will aim to produce the next edition of the newsletter in August. The first issue had been well-received, and was felt to be a useful publication to feature on display stands & special events, as well as a means of communication with members.
- 15. Press cuttings:** It was agreed that it would be desirable to maintain a folder of press cuttings relating to J-CAN, and that the next issue of the newsletter should include a request for somebody to take on this responsibility.
- 16. Financial report:** Francis reported that J-CAN had £147 in its account as at 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- 17. Date of next meeting:** It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July in the Frances Le Sueur Centre, St. Ouen's Bay. Subject to confirmation with Louise Magris, it was planned that this meeting would include a discussion with Dr. Magris and Deputy Rob Duhamel, Assistant Minister - Environment on the recently-published report 'The Turning Point' and the proposed way forward (Jeremy to confirm date with Dr. Magris).