

# **JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in the Frances Le Sueur Centre, Les Mielles, St. Ouen**

**Present:** Francis Binney, Olivia Copsey, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Nigel Jones, Roger Jones, Stephen Le Quesne, Nick Palmer, and Joy Thomson.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. Time for Tap campaign:** Mark welcomed Olivia for a discussion on the Eco-Active 'Time for Tap' campaign. Olivia explained the campaign had recently been launched with the aim of reducing the consumption of bottled water, thereby helping to cut down on carbon emissions associated with its production, storage, transportation and disposal. Mains water was the natural alternative to mineral water for the majority of islanders, and it complied with all EU and other relevant directives on water quality. Eco-Active was promoting the campaign at the forthcoming Grassroots Festival, and was also seeking to persuade States departments and other organisations to use sustainably-produced carafes of mains water instead of bottled water.

Whilst accepting that mains water met European standards, Nick commented that there were noticeable differences in the taste of mains water in different parts of the island. This was often due to fluctuations in the level of chlorine, but an acceptable way of dealing with this was through the use of water filters. These filters could last up to several months, and it was possible that a separate facility could be established at Bellozanne for their disposal – Olivia undertook to check if this would be feasible.

The meeting agreed there were several good reasons for supporting the Time for Tap initiative, including the following –

- Energy costs: the high energy costs associated with the production, transportation and disposal of mineral water;
- Ethical implications: the ethical implications of exporting mineral water from parts of the world where it is already in limited supply, e.g. Turkey;
- Waste: the problems caused by discarded plastic bottles, including litter on beaches, and the impact on the food chain from the ingestion of minute plastic particles.

It was agreed J-CAN would support the Time for Tap campaign. In addition to the practical measures recommended in the Time for Tap leaflet (<http://www.gov.je/Environment/SaveWaterReducePollution/Pages/TimeForTap.aspx>), there were other ways in which J-CAN could lend its support to the campaign –

- Issuing one or more press releases highlighting the energy costs of importing bottled water to the island;
- Pressing for the reintroduction of water fountains in public places, including shops;
- Publicising where to buy water filters, carafes and reusable water containers;
- Organising or participating in a beach cleaning session.

It was agreed to give this subject further consideration at the next meeting.

- 3. West Show:** The meeting received a report back on the J-CAN stand at the West Show on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> July. The display on peak oil had attracted a lot of interest, and about a dozen people had left contact details to receive further information about J-CAN. Mark thanked all those who had helped to make this a worthwhile event, and it was agreed J-CAN would definitely be interested in participating again in the future.
- 4. 10:10 Campaign:** It was noted that Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October had been declared as a national day of action as part of the 10:10 campaign to cut carbon emissions by 10% a year. It was decided Jeremy would check on what was happening locally and nationally on that day to see if there was a way in which J-CAN could either organise or participate in a relevant event.
- 5. Transport:** Roger reported that the draft 'Sustainable Transport Policy' had been lodged 'au Greffe' on 19<sup>th</sup> July by the Transport and Technical Services Minister. The document contained many proposals that were compatible with J-CAN's views on transport, and it was agreed Roger would send a letter to the Jersey Evening Post commenting on the policy and expressing J-CAN's support.
- 6. Film Evening:** Discussion took place on possible films for a film evening, and it was decided Stephen would research potential films (possibly based on a specific campaign area such as water or transport) and report back at the next meeting.
- 7. Rural Economy Strategy:** It was noted the white paper on the 'Rural Economy Strategy' had been published on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, and this document now included significant references to climate change. It was agreed Nick would prepare a press release to welcome the priority that was being given to this issue. Reference would also be made in the press release to the invitations Nick and Mark had received to the workshops in September on the draft Island Plan.
- 8. Website:** Nigel reported the J-CAN website was currently receiving about 1,900 hits per month.
- 9. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at the Frances Le Sueur Centre, Les Mielles, St Ouen.

Francis suggested this meeting could be preceded by a barbecue, and he will contact members beforehand if it is decided to go ahead with this suggestion.

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