

Camp for Climate Action National Gathering Minutes, Hebden Bridge, 23-24 May 2009

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Summary of key decisions and discussion

CCS announcement

There was a discussion of the Government's Carbon Capture and Storage announcement and how it affects the direct action movement on coal.

Workshops at the Camp

There was a discussion about what workshops programme we wanted at this summer's camp.

Website

Proposal: Gathering asks Website Group to overall the website. CONSENSUS

Policing

Proposal: Messaging guidelines for legal and media teams over policing

1. Police are deployed against political movements to defend business as usual, we oppose business as usual, and therefore there will always be conflict between the climate camp and the police.
 2. There is a long history of violent opposition to social and environmental progress, just look at the violence metered out to the US civil rights movement and the suffragettes by the police. Today's violence by the police including against climate justice activists is merely more of the same.
 3. Only a large social movement with many allies can tackle climate change/ We need to be very careful with our communications as we have a limited ability to affect how newspapers, politicians and others represent our movement and its activities.
- CONSENSUS

Working Groups

A working group spokes council meeting was held. Digital Media, Welcome and Tranquillity groups were set up.

Mass action

Proposal: To do a mass action on coal in October

- 1: Climate Camp will organise a mass action targeting a coal fired power station.
 - 2: It will be a weekend in October
 - 3: It will be linked to the summer camp in London which will build through training and movement building, towards this action
 - 4: A Working group will facilitate the action and decide on the weekend (potentially through a coalition with other groups)
- CONSENSUS

Next gathering

The next gathering will be held in Cambridge on 20-21 June 2009.

SATURDAY

1. Announcements

Climate Rush

1st June

Bike ride and picnic touring climate criminals in London

Scotland Climate Action Gathering

11 –14th June

Workshops and Discussion

Glasgow

Cross Kings Pub

Friday 30th May

Fundraiser for Climate Camp

Wind Turbine Building Workshop

6-7th June

Could be done at other outreach events?

Hacktion Lab Workshop

11-14th June

2. Political Developments and Context

Ed Miliband CCS Statement

Summary

- UK needs CCS
- Will allow new coal fired power stations
- New stations need to capture and store at least 25% of their CO₂ emissions
- Must be at 100% by 2025
- Must be economically viable to have CCS
- 1- 4 demonstration plants
- Doesn't apply to existing coal power stations (eg. Drax)
- Pre combustion technology up to 90% emissions
- Post combustion = capturing emissions after its been burnt
- Post combustion can be retro fitted to existing plants
- 4 new plants are getting funding from government
- 2 in the pipe line
- 2010 look at applications for new plants
- Trouble finding funding – some from government, some from EU, some from billing customers.

- China is already investing in it, not true that UK needs to lead the way
- Likely to be in Thames estuary area – in clusters – Kingsnorth, Tilbury. Also near Edinburgh.

Small Groups

CC has committed to shutting down Kingsnorth if they give it a go ahead, so what does this mean for our movement? We need to discuss what our position is, and what we want to achieve.

Would help to know Space working group update. £12,000 has been raised to fund a space in Kent for outreach, awareness raising, a launch pad for people to take action from.

Feedback

Taxpayers money

Poyry report said if gov keeps to already binding commitments, we don't need CCS

Set our own agenda, don't wait for gov

Red herring

If we accept CCS we are accepting coals energy source – NO NEW COAL

Do we block the planned sites for new CFP stations, or existing ones?

We need the space group to be present to give updates to help whole collective move forward.

Don't want climate camp to be a finance led group – large funds shouldn't change camps decisions.

CCS is fairytale and a distraction

Solutions should be decentralised

CCS is business as usual

Money should be invested in renewables not coal

Summary

Good to do scientific / political discussions at gathering – they are useful workshops

Should have more CCS and other information based, teaching workshops

Can discuss it during workshops section to plan more skills share

3. Feedback from Brighton gathering

Theme for Camp: feedback from Brighton minutes

- Gamble/**Casino theme** had been discussed, some support and some concerns
- Affinity group and training emphasis for the Camp

Comments:

- Would need to be done carefully, some concern about spending energy defending from the police
- Too much effort to work visually, over ambitious, distinction underpinning two narratives
- Casino – issues not just about markets, needs to address consumption, too limiting
- Camp needs to be positive and give show vision of positive alternatives
- Difference between theme and narrative, location of camp in past have been narrative, this year not so obvious. Media agenda moved on about financial system.
- Positive space needed for Camp
- Over-ambitious, needs to be positive, intellectually unsound, cause confusion

4. What workshops do we want at this year's Camp?

- With no mass action planned, workshops now main focus
- Previously 4 days, 200 workshops
- Organised by small collective and admin heavy task
- Session to review structure and themes for the Camp
- Since last year, questionnaire feedback suggested focus needed to be on practical stuff – direct action, media, legal etc and that there needed to be themes to the workshop
- Action Support and Workshops Group need to work together
- Opportunity for on the job training given the swoop

Feedback following small group discussion of questions for consideration:

- Questions specifically identified from question list 1 political , 2, too like school 3, lecturing 5 demographics, 10 high profile speakers, 12 not enough for kids, 14 themes, 16 eco living
- Working with new people with diverse views
- Not talking points but more action focussed
- More participatory style
- Practical workshops
- Sound-recording – Podcasts
- Decide what want to achieve and pro-actively invite people
- Workshops need to be focussed on the type of audience present
- DA training from basics onwards
- Creative methods for learning (Think Club NEF)
- Financial, Copenhagen, Creative side, DA training: share responsibility for themes
- Earth First: week before, same approach – make contact?
- Funding for marquees – may only have one, use Neighbourhood marquees
- Communication between Site and Workshops
- Copenhagen probably will not work, Camp needs to be developed in that context
- Need to ask what people want the workshops to cover and who they would like as invited speakers
- Workshops need to link to economic system as that is why we are in London
- Need to have focus on this theme otherwise will end up with workshops on everything
- Communication with Scotland and Wales
- More practical and training, strategising and movement thinking than information –

- temperature check supports
- DA training more than just action, include legal and media
- Self-organised meetings could be accommodated in a space
- Local areas structure – need to come out of the Camp with that strengthened
- Workshop Group come back on Sunday with a proposal
- Put up paper over rest of Gathering to gather ideas
- Add to website
- Need act quickly to sign up some people
- Already agreed financial/Copenhagen focus, need also to build movement
- Need steps to Copenhagen so first step available to new comers

5. Website overhaul proposal

Reference to written paper: website is good and appreciate hard work done so far, scope for improvement given the emphasis this year on movement building – proposal Website Group works on it

Importance of eco-servers

Importance of donate button

Join website group, don't necessarily need technical skills, need design and editing skills

Proposal: Gathering asks Website Group to overall the website,
CONSENSUS

LUNCH

6. Political policing and the movement - a discussion

Introduction – How things have changed since this has become an issue in the media.

Legal team has been working hard on this.

Four different perspectives on the issues:

1. Change in the movement

After G20 we didn't get much coverage – more to do with banks being smashed up etc. *but* more attention after the causes of Ian Tomlinson's death became clear. What we've been aware of for years got brought into the public sphere. Much more public sympathy to our 'this is not a riot' approach. Public image of being 'reasonable radicals' – no excuse to beat us up. They have better armour than us! Best example of this change was the media coverage of the ratcliffe-on-soar 114 arrests.

2. Legal team

[Remit: Legal team there to provide practical support – information, training legal observers, gathering evidence, campaigning on policing & legal issues, action arrest support.]

Environment has changed quickly recently. All information has been given to the media team– last

piece is Panorama, coming up. Look out for the Viz cartoon!

Have been focussing on the political and legal aspects – keeping the pressure on to prevent further reductions in the space for protest. Have to keep an eye on what government is doing. Legal team gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee, provided a witness for them for their report.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of the Constabulary (HMIC) were asked to investigate the G20 protest – this has prevented other inquiries taking place – is not independent itself although it claims to be, and doesn't include us. We have submitted our report but when should we 'storm out'? Met Police Authority has also set up sub-committee on 'civil liberties'.

Kingsnorth work still going on. "Improvement" report has been buried. Journalist working on this. Another review ongoing by South Yorkshire police – coming out in June along with interim report. In September, government white paper on police accountability.

Exploring potential to challenge police through Judicial Review. Bindmans solicitors has written a letter to the Met saying we're thinking we'll challenge and asking for their side. This got an amazing amount of publicity!

A time of opportunity for us – and for the police. Amazing public profile, lots of lessons learned especially with regard to the media.

Want a steer on HMIC; Judicial Review (to which we would have to contribute financially – some donations coming in*), and police wanting to be seen to engage in dialogue with climate camp.

*smallprint – money can be used otherwise if not needed.

3. Police liaison.

No advance police liaison at Drax – the first camp. Became obvious as a role in the process of the camp.

Heathrow – group with no negotiating role, underlining 'no leaders' and that would only give advice in line with the climate camp website. Also made a council liaison issue document – became a 'police and council liaison' working group. Making clear what we are doing and why (direct action etc.). Looking at police strategy documents etc., looking at the relationships between different forces.

Kingsnorth – strategy failed in terms of trying to engage with Kent. Team have copy of briefing document.

Facilitator – tensions between civil disobedience, challenging the police and the camp's political integrity ...

4. Process

There's a) the politics of what we're doing around policing and b) the tactics we choose to take on.

And implications of both of these things to wider publics.

- a. politics of the legal work we're doing – are we assisting the police in facilitating protest on their terms? What control do we have over that process? Has become visible in view of G20 etc.. Concerns over division by media and police into peaceful and non-peaceful protestors – related to vocabulary we use. London evaluation meeting re. Wider movement. Feeling that we allowed ourselves to be divided as climate camp from the wider movement.
- b. As community of activists, we tend to experience police violence once a year. Far more often for other communities. Need to correct the assumption that G20 policing was a one-off rather than ongoing.
- c. United campaign against police violence set up since the G20. We need to think about how we engage with them. Also 'defend peaceful protest' – again, how do/ can we engage?
- d. Question of future liaison – not just ongoing defence of civil liberties, but re. Actions we're undertaking this year. How sustainable are the 'separate' legal and liaison groups and links with the media.

Interlocking questions we need to think about.

Clarifications

- cc legal team can't speak on behalf of meltdown
- others aren't bound by cc decisions – legal team are facilitating individuals in taking action.

Questions, points etc...

What is HMIC process?

Have offered to meet with us to discuss our role. We may storm out.

Judicial Review?

Court looks at police actions to decide whether or not they are lawful.

Section 1 blanket searching at Kingsnorth is being JR'd.

Kettling and use of force at the G20 – to be decided.

Legal team did not negotiate with police ahead of the G20

How closely is legal working with media team and is it working well?

Media team burnt out after G20 but do now have support.

What happens if litigant wins a JR on kettling?

Basically, publicity and might improve situation in time.

What about setting out what we expect from the police? Setting the rules of the game.

HMIC review are they expecting the legal team to speak on behalf of CC? What is the best way to delegitimise the police?

Contrast between police reaction to rape (they disappear) and protest (overkill).

All as comrades. Orientation towards assumption of police benevolence is problematic.

Need to think about how the movement appears. Movement behaviour in general. Need to welcome new people. Police and media as ruling class agencies. Need to underline this. Every time we 'play their game' this is relative to this understanding.

Tensions in the wider movement. Feeling of betrayal e.g. by post-G20 media coverage. We need to think about this and our messaging. Working groups need thought-through steering from the

whole camp. Maybe need to come up with broadly agreed key messages / agreed principles at a basic level.

Riot cops at protests never legitimate. E.g. not relevant whether they are wearing numbers. No dialogue! Need to identify police as part of the problem as much as burning carbon.

As a direct action movement, what we do involves being illegal. But/ and image is paramount, need to think about how we use current attention to achieve our aims.

How to decide about engagement. Premise is that policing is political and demystifying police's claim that they are reasonable, how about speaking to rank & file.

Media story about innocent protester and bad police. We are fitting in to this. Fact we were blockading a road got lost. Have to be careful about being dragged into this.

Legal team's role is about opening space to have better events and actions in the future. Also has to further the political aims of the climate camp. This may be contradictory, but/ and need to keep this in mind. Need to move away from media, police coverage.

Delineating 'the media' and indymedia.

HMIC, there to serve police, not public, and not us. Shouldn't touch this with a barge poll. Important to keep away from 'how should we be policed.'

Building a movement to stop climate change, all we do needs to be oriented towards this.

Re. engaging with the police, us to talk to them with the key concept of how can we fuck them over.

Relationship with the police as a charade but maybe have to go along with this to show it as it is, we engaged in argument with the British public. Maybe show this in the workshops programme.

Police have misunderstood what we were trying to do. Our responsibility to avoid confrontation? Be more tactical and take responsibility for confrontation more.

Tightrope between tactics and principles, climate camp too watered down. We aren't separate from black blocs, all people masking up at climate camp.

Impressed with our legal capacity. Legal defence is only one small aspect of what we do as a political movement. How do we relate to the wider movement?

Less disagreement than originally thought! Small group to meet parallel with working groups to come up with broad guidance for the media/ legal team.

June gathering

Need a neighbourhood to take on organising for 20/21 June. July, possibly Leeds. Need to think about August in view of Wales/ Scotland camps.

7. Working group time with working group spokes council

Process;

Finance;

Site (including defence group at the moment);

Action support (need more people);

Networking;

Workshops (need more people);

Media & legal, meeting together re. Principles;

International (Sunday);

Website (Sunday);

Festivals and fundraising;
Space;
Face-off, to take on CCS teach-in idea?;
Digital media group, photography & video, new 'be the media'?;
Call for kids/ parents working group.

Spectrum lines:
How many working groups are you involved in?
How much time have you got in the run-up to the camp? Fairly even spread. Less people with no time ...

8. Working Groups Spokes Meeting – Minutes

Agenda –
1. Feedback from each working group
2. Detailed discussion of any particular issue if required

Site

Our message to other working groups and neighbourhoods:
We are sorting the main central infrastructure electricity, water, marquees, transport and so on.
We need to hear from everyone what their wants and needs are. We will be communicating more with all soon.
But come to us before assuming anything is going to happen and we'll do our best.
As far as possible we are aiming for neighbourhoods to be autonomous by skills sharing before hand rather than providing stuff.
Action for Site: to produce a list of clear questions and communicate with working groups.

Networking

We need lots of information all the time to put out on social networks.
Actions: communication around swooping esp. with Site
Noted: overlaps between process and networking.

Process

There are new communication tools being created:
Phone number list for working groups
New e-lists for working groups e.g. site@, networking@
New neighbourhoods e lists

We will be talking to:
Networking and Process to clarify key messages
Site: around making the swoop happen and equipment and electricity needs.
To be the Media about broadband access for uploading.

Media

General request for information to get out there.
Site to tell media from what point communications can go out and press can come on site.

Website

Will make a specific request for information to put on the website soon.

Workshops

Suggest groups can bring a workshop on what their group does or a related issue – which will help to bring the hand on participation into the workshop programme.

All groups need to communicate their willingness to lead a workshop and on what, to the workshop group.

Action Support

Will communicate with:

Legal: about types of training

Workshops: to coordinate list of required trainings and workshops

Festivals: to include info to festival goers on taking action

Site: because our stuff needs to be on site early on.

Festivals

We will be communicating with:

Networking: to get all our propaganda together

Site: about what tat they can provide us with – (it was then clarified that Site are not providing

Festivals with any tat)

International

We will be communicating with:

Networking and Comms – about making an international flyer

Web – about getting our own info up there

Workshops – to input into programme

Digital Media

We will be talking to:

Site: about power and infrastructure we will need

Media: about the policy around photography and filming

Web: about improving the ability of people to up load things

Legal

We will be talking to:

Site: especially comms and then a load of other people, every group almost, sorry they went so fast I didn't get them.

Noted: Legal are not doing police liaison and no one else has taken this on yet. Site may as they are likely doing council liaison, site team will let spokes know as we may not have capacity.

Noted: Legal have said part of their budget can be used for police liaison.

Entertainments

We will be talking to:

Site: about marquees, PA, leci and lighting (it was clarified Site are not planning on providing a PA)

Noted: we also need to liaise around dealing with people who are drunk. Site have since agreed that they will take on Welcome and Tranquillity

Note: people listed the conversations they needed to have, but there was not actually time for us to have most of them. Thus all these conversations need to happen and these minutes should serve as a reminder.

9. Working group Feedback

Site

Need reasonable demands from working groups
New fresh, keen working group.

Media

General gist of three key messages, will be “wordsmithed” and presented to the next national gathering for consensus:

- Carbon Trading is yet another way in which bankers and politicians steal/waste our money (future?) instead of investing it in a low carbon future/renewables.
- The current economic system is unsustainable: it is fuelling climate change and will collapse.
- We need a strong movement to meet the challenge of climate change: come to the summer Climate Camps and/or the next mass action to ensure that our voice is heard in the run-up to Copenhagen.

International

Need to add a bit onto the website

Developing an international climate camp network; planning for skills sharing, collective political analysis of COP15; collective demands.

Networking

Outreach to other orgs and groups

Figuring out how we want to do outreach, and to what groups we want to reach

Assessing demographics that we want to reach

Map projects and orgs and groups that neighbourhoods might want to build communication with, locally

Would like to know the outlines of workshops prior to camp to use when doing outreach – match groups up appropriately – **need to liaise with workshop working group**

Workshops

Lots of new people.

Feedback from previous years.

Out of this morning's discussions these themes seemed important:

Action Training

Eco-living

CC strategy

Economics

Reminder to write up ideas over this weekend

Plan to put facilitator in each workshop to encourage participation

Big discussion about neighbourhoods; should workshops/training happen in neighbourhoods?

Festivals

We have a field at Glastonbury.

Secret Garden party and other festivals TBC

Need to find a way to bring home money from the festivals.

Welcome/Tranquillity

Need to talk to people who have done this in previous years

A new team of people up for it

Digital Media, Photography, and Video

Great deal of demand for two levels of photos and video facilitation.

Coverage that we create for external media streams

Also, possibility of open media platform from climate camp, for anyone to use.

Will need wider discussion

Is the official and unofficial CC digital media? -

SUNDAY

1. Announcements

Treesponsibility

in autumn, winter and spring come back to Hebden Hey to plant trees.
£25 for weekend.

Bristol Convergence

12 - 20th September

Autonomous actions and events – Climate Justice, Surveillance, Financial Collapse, Community growth, work place occupations, squatting and more
comuntiny.riseup.net

13th - 16th Aug – Wales Climate Camp Cymru

Need help with prep and tat down

info@climatecampcymru.org

23rd - 29th June – No Borders Camp in Calais

Need help practically and with distributing flyers.

Shift magazine – how do we relate to police, or divisions in our group?

Scottish Climate Camp

First week of August

2. Policing messaging proposal

Media and Legal

PROPOSAL

message guidelines for this month

Communicating re Police

1. Police are deployed against political movements to defend business as usual, we oppose business as usual, and therefore there will always be conflict between the climate camp and the police.

2. There is a long history of violent opposition to social and environmental progress, just look at the violence metered out to the US civil rights movement and the suffragettes by the police. Today's violence by the police against climate justice activists is merely more of the same.

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3. Only a large social movement with many allies can tackle climate change/ We need to be very careful with our communications as we have a limited ability to affect how newspapers, politicians and others represent our movement and its activities.

4. We need to make the choices the police make as difficult as possible

2.

Amendment – Need to acknowledge other groups who fall victim to police violence now, not just in history...

'...including environmental campaigners...'

Specific examples of police violence indicates that should they improve their behaviour our relationship will be better, we need to be clear that we don't accept them at all.

Media team did discuss this at length, these are guidelines that represent the camp as widely as possibly.

The last one, doesn't help us if it gets into public domain, we come across as a group who wants to undermine the police which will

We understand that other groups get attacked by the police, it is recognised in those messages, but not positively actively acknowledged in there – we want to show solidarity clearly. We need something on the CC website that has a strong message about our solidarity.

Should that be a separate proposal for next gathering, or written as a proposal for later in the day for consensus.

There was a point that our tactics should be to delegitimise the police.

Police violence is mentioned, without the context of state repression, that statement should be in there explicitly.

'Demand a right to protect ourselves' should be in there.

This proposal is just for guideline for our own people, not public, doesn't need to be an essay.

Last one sounds childish, instead it should be...

need to highlight the political role the police play in enforcing business as usual

That is quite like the first one.

Scrap the fourth one.

Business as usual because it causes climate change – is not the only reason we oppose business as usual, needs to be more anti capitalist.

CONSENSUS- with amendment and without number 4...

1. 2. There is a long history of violent opposition to social and environmental progress, just look at the violence metered out to the US civil rights movement and the suffragettes by the

police. Today's violence by the police including against climate justice activists is merely more of the same.

2.

3. What trouble to cause between now and Copenhagen?!

The camp – at last gathering we agreed not to have a mass action during the camp, but we didn't decide if affinity group actions would be included in the call out.

Review of April's minutes – Temperature checks – even split between the focus of the camp being on affinity group actions or preparing for autumn affinity actions.

Camp a base for decentralised actions, or for training and planning for post camp actions.

Not deciding what climate camp UK does at COP15 today, but what we'll do in the run up.

Two proposals;

1. To do a mass action in October against coal

2. To have a call out for loads of actions in between camp and COP15

Small group on Leeds - 30th Nov = 10th anniversary of Seattle, but not discussing that now.

Proposal 1

A series of events in the lead up to COP15, international working group proposes a hot autumn of discontent mobilising around Climate Justice Action

10th October, International Day to Defend Mother Earth (World Social Forum) and 24th October, 350.org day of action

The Copenhagen conference itself will have its own strategies outside of this remit.

Clarifying Q's

what is 350.org

350.org as in parts per million, organisations is based around that number to get it into public negotiations and public debate. The author who wrote first book on climate change, researched what the safest level of CO2 parts per million which was 350. we are now way above that, need to reduce and go back. Mainly based in USA.

Defend mother earth action could be bio fuels

The two dates are the only two explicitly supported by Climate Justice Action

Is this proposal excluding actions during the camp? - NO

The dates that got support aren't the only dates that will get support – the 10th will and other.

Proposal 2.

The importance of mass actions to climate camp, not having one this year at the camp.

New coal will really screw the climate – needs attention.

Also COP15. UK could be exposed as hypocrites, want to present themselves as climate leaders, but undermining policies.

Need to challenge the status quo – we may have reached our top figure for people coming to actions. With a mass action called for by a diverse group – could attract loads more people.

Points

The Climate camp itself is a mass action

When? Dates suggested - 10-11th or 24-26th October

Where? There are 15 coal fired powered stations, main contenders are Drax and Ratcliffe on Soar

How? Set a date and a meeting place, will need a lot of energy and organisation to be good, if we cant manage full capacity organisation then its not worth it.

Why is there only a couple of thousand people willing to take direct action?

Might need to do lots of outreach, tours etc.

Concerns and problem

We have tried this before at Drax and Kingsnorth camps, didn't close anything down – can we pull off anything better than that?

If we're separating the actions might be more plausible. Doing action during camps takes a lot of energy.

Is it too focused on coal?

No it is a crucial pressure as gov are about to do a U turn on coal.

Will it be pigged?

Might be lots of people on bail – 114, climate camp etc. could be powerful if people are breaking bail etc.

Persistence pays off, if RTS had only done two wouldn't have been as successful as it was, need to try more than twice.

Not focused on the economics enough? – there is a G20 in October in St Andrews.

The way they are planning to develop coal can't be separated from the economic problems, big decentralised energy, business.

Only works if its a good idea, and if other groups are up for it.

Clarifying question:

Does the core group of organisers already exist to take this forward? Sort of/ no

What was the process for choosing Ratcliffe and Drax as two most likely? Owned by Eon or due to size and inefficiency

What number of key organisers are needed? Depends on the time commitment each person can commit, minimum four dedicated full-time plus 10-20 part-time. Requires full support of wider climate camp

What tactics will avoid preannouncement of action leading to failure? Numbers, stand-alone mass action is a new tactic for us.

Intention to shut down the power station or simply to blockade? Two options: symbolic blockade or spikier shut down, open to discussion.

Similar action in US Capitol Hill – uni competition to get numbers to action, only problem was the weather and still managed 5000.

Timeline for the action? Organisation must start from now, use camp to network and train – cannot start at the camp.

Must discuss aims for action – shut down or blockade and be realistic about what we achieve in communications post-action

Capitol Hill very symbolic – can we shut down a power station like that

Network with other groups very important – action group outside CC to plan the action? Who is organising this action CC or new coalition? Up for discussion

Clear onward direction from camp to Copenhagen, does this action fit within that?

Have you considered cost? Can't take from CC budget need to raise funds.

Small group discussion: two points

at the camp – use camp as spring board for action, call out for affinity group to take action at camps and after

After camp – one mass action pre-Copenhagen or lots of mass days of action, should we decide now or in conjunction with other orgs in, June, July, September after international meetings.

What should we do at Copenhagen?

Spectrum Lines:

Should we be doing a call out for de-centralised action at the camp?

(Brighton gathering: purpose in not having mass action to reduce police attention/ pressure on camp affinity group action might defeat this purpose)

Even spread

Yes- Heathrow success – number of great decentralised

Maybe-Not need a call out as the camp will be more subtle encouraging action through training this will ease police pressure

No- 144 fiasco

At least one mass action in autumn about climate camp?

Majority – yes

Positive but on extreme agreement – 6

Capacity to organise?

About 12 – no

20-25 – spread between middle and extreme yes

FEEDBACK FROM SMALL GROUPS

group 1

Don't need to publicise affinity groups action in callout

yes to mass action

should be a coalition

action in October pref on key date

mass involvement important

don't need to go too far in supporting international groups

group 2

important to include action in callout – should be part not only focus as in previous years
shouldn't undermine stepping stone aspect
support international DOAs but within capacity
want ratcliffe for action, but aware of risks for 114
should be positive actions too i.e. with Isle of Wight wind farm

group 3

ambivalence about action callout, won't necc make a difference
yes to October, on specific day
should be as open as possible, but be ambiguous about what we're calling for
people should be free to do what they want at action including closing it down
need strong capacity for media

group 4

def have callout for action at camp
yes to ratcliffe
yes to October 12th
should be used as part of ongoing story
use neighbourhoods
good contribution to international movement

group 5

no consensus on callout
def coal def do mass action
debate about target
earlier the better
not enjoying mother earth slogan

group 6

affinity groups will be at camp anyway no need to be on publicity. Should be educational direct action training camp.
Action just talked about within camp
supported both proposals
action on 12th October important to show support for grassroots movement/biofuels
converge on train stations at coal stations

group 7

camp should be focused on training not action
not total consensus on coal
put fear on coal industry as a whole, don't give away location straight away

link with g20/camp so have it early
mass organisation of people's capacity needed

group 8

climate camp should be start of narrative for autumn
action for future or fine at camp but not specific callout
international dates good idea, should fit with theme of them, maybe good time to focus on another issue?
Ratcliffe or Drax fine

group 9

should be callout for action. People won't necessarily do it anyway, people might not do it without callout
police focus on camp anyway? No reason not to include action in callout
theme in callout, suggest types of action
yes to mass action, yes to ratcliffe, yes to international date
12th is monday, not best date?
Mass action on coal on a weekend but still support 12th
Coalition a good idea

group 10

yes to action callout
yes to mass action
no conclusion on date, all with pros and cons
questioned politics of 350.org, not as radical, dodgy science?
Also weekend of clocks changing
mother earth day very soon after camp, negative
can stand alone, big enough, more love for 12th.
No consensus on where but more support for Drax

SPECTRUM LINE ON CALLOUT FOR AUTONOMOUS ACTIONS AT CLIMATE CAMP

more do not do a call out for autonomous actions during the camp than yes.

SPECTRUM TO USE EXISTING COAL MASS ACTION PROPOSAL

All but a hand few yes lets stick to original.

Temp check on the proposed coal action (spectrum line) = about 90% in favour 5% no and 5% not sure.

Summary of the current coal action proposal:

- 1: Climate Camp will organise a mass action targeting a coal fired power station.
- 2: It will be a weekend in October
- 3: It will be linked to the summer camp in London which will build through training and movement building, towards this action
- 4: A Working group will facilitate the action and decide on the weekend (potentially through a

coalition with other groups)

Do we need to decide the date now....?

In the action working group?

Or at the next Gathering?

Points were taken on these questions.

Including: practicalities relating to communications, working in coalition, the members of the coalition, and safety of the working group around the law.

Amendments: were the inclusion of the words “coal fired” (which was probably a typing error) and the inclusion of the word “potentially”

Stand asides: I don’t want it to clash with the action on the 12th October

CONSENSUS

Direct action at the Camp proposal:

In our publicity we state that we are calling for climate related autonomous actions with our camp as a spring board, (with spring board meaning offering training and for e.g. providing a list of potential targets).

Amendments:

Or say: one aim of this camp is to facilitate autonomous direct action.

Or: encourage people to prepare actions

Or: add something about economics and the city

Current Proposal: That in our publicity we call out for autonomous direct action focusing on the city of London, the financial system and all those responsible for the economic and ecological crisis during the camp and the camp will facilitate it.

Stand asides: Total of 7, 5 minuted, 2 lost to computer malfunction.

1. How its phrased: the words “call out” and “facilitate” which may be too strong for the consensus. “There will be affinity group actions during the week” – might be better.

2: Legal team will need to be bigger to support all this and our best way to get bigger is to run trainings during the camp and we can’t do both

3: We want greater numbers and movement building and we don’t want to dissuade people from coming and we don’t want to take peoples’ camp time away from the training.

4: Affinity actions will happen whether or not we do a call out. The problem with consensus on the wording which needs to be clear before we go for consensus.

5: “Facilitate” may be a legally problematic word, in terms of responsibility.

Consensus not reached. Out of time. Networking Working group to come up with a better worded proposal.

4. Announcements

Campaign Against Climate Change:
15th July People's Parliament, Parliament Square.

LUNCH

5. June gathering

Mid June in Cambridge
CONSENSUS

6. Working group time

Space

A proposal went to funder which was all encompassing of the climate camp, including 'Space's' proposal. Funder decided to fund the Space group alone.

This message was passed on from someone outside the group, no one was present to represent the group. Nor is any one present

Process point – Reps from 'Space' need to be at gatherings.

Space was given a remit in which to work, which included raising its own money, it has done this but HAS to be at gatherings like all other working groups.

Action Support

Action Support needs more capacity if DA is the main theme for training at this year's camp. Join the working group. There is a skills training for trainers coming up.

7. Working group feedback

Media

A former informer from Drax 2006 has got in touch with the Guardian wanting to own up. The police identified him as a vulnerable person and squeezed him for information, not that any of it was much use.

The Gathering agreed that the Media Working Group will agree on the wording of a letter to be printed alongside the article which the Guardian will write saying that we understand that the police target vulnerable people and that we need to get on with taking action against the root causes of climate change.

Festivals

Proposal for the next gathering to establish a process for the Festivals WG.

Loads of work has been done on Glasto. Climate Camp will also have presence at Big Green Gathering, Secret Garden Party and if anyone wants to take Climate Camp to any other festival, please contact cc-festivalsandfundraising@lists.aktivix.org. A festivals pack will be put together for this purpose. If anyone has something for this pack please email that address.