

JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2009 in the One World Centre, Town Hall, Seale Street, St. Helier

Present: Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Hazel Jones, Nigel Jones, Roger Jones, Caroline Leach, Jo McAllister, Nick Palmer, and Anna Wimberley.

Apologies: Joy Thomson.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

2. Copenhagen Petition:

Roger reported that he had given two talks during November on the subject of the Copenhagen Conference and the J-CAN petition. These had been given to a class at Highlands College and the sixth form at Jersey College for Girls, and appeared to have been well-received.

It was noted that the closing date for the collection of signatures for the Copenhagen petition had now passed, and a total of 1,468 signatures had been collected. Deputy Daniel Wimberley had agreed to present the petition to the States, and a draft report and proposition had been prepared to accompany the petition. It was planned that the report and proposition would be lodged 'au Greffe' on 7th/8th December in order to tie in with the opening of the Copenhagen Conference and with the last States meeting of the year. A press release would be drafted for issue at that time (Jeremy), and it was suggested that the presentation of the petition could be marked by a demonstration in the Royal Square on 8th December.

At a meeting on 10th November attended by representatives of J-CAN and G-CAN it had been decided that a full-page notice should be placed in the Jersey Evening Post and Guernsey Press in early December to coincide with the Copenhagen Conference. The Channel Islands Cooperative Society had kindly offered to pay for this notice, which would be endorsed by a number of prominent local businesses and individuals and would express concern about the issue of climate change. A draft notice had been prepared, and members were asked to contact Francis if they had any suggestions for changes to the wording and/or businesses or people to contact. It was agreed the notice should be published on a separate occasion from the presentation of the petition, i.e. in order to maximise publicity for the Copenhagen Conference.

3. 'The Age of Stupid': The main hall at St. Paul's Centre had been booked for the evening of Tuesday 1st December for a screening of 'The Age of Stupid'. Tea and biscuits would be available from 6.30 p.m., and the film would start at 7.00 p.m., with time afterwards for questions and discussion. Francis confirmed that the Cooperative Society had agreed to pay the costs of organising this event. The film evening had already been publicised through schools and the media, and members were urged to print off posters from the website for display in shops and

offices. Mark would introduce the film, and information about climate change (including the Carteret Islands) would be on display at the event.

- 4. Public survey:** Nick reported that 'The Isle' magazine had not published the J-CAN survey on peak oil and climate change, and it was decided to keep this on hold for the time being, possibly with a view to distributing early in the New Year as a follow-up to the Copenhagen Conference. It was important that any survey should be accompanied by plenty of publicity to ensure a good number of responses.
- 5. Carteret Islands:** Roger had contacted the Jersey Evening Post about the plans for the evacuation of the Carteret Islands, with a view to securing local press coverage, but this had not yet been featured. Roger undertook to contact the JEP again in this connection.
- 6. Cooperation with G-CAN:** A number of possible joint initiatives had been discussed at the meeting with G-CAN representatives on 10th November, including cooperation on national and international climate campaigns, and the sharing of speakers, films and other events, e.g. a speaker to visit Jersey and Guernsey on consecutive days.
- 7. Draft Sustainable Transport Policy:** Francis had prepared a draft response to the Sustainable Transport Policy, and it was agreed that members would contact him by 27th November if they had any comments. The response would then be finalised and sent to the Transport and Technical Services Department by the closing date of 30th November.
- 8. Draft Island Plan:** The group agreed it should aim to produce a brief response to the draft Island Plan that would focus on its vision for Jersey in 2020, with reference being made to the need for better public transport and the protection of open spaces and agricultural land. This response would be sent to the Planning Department in time for the closing date of 18th December.
- 9. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting would take place at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th December (venue to be confirmed).
- 10. Annual General Meeting:** It was decided the next Annual General Meeting should be held on Tuesday 26th January. Jeremy will book the venue (ideally the Maria Ritchie Room in the Arts Centre). Monthly meetings thereafter would continue to be held at 8.00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.