

# **JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK**

## **Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at the Arts Centre, St. Helier**

**Present:** 12 people were present.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the first A.G.M. held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. Treasurer's report:** The group received and approved the Treasurer's report for the year 2009.
- 3. Elections to Committee:** The Committee was elected as follows –

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| Chairman:             | Mark Forskitt  |
| Treasurer:            | Francis Binney   |
| Secretary:            | Jeremy Harris  |
| Membership Secretary: | Francis Binney   |
| Publicity Officer:    | Roger Jones (see Note 1)                                   |
| Newsletter Editor:    | Post vacant (see Note 2)                                   |
| Committee Members:    | Nigel Jones, Stephen Le Quesne, & Nick Palmer (see Note 3) |

*Note 1: Roger agreed to continue as Publicity Officer for the time being, but a replacement would be needed in the next few months.*

*Note 2: Mark would carry on as newsletter editor, but would welcome offers of help from anyone interested in taking on this responsibility.*

*Note 3: It was agreed that Jeremy would check with Jo McAllister to see if she would be willing to continue as a committee member.*

- 4. Voluntary donations:** It was decided to maintain the system of annual voluntary donations, with the suggested donation levels being the same as in 2009 –

- £6 – Individuals
- £4 – Student/Unwaged/O.A.P.
- £10 – Family

- 5. Campaigns and activities:** Several possible campaigns and activities for 2010 were discussed, including the following –

(1) Transport: J-CAN had recently commented on the draft Sustainable Transport Policy, and this policy was to be the subject of further development during 2010. It was felt that there was plenty of scope for action at a political and practical level in this field, e.g. promoting cycling (visit by 'Auto-Tour' cyclists in July) and other alternative transport solutions;

(2) Bottled Water: This was an obvious example of the wasteful use of energy and resources, and it was agreed this should be a target for J-CAN in the year ahead;

(3) Peak Oil: During its first year of activity the Jersey Climate Action Network had focussed on climate change rather than peak oil, and this was perhaps inevitable in the run-up to the Copenhagen Conference. It was agreed, however, that greater emphasis should be given to peak oil during 2010, as the passage of time meant that it was becoming even

more necessary to reduce energy consumption and develop viable energy alternatives to fossil fuels;

- (4) States of Jersey: A range of opportunities were available for J-CAN to seek to influence the political debate on climate change. The first of these was the pending States debate on the J-CAN petition on the Copenhagen Conference, which had been presented by Deputy Daniel Wimberley and was scheduled for debate on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Subject to approval by the Assembly, the Council of Ministers would be required to give detailed consideration to the results of the Conference and to *'report back to the States within six months of the adoption of this proposition on how they intend to respond, their report to include detailed proposals and timescales.'*

Further opportunities included the public consultation on the draft Island Plan, which had been extended until the end of March 2010. It was agreed that J-CAN would discuss how to respond at its February meeting, with this response to include a brief comment to the Jersey Environment Forum for onward submission to the Planning Department.

It was agreed that J-CAN should also consider commenting on planning applications where these had obvious implications for peak oil and/or climate change, a current example being the application to construct a 20-metre swimming pool as part of a private development on the St. Helier Waterfront, only about 100 yards from the Aquasplash Swimming Pool;

- (5) Energy Monitoring: The meeting agreed to consider purchasing a small stock of energy meters, which could then be loaned to members to help to analyse their domestic energy consumption – Mark to investigate.

In this connection, Nick commented that plans were being made in Guernsey to conduct thermographic imaging as a means of identifying and monitoring wasteful energy consumption - it was agreed that Nick would contact G-CAN to obtain further information;

- (6) Tree planting: A tree and hedge planting session was being planned for late February/early March, with the possibility of further sessions taking place later in the year; and

- (7) Film Evening: It was suggested that another film evening should be arranged for early in 2010. Possible films for screening could include 'The End of the Line' and a film on the transition movement.

In conclusion, the meeting agreed that J-CAN's top three priorities for 2010 should be (1) Transport, (2) Bottled Water, and (3) Peak Oil. In each case, the group would aim to do three things: to publicise the issue in the local media, to lobby States members where appropriate, and to offer practical suggestions as to how people could take steps to reduce their carbon footprint.

- 6. Dates of next meetings:** It was noted that monthly meetings would be held at the One World Centre, Seale Street, St. Helier, at 8.00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month on the following dates –

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010