

JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 in the One World Centre, Seale Street, St. Helier

Present: Maria Barnicoat, Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Hazel Jones, Jersey Bob, Nigel Jones, Roger Jones, Stephen Le Quesne, Nick Palmer and Ruth Rolls.

Apologies: Joy Thomson and Daniel Wimberley.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 29th December, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

2. Copenhagen Petition:

It was noted that Deputy Daniel Wimberley's report and proposition on 'Climate Change: Copenhagen Conference – Petition' (P.206/2009) had been adopted by the States on 2nd February by a majority of 42 votes to four (Jeremy to provide Nigel with details of the vote for addition to the J-CAN website). As a result, the Council of Ministers was required *'to give detailed consideration to the results (of the Copenhagen Conference) and 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.'* In its comments to the States, the Council of Ministers had indicated that *'the Island's Energy White Paper is well progressed and will provide the necessary policy framework for setting and delivering carbon reduction targets' (P.206/2009 Com).*

Following on from the States debate, Daniel Wimberley had suggested that J-CAN might wish to contact the relevant minister to urge that key stakeholders, including J-CAN, should be consulted on any proposals before a report is prepared for the States. The meeting agreed to this suggestion, and noted that Mark would write to the Chief Minister in this connection.

3. Campaigns and Activities: The meeting discussed campaigns and activities for 2010, and agreed on the following programme of events –

- (1) 6th March - Tree Planting: A tree and hedge planting session will be taking place on the morning of Saturday 6th March at Brian Adair's organic smallholding at Sion, St. John, and will be followed by a tour of the site. The event will begin at 10.00 a.m., and Nigel will collect the J-CAN banner from Mark for use as a signpost on the main road;
- (2) 27th March - Earth Hour: 'Earth Hour' will be taking place from 8.30-9.30 p.m. on Saturday 27th March, and individuals and businesses will be urged to turn off their lights at this time as a gesture of support for the environment. It was agreed J-CAN should publicise the event in advance, and would tour round central St. Helier on the evening of 27th March to identify those businesses that had either supported or failed to support the event – Francis to circulate details in advance;
- (3) 22nd April – Earth Day: J-CAN will organise a stall in King Street to mark Earth Day on Thursday 22nd April. Hazel will contact the Connétable of St. Helier and British Home Stores to reserve a pitch, and the stand will focus on transport and

cycling. Maria and Bob volunteered to help organise the stand, which could include a short leaflet on cycling, together with practical demonstrations from Bob on bicycle repairs and maintenance;

(4) March/April onwards - Public survey: Stephen undertook to prepare a shortened version of the J-CAN questionnaire on peak oil and climate change, and Nick will contact the Jersey Evening Post to see if it would be interested in publishing this revised version, i.e. as a follow-up to the Copenhagen Conference and the States decision to accept the J-CAN petition. The questionnaire could also be used on the stall planned for Earth Day on 22nd April;

(5) 10th/11th July – West Show: The meeting decided to organise a stand at the West Show, St. Peter, on 10th/11th July – Francis to confirm with the organisers of the Show. The J-CAN stand could consist of a display on peak oil, energy security and local food, perhaps organised jointly with the Jersey Organic Association and the Slow Food Movement, and could also include a selection of locally-grown organic produce, together with examples of wasteful packaging. This subject will be discussed again at the next meeting; and

(6) During 2010 – Film Evening: The group discussed possible films for a film evening to take place during 2010 (date to be confirmed), and agreed these could include ‘Ursula’s Story’ (on New Zealand), ‘The End of the Line’ (on fishing), and a short film on the Carteret Islands.

4. Draft Island Plan: The group approved a response to the draft Island Plan that had been prepared by Nick, and agreed this should be forwarded to the Planning Department in advance of the deadline of 31st March. The J-CAN submission would also include the document Nigel had prepared in December setting out a ‘2020 Vision’ for life in Jersey in the post carbon economy, together with comments on some more detailed points relating to the Island Plan, e.g. allotments, food imports, agrochemicals etc.

5. Treasurer’s report: It was noted the Channel Islands Cooperative Society had recently decided to make a donation of £50 to J-CAN, and the Jersey Organic Association to make a donation of £25. It was confirmed that recommended levels for annual voluntary donations were £50 for commercial organisations and £20 for community/voluntary organisations, and members were urged to seek support from organisations that might be interested in supporting J-CAN in this way.

6. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30th March in the One World Centre, Seale Street, St. Helier (Hazel to provide keys to Francis).