

# **JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in the One World Centre, Seale Street, St. Helier**

**Present:** Francis Binney, Bernard Carré, Françoise Carré, Jeremy Harris, Nigel Jones, Stephen Le Quesne, Nick Palmer, and Ruth Rolls.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mark Forskitt and Joy Thomson.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. 10:10 Campaign:** The group noted that a press release had been issued to mark the national day of action on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The press release had drawn attention to wasteful energy use associated with I.T., and had been featured on Isle News ([www.isle-news.com](http://www.isle-news.com)). In addition, Mark had given an interview on Radio Jersey.
- 3. Wildlife Week:** The meeting discussed plans for the 'Wildlife Week' that was to be held at Hamptonne from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The event was being organised by Eco-Active with the aim of *'providing a fun schedule of conservation themed activities for families'* during the half term holiday. Ruth and Nigel had attended an initial meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October, and other organisations represented at the meeting included Durrell, Jersey Heritage Trust, National Trust for Jersey, and Trees for Life. Space would be available free of charge to J-CAN to have a stand at the event, and the group agreed it would definitely like to participate – Nigel will advise the organisers accordingly. Detailed arrangements for the event could be finalised in the next few months, but the J-CAN stand could include screenings of short films on the 'In Transition' initiative, and (subject to agreement with the National Trust) a display supporting the Trust's 2011 campaign to encourage people to pledge changes to their way of life to make a difference for sustainability, e.g. growing food, composting, home insulation etc.
- 4. Film Evening:** As agreed at the last meeting, a shortlist of five films had been posted on the J-CAN website with an invitation to supporters to vote on their preferred option. The film receiving the most number of votes had been 'In Transition', a 45-minute film about the transition movement. It was decided to screen this film and have a discussion afterwards, and to seek sponsorship from the Channel Islands Co-operative Society towards the costs of the event – Francis to contact the Co-op. Ideally this event would take place in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November (the week before the Cancun Conference), with the preferred venue being the Société Jersiaise – Jeremy to contact the Société.

Subject to feedback from the film evening, consideration could then be given to screening a series of ten 20-minute films on various aspects of the transition movement, e.g. after J-CAN meetings and/or at a public venue in St. Helier.

- 5. Cancun Conference:** The group confirmed that it would issue a press release in November to draw attention to the international conference on climate change to be held in Cancun from 29<sup>th</sup> November – 10<sup>th</sup> December. The screening of 'In Transition' would also serve as a means of drawing attention to the conference, and to the practical steps that could also be taken at a grass-roots level to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- 6. Public Talk:** It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, when it could be discussed in the light of the feedback from the film evening.
- 7. Isle News:** Mark had recently received an offer from Isle News to publish a feature on its website on 'Top Ten Tips to reduce carbon emissions for local businesses'. The group agreed to accept this offer, and it decided that suggestions for inclusion in the list of 'Top Ten' tips should be forwarded to Mark for him to draw together a list for forwarding to Isle News (Francis can provide support if needed). Given the differences between business sectors, it was suggested there would be merit in compiling separate lists for four main sectors, i.e. finance, tourism, agriculture and construction.
- 8. Business Sustainability Seminar:** Francis had attended this seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> October and there had been some interesting speakers, including Matthew Thompson from the London Community Resource Network ([www.lcrm.org.uk](http://www.lcrm.org.uk)). Approximately 100 people had attended the event, and significant interest had been shown in the concept of 'greening a business' – this could offer a possible subject for a J-CAN talk in 2011.
- 9. Jersey Energy Trust:** Francis reported that the Thermal Imaging project had been formally announced at a public meeting of the Jersey Energy Trust on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The support of J-CAN as a partner in the project had been acknowledged at the event, and the initiative would be developed over the next few months with the lead role being taken by the Environment Department.
- 10. Treasurer's Report:** The meeting noted there was approximately £325 in the J-CAN account as at 26.10.10.
- 11. Newsletter:** The next issue of the J-CAN newsletter was planned for publication in November-December, and any articles or features for inclusion should be forwarded to Mark.
- 12. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at the One World Centre, Seale Street, St. Helier.