

JERSEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held on 25th January 2011 in Room 2, Arts Centre, St. Helier

Present: Francis Binney, Mark Forskitt, Jeremy Harris, Jim Hopley, Nigel Jones, Jo McAllister, Ruth Rolls, and Joy Thomson.

- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of the A.G.M. held on 26th January 2010 were taken as read and were confirmed.
- 2. Treasurer's report:** The group received and approved the Treasurer's report for the year 2010. As at 25th January 2011 there was £302 in the J-CAN account, compared to £166 at the beginning of 2010.
- 3. Elections to Committee:** The Committee was elected as follows –

Chairman:	Mark Forskitt
Treasurer:	Francis Binney
Secretary:	Jeremy Harris
Membership Secretary:	Francis Binney
Publicity Officer:	Post vacant (see Note)
Newsletter Editor:	Mark Forskitt
Committee Members:	Nigel Jones, Stephen Le Quesne, Jo McAllister, Ruth Rolls, and Joy Thomson

Note: The post of Publicity Officer was not filled, but anybody interested in this role is invited to contact 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 2010 –
 - £6 – Individuals
 - £4 – Student/Unwaged/O.A.P.
 - £10 – Family
 - £50 – Corporate

Francis will include a note with the next mailing to remind supporters that donations would be welcome.

- 5. Jersey in Transition (JiT):** Nigel reported back on the JiT workshop held at the Société Jersiaise on 15th January. The event had been very successful, with 55 people attending and many ideas being put forward for the new group to explore. The first JiT committee meeting would be taking place at St Brelade's Youth Club, Communicare, Quennevais Road, St Brelade at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 31st January.

It was noted that a lengthy article on Jersey in Transition had appeared in the JEP on 25.1.11. The article had drawn attention to the possible use of the vacant Le Seelleur building, next to the future Town Park, as a centre for JiT community-based activities, e.g. workshops, café, bakery. The group supported this proposal, and noted that Mark would contact the Connétable of St. Helier to discuss how to take this forward. It was also noted that JiT might be eligible for registration as a charity – Jim can provide assistance in this area if needed.

6. Campaigns and activities: Several possible campaigns and activities for 2011 were discussed, including the following –

- Raise awareness: Raising awareness of the issues of peak oil and climate change would continue to be one of the main priorities for J-CAN through activities such as film evenings, public talks, and special events.

In this connection the group agreed the J-CAN stand at the 'Wildlife Week' at Hamptonne in May should focus on the impact of climate change on local habitats and species. Committee members would research various aspects of this subject and report back to the next meeting.

The area of 'Corporate Social Responsibility' was also considered to be well worth investigation, with the focus being on how businesses could take practical steps to reduce their carbon footprints. Activities in this area could include a survey of local businesses, with support from an organisation such as the Chamber of Commerce, and a workshop on CSR and sustainability.

- Jersey in Transition: The group agreed it would continue to support the Jersey in Transition initiative in its early stages, and it looked forward to cooperating in the future on a range of activities of mutual interest, e.g. food production, renewable energy;
- Copenhagen Petition: The group would follow up the States decision of February 2010 to adopt a proposition on the J-CAN petition on climate change ('Climate Change: Copenhagen Conference – Petition', P.206/2009). As a result of this decision, the States agreed the Council of Ministers should '*report back to the States within six months on how they intend to respond (to the results of the Copenhagen Conference), their report to include detailed proposals and timescales*'. It was disappointing to note the Council of Ministers had still not reported back on this subject, and it was agreed a letter should be sent to the Chief Minister to remind him that this report was now overdue.
- Elections to the States of Jersey: J-CAN would draw attention to the issues of peak oil and climate change during the period leading up to the elections to the States Assembly in October 2011. This could take the form of questionnaires to candidates and/or a document for general distribution setting out a range of recommended policy options.

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 22nd February 2011
- Tuesday 29th March 2011
- Tuesday 26th April 2011