

Climate Camp Glasgow Gathering Minutes

Summary of decisions made

- *Mass Action*

On the day of action we will shut down RBS operations in Edinburgh starting with the global headquarters.

- *Day of Action Messaging*

We message the day of mass action as targeting RBS and the fossil fuel industry (i.e. broader than RBS operations which is the target of the mass action itself)

- *Power-down*

Power-down is stated in the handbook as 10.30pm. We can re-assess this when we know where the site is.

- *Alcohol on Site*

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- *Dogs*

People should be dissuaded from bringing dogs. We should explain in our handbook why dogs are not allowed on the site, i.e., it is because of practical reasons and not because of prejudice against dog owners. People bringing guide dogs, and other forms of support dogs should let us know in advance and they should keep their dogs on leads and clean up their dogs' mess. This policy might have to change depending on the site.

- *Campaign against open cast coal in Cousland, Scotland*

Agreed to give support to Campaign against Airfield Open Cast (CAAOC) – campaign against a proposed 2 million tonne open cast coal mine in Cousland, Midlothian, Scotland. Involving website links, media work, and a visit to the affected community during the camp (see full proposal attached below)

- *Safer spaces*

Safer spaces agreement from 2009 agreed again subject to the following changes: The power-down is now 10.30pm, the word immigration changed to migration, the part that says that the tranquillity team will wear green sashes should be looked at by the tranquillity team and changed depending on how they are actually planning to identify themselves. Laminated versions of the agreement will be up around the site.

- *Media Key Messages agreed as follows:*

- 1. The government is making the economic and climate crisis worse through austerity cuts and bank bailouts. It's subsidising a financial system that creates inequality and jeopardises our future in pursuit of profit.*
- 2. Coal extraction in the UK and the devastating tar sands exploitation in Canada are made possible with finance from banks like RBS. We need to stop destructive projects like these by taking on the institutions that fuel/ feed them.*
- 3. Communities affected by climate injustice are saying no to this exploitative and dangerous destruction of our planet and our future and the camp for climate action is joining them.*
Come and take action with us against the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh on the 21st – 24th August.

- *Media Access Policy agreed as follows:*

1. *The media team cannot control the media on site on the 19th or off site on the 23rd (i.e. the swoop and tat down). If you want to be secure wear a mask.*
2. *Media hours 1pm-6pm*
3. *The climate camp documenting team to be identifiable and allowed to film/photography outside of media hours*
4. *Journalists will be accompanied by a trained media person on site*
5. *Everyone should ask before taking a photograph/ video*

- Climate Justice Action (CJA) day of action plans

Decision that Climate Camp UK adds its name to the list of groups already affiliated to a planned oil day of action in London City (see details in the minutes).

- Not to set a date for a September gathering

We decided not to set a date for a September gathering and instead to leave the question of whether we want a September gathering to be decided at the camp itself.

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Saturday 31 July 2010

Morning Session

Council/Police liaison working group feedback.

Intro:

- The group has the remit to liaise with the council and other public service providers. They have a remit to talk to the police only to the limited extent of talking about site practicalities. This group does not currently have the remit to talk to the police about actions and public order policing. Two people from the group had a meeting with the council two days ago. The council call this kind of meeting an 'epoch meeting' and it includes a range of interested parties including emergency services, i.e. police/ ambulance/fire. Many points relate only to particular site related working groups – and this info will be fed into the appropriate groups.

Feedback on points relevant to the wider gathering:

- The council are willing to provide waste disposal/ water services etc. However this offer is only guaranteed if on council land or private land with permission of the landowner. It is not a guarantee if on a squatted site.
- The council wanted us to take a council provided site (similar to the arrangement for the G8 Stirling eco-camp). The camp reps explained that they do not have the power to make that decision.
- They made a big point of asking that we respect the city/tourists and not disrupt the fringe festival and had particular concern about the 'fragile' Edinburgh transport network.
- They are willing to facilitate legal actions with advance warning, and they offered to help us negotiate with RBS to go onto their land. They are also happy to help us network with local community groups.
- The camp reps made quite clear that we see the police as part of the problem and not part of the solution. The council and police repeated the point that the Scottish police are not as bad as the London police. They explained that police from Kingsnorth came and gave them a briefing and they were 'shocked' by the tactics that they had used and they stated that they will not be using this type of approach.
- Wednesday the 11th August 2010 is the date of the next 'epoch' meeting. If you want to feed into the groups work please contact the group or join the group.

Comments/concerns/ responses:

- Concern- we should not have any liaison at all with the authorities. We should be completely autonomous.

- Response - all previous camps there has been some liaison to at least address safety/water/ waste disposal issues. This year the group has taken a less 'cosy' approach than in previous years. It was suggested the person with concerns could input directly into the working of the group.
- Concern - we need to get a firm written commitment from the police that they will not use 'Kingsnorth' tactics (i.e. stop and search, intimidation, violence).
- Response - we don't believe that the police will honour promises anyway.

Power-Down (when amplified music is turned off)

Points of Info:

- The council told us 10.30pm is the Edinburgh noise cut off point across the city.
- 11pm has been the power down time at all but one of previous camps.
- Later night recreation became a problem at Blackheath.

Proposal:

- Power-down is stated in the handbook as 11.00pm. We can reassess this when we know where the site is.

4 Stand asides – feelings that it is better to prepare people for an earlier power-down because in practice it always becomes a little later, and this approach will more likely avoid aggravation.

Proposal amended

- Power-down is stated in the handbook as 10.30pm. We can reassess this when we know where the site is.

2 Stand asides – because workshops programmed at 9.30pm might not have ended and seems generally too early.

Active consensus

Alcohol

Ideas raised:

- Discourage alcohol on the site and limit drinking to evenings and/or limit drinking to one area only.
- Open statement that climate camp is not a festival and please do not use this as a space to get drunk – or something to that effect.

Proposal:

- There is a late night fire pit away from sleeping areas. Neighbourhoods/ working groups should decide themselves if their areas are alcohol free. Meetings/ workshops/ gate/ welcome are alcohol free spaces. Neighbourhoods who want to run a bar should ensure they have an ethical produce policy. We will have a statement in the handbook that the camp is not a festival and if you do decide to drink alcohol while at the camp please do so sensitively.

Active consensus

Dogs

Ideas raised:

- General discussion. Concern that at previous camps 'no dog' policies have not been enforced.

Proposal:

- People should be dissuaded to bring dogs. We should explain in our hand book why dogs are not allowed on the site. It is because of practical reasons and not because of prejudice against dog owners. People bring guide dogs, and other forms of support dogs should let us know in advance and they should keep their dogs on leads and clean up their dog's mess. This policy might have to change depending on the site.

Active consensus

Mass Action

Firstly a discussion about whether we want to make a decision in advance of the camp on the target/targets for the mass action. Alternatively we could simply leave this decision for at the camp.

- Pros of making the decision in advance:

We can't prepare for the action and get the right equipment together if we don't know the target or type of action.

It is easier to publicise and mobilise towards the camp if we tell people what they are going to do.

- Cons of making the decision in advance:

Taking the decision now takes away power from affinity groups.

Loose the element of surprise.

Small group discussion about possible ideas for actions against:

Open cast coal mines and infrastructure /RBS HQ/ RBS Branches /Airport/ Offices in the city centre / Shell and BP petrol stations/ Scottish coal HQ/ Scottish Power/ Clyde/ Ayrshire Power (Peel Holdings)/ Hargreaves and Cairn (loans from RBS)/ Other banks (Halifax, Bank of Scotland, Lloyds etc./ Leith Port/ Longannet and Cockenzie power stations/ Grangemouth/ Fringe Festival (sponsored by RBS).

Feedback:

Group 1. Purpose of the action should be the direct disruption/reclaiming a space creatively and not simply awareness raising. Easier to police/defend an institution if it is out of a city, so preference for an action in the city and in public view.

Group 2. RBS day of action. The camp could be at one location and the actions could be elsewhere/disperate (because there are RBS targets all over the place).

Group 3. Mass/decentralised actions should engage people who are not just up for mass action against RBS, e.g. some people might be more attracted by a coal mine action. Don't want to alienate the public.

Group 4. General call out for action against the fossil fuel industry. Mass action needs to be accessible for new people. Affinity groups could do sexier/more difficult actions than blockading a HQ car park. More assertive to shut down infrastructure? Keep people guessing is good.

Group 5. Make clear links between RBS, finance and fossil fuels. Winning would be shutting down RBS HQ.

Temperature Check

How highly do we rate these as achievements?

Being in Edinburgh city centre - 35%

Awareness raising – 50%

Direct action -95%

Disrupt operations – 90%

Engage directly with the general public – 80%

Camp and action not in the same place – 51%

Engage people who are not up for action against RBS – 60%

Action that is good for new people – 87%

Keep the authorities guessing – 60%

Shut down infrastructure – 99%

Make clear links between banks and fossil fuels and bailouts – 100%

Shut it down! (What? Unsure. Something!) 75%

Not alienate the public - 52%

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Afternoon Session

Discussion on shutting down RBS HQ.

Long discussion – with the following questions, among others, explored in the whole group;

- If we shut it down what would we do then? Could we reclaim the space in some way?

- They might shut it down primitively, in which case will our actions feel redundant? And what would we do next?
- By focussing on RBS do we miss out on the broader narrative about the fossil fuels industry in this part of the world?
- Shall we state our target as RBS and related fossil fuel industries and/or the climate criminals that they fund? Or would that rule out non RBS fuelled targets, e.g. the coal mines. Or does this really matter; after all we have always encouraged all diverse climate actions during the camp?
- Shall we have multiple targets?
- How can we make sure we have public engagement in the city centre? With this in mind how viable are the RBS targets and other targets in the city centre?

Temperature check on the proposal that our mass action will be to shut down the RBS HQ – quite positive.

Temperature check on the proposal that our mass action will be to shut down RBS operations in Edinburgh - also quite positive.

Proposal:

- On the day of action we will shut down RBS operations in Edinburgh starting with the global headquarters.

No stand asides

Active consensus

CONCH Campaign

Presentation:

- Presentation from a representative from CONCH, a community lead, voluntary, independent campaign against a new coal fired power station at Hunterston in North Ayrshire (about an hour and a half drive from Edinburgh).
- The company involved is Ayrshire Power (HQ in London) and is a subsidiary of Peel (HQ in Manchester).
- The planning decision is in the hands of the Scottish government and the 20th August 2010 is the deadline for public consultation. Letters of protest available on the CONCH website. There is a legal challenge against the consultation process on-going.
- They already have a good relationship with Coal Action Scotland

www.conchcampaign.org

info@conchcampaign.org

We talk about how the climate camp can help:

- Raise awareness - CONCH want this to be a campaign as big as Kingsnorth.
- CONCH has been invited to come and do a workshop at the camp, and we can learn from each other.
- CONCH would welcome protests and actions on this issue.
- We can publicise the issue/ their web address on our website/email list.
- The issue is now on our radar moving forward.

Cousland Support Proposal

- Campaign against Airfield Open Cast (CAAOC). Opposing a proposed 2 million tonne open cast coal mine in Cousland, Midlothian. Deadline for objections 3rd September, pre-determination hearing listed 20th September, and council decision expected on the 8th October.

<http://airfieldopencast.co.uk/>

Proposal:

- Request for support-

To have a stall at the camp with copies of objection letters to be signed

To have a link to the campaign on our website

That CAAOC spokespeople can work with the camp media team to generate public awareness on the issue

- Proposed event-

Idea is still being formulated. But basically a day trip of a number of campers to the site of the proposed development to have community picnic/ tour of the site/ meeting with local people. This would send a message to Scottish Coal and the Council and build links. There is also a possibility of a bike ride (cycle routes will be affected by the projected) and visits to other relevant local sites/ potential targets, e.g. Cockenzie the coal -fired power station that will burn the coal.

We are asking that this be on the Camp programme/website and that the Camp help organise transport and to generate media coverage.

This is being facilitated by a group in Coal Action Scotland, contactable on coalactionscotland@riseup.net (a full proposal was handed out in the gathering – above is a summary)

It was noted that Saturday would be a much better day than Sunday for the event as far as the camp is concerned – the person presenting the proposal will feed this back.

The full proposal brought to the gathering is copied at the end of these minutes.

Active consensus

Working Group Feedback

- Media feedback

Discussion about the policy of journalists on site. Comments taken to help develop a proposal for tomorrow.

Temperature check on idea that broadcast journalists (video and still cameras) are allowed on site, accompanied by a member of the media team, between 1pm to 7pm each day - medium to positive support.

Temperature check on 'be you own media' activist journalists working as part of climate camp to document the camp are marked by a purple sash – medium support - concerns about the way this worked last year. It must be clear that wearing a sash does not mean that you can photo everyone as you like.

Temperature check on broadcast journalists being always accompanied by the media team – 100% support

- Site feedback

Urgent need for a tat down coordinator – no volunteers. Please indicate interest for this role to site@climatecamp.org.uk.

How many people can stay until end of the 25th Aug – 65%, until the end of the 26th – 45%, until end of the 27th – two or three people.

People who can be in the tat down crew should email site@climatecamp.org.uk letting them know your availability.

Kitchen and Toilet groups need more people – get involved!

If you can drive and can help at the camp please make contact.

- Communications feedback

Still working on this – only formed the group today

Will bring a proposal to the group tomorrow.

- Workshops feedback

Looking for a speaker for the welcome plenary – Friday night.

Discussion plenary on the financial system- Sunday night – need help to develop and organise this.

Contact workshops@climatecamp.org.uk

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Sunday 1 August 2010

Morning Session

Media Access Policy

Proposal

1. The media team cannot control the media on site on the 19th or off site on the 23rd (i.e. the swoop and tat down). If you want to be secure wear a mask.
2. Media hours 1pm-6pm
3. Documenting team to be identifiable and allowed to film/photography outside of media hours.
4. Media team to babysit journalist but not as a top priority
5. Everyone should ask before taking a photograph/ video

Discussion points;

- Clearly a compromise policy because some people want more media access, and some want less. Concern that word babysit is patronising
- Concern that people with masks also need to be asked before being photographed
- Ideas about how many journalists will come – maybe less than when we were in London – but the fringe festival will attract arts journalist- and Edinburgh is a capital city with press too
- Idea that the media hours could be shortened – response that journalists would end up being turned away if they did not attend during the hours, and that because they have deadlines to meet this can limit the coverage we get.
- This is not about bending over backwards for journalists – this is about making sure we get maximum media coverage for a camp (especially because this camp might be less of a media storm than other camps have been).
- Concern about media team capacity. When they need extra help they can recruit on camp – but only after giving appropriate training

Amendment to point 4

4. Journalists will be accompanied by a trained media person on site.

Test for consensus on the amended proposal

1 stand aside – because some independent journalists can be put off from coming

Active consensus

Outreach

This is a vital and under-capacity group, so some talk about this in the big group

- Neighbourhood Transport – only Manchester, London and South Coast have arranged transport as a group. These arrangements need to be well advertised.
- Earth First – the exhibition is going from London and Manchester is taking printed publicity
- Workers – a meeting has been arranged with workers from fossil fuel industries, and a flyer has been made tailored for bank workers, explaining that our gripe is with the bosses not the workers
- Fringe Festival – so people taken it on but nothing done yet
- Printed Material –not enough flyers and papers in Scotland – the outreach group need to address this urgently
- Letter printed to give to the camps neighbours – rumour that Cambridge are doing this

Communications and Security/ Defence

- Be the media tent will be autonomously arranging its own security because of concern to protect their equipment
- Only a few neighbourhoods have discussed the security system that was agreed at the last gathering – please remember to talk about your defence teams as per the agreement

- The communications group provided a message read at the gathering. Basically they are very understaffed, but they will be at the camp with equipment. They are likely to need more volunteers at the camp. Those who have organised communications for the last few years are leaving, and want to make sure we know that they are only available to share their skills over the next 4 months.

Workshops

- Presentation on the workshop programme so far. Many fewer workshops than before. More action training than workshops. Three evening plenaries – welcome plenary – the big banking debate plenary – closing plenary.

General discussion. Commented that for a couple of different reasons the plenary about banking might not be the best event for the night before the action. The working group will take this on board.

Affinity Groups

- Reminder that our action planning strategy relies on everyone being in an affinity group. So we all need to get into affinity groups. There will be a lot of sessions at the camp to help people form affinity groups. Need to kick start a process where neighbourhoods put on affinity group forming sessions in advance. Action support will circulate via the email newsletter a brief on how to run this type of session for the benefit of neighbourhoods.

Working Group Time followed by Working Group Feed Back

- Meetings group. Process will be similar to last year – but hopefully more people so more efficient. We want a meeting group presence in the welcome tent. We will have a spokes council meeting from 10-11am. Neighbourhood will have their morning/breakfast meetings before this at a time of their own choosing. Feedback from the spokes meeting will to the neighbourhoods will happen at lunch time and using notice boards. There will be a standard process involving spokes people that change every day and an emergency decision making spokes system. Emergency spokes will be called together as and when an emergency spokes council meeting is called. This process will be explained in the handbook. No serious concerns raised so the group is empowered to go forward and implement this.
- Media group. Looking for a room/space to use in Edinburgh in advance. If you know of any they could use please get in touch. Building a group involving Scottish people as well as people from south of the broader. It would be helpful to know about actions/ events in the build up to the camp, please be sensible about security, but you can arrange a meeting with us by emailing press@climatecamp.org.uk We need more people. There will be media trainings before and during the camp. We have some spokespeople who used to work for RBS.
- Safer Spaces. Everyone reads the policy that was used in 2009. Safer spaces agreement from 2009 agreed again subject to the following changes: The power-down is now 10.30pm, the word immigration changed to migration, the part that says that the tranquillity team will wear green sashes should be looked at by the tranquillity team and changed depending on how they are actually planning to identify themselves. Laminated versions of the agreement will be up around the site.
- Media team read out the key messages, coming out of previous gatherings, meetings, and after being up on crabgrass for comments/changes. These are written up so people can reflect over lunch.

Key Messages Proposed:

1. The government is making the economic and climate crisis worse through austerity cuts and bank bailouts. It's subsidising a financial system that creates inequality and jeopardises our future in pursuit of profit.

2. Coal extraction in the UK and the devastating tar sands exploitation in Canada are made possible with finance from banks like RBS. We need to stop destructive projects like these by taking on the institutions that fuel/ feed them.

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Afternoon Session

Feedback from the discussion that happened over lunch on the media messages.

- Are the ideas too complex?
- Is the language too obscure?
- What do we say to the tabloids?
- The word fuel could replace feed?
- Should we use more everyday language?
- Do these messages give a sense of the energy of the movement or the reason for direct action, or our commitment to alternatives?

Concerns are taken on board and people with strong feelings are invited to join the working group to have a direct input. But we decide that the process of developing these messages has been long enough – and we trust the media team to take forward these messages as principles and to pitch using appropriate language depending on the audience.

No Stand Asides

Active consensus

Where Next?

There's been agenda suggestions about what we're doing in September (are we having a gathering?) and what are we going to do (if anything) for the international day of action of October 12th.

Purpose of this session is to ask:

Where do we think the Camp is going to be in two months' time?

Where do we want the Camp to be in two months' time?

What do we have to do to make what we want happen?

Danger of these sessions turning very negative, so we only want to have discussion if people are up for it: People are broadly up for it.

October 12th Action Proposal:

What is Planned?

- A big oil day of action in London City in response to the CJA call for action.

When?

- Either Saturday 9th or Saturday 16th October

Who is organising?

- The action has already an impressive list of affiliated groups: Rising Tide, Plane Stupid,

Laboratory of Insurrection Imagination.

What are we asking Climate Camp?

- We love Climate Camp and we are asking you if you would like to add your name to this list of affiliated groups. This is not a proposal that Camp organise the action: the action is already being organised by a group with adequate capacity. This is an action organised in the spirit of The Great Climate Swoop, i.e. enough secrecy to keep the action secure combined with enough collaboration to benefit from networking through the movement's network.

Why Oil?

- Because of the BP oil Spill
- It is about time there was a big public action on oil.
- The narrative is that this action marks the day we start to kick our oil habit.
- From plastic bottles to petrol stations oil, and the oil economy, flows through our lives and through London City day in day out. And it infiltrates every part of our lives, we are all about stopping that flow in its many forms.

Why then?

- CJA call for action
- Spring Board off the Camp
- Build up to the COP in Mexico

What's the action?

- It will be in the City of London and will be assertive, disruptive, diverse, creative... a magical mystery tour of actions... we don't want to give the game away.

Moving Forward

- We need a decision today because we have to get publicity planned
- More questions/comments email crudeawakening2010@gmail.com

Clarifying Questions:

- Is it a call for the UK-wide process to put its name down?
- Response: Yes.
- Is there any financial implications?
- Response: No. They are not asking for any money, however if the CCA finds that it has a lot of money after August and if money is needed a request at that stage can not be ruled out
- Point of information: Leeds is organising its own thing.
- How do we get actively involved?
- Response: At this stage it is just the email address to contact. There is crossover between the two.

Concerns:

- Do we need to confirm this as the thing we are doing as agreed in Manchester.
- Response: It doesn't exclude us doing anything else
- Need to emphasise that Climate Camp can't fund things at present, as it is not in a good financial situation in comparison with richer days

Proposal:

Climate Camp UK adds its name to the list of affiliated groups

- Stand Aside: Don't want to see Climate Camp so centralised, so don't want to see Climate Camp UK sign up to something. It should be the London Group.
- Stand Aside: It stops us being involved by only putting our name to something.
- Stand Aside: We're a different group to the neighbourhoods (?) in the UK process.

Active Consensus

Small Group discussion about what next

Topic: should be planning for a post camp gathering?

Feedback;

Group 1:

- * Where will we be in two months' time? Exhausted after successful camp. Fresh faces.
- * Where do we want to be? Want more people to know who we are. More talk of solutions and alternatives, propositions and constructive input. More powerful local groups, local organising.
- * How can we get there? Skill shares: supporting local groups to be sustainable activist groups, facilitation, Neighbourhood get together and organising (less focus

Group 2:

- * We've become the national movement, meaning we face unrealistic expectations and lack ability to take risks/ make mistakes!
- * We need to enable space for other groups to come forward and do equally exciting events.
- * We become a hibernating organisation. We do events over the summer well, but burn ourselves out trying to keep going all year round.
- * We need to have more discussions with other movements.
- * We write a book, in order to spread skills we've learnt.
- * Working Groups could survive without Climate Camp: e.g. Media Group and Legal Group?
- * We'd like to increase our diversity.
- * We should be more conscious about connecting with different struggles.

Group 3:

- * Economic crises: people might not have much money to come to gatherings very soon.
- * We want stronger neighbourhoods.
- * Structure is top down with money. This could be other way round.
- * The National gathering is becoming a neighbourhood in itself. This could be a bad or good thing.
- * Does Direct Action put people off?
- * Change name to "Camp for Direct Action"
- * Link to transition concept a bit more.
- * Ask neighbourhoods to write wish list, as to what they want in terms of skills, etc.
- * Have newsletter where every neighbourhood writes comments.
- * Much more outreach and forging connections to other struggles.
- * Try and broaden what we mean by Direct Action.

Group 4:

- * Strengthening local basis is both constructive and widens demographic.
- * Money: it's cheaper to do things locally than it is to do them on a UK wide basis.
- * The discussion as to where the Camp should go next should be held at the Camp itself in August, because this is the biggest gathering we'll get for the year.

Group 5:

- * Austerity Cuts: we're going to see massive resistance to these here in UK, like in Greece at the moment. How do we relate to this, and if we don't do we become marginalised?

Do we want to publicise a September Gathering at the Summer Camp? OR Do we want to decide to leave it until we are at the Camp itself to decide?

A person to pitch each point of you steps forward:

- No: Previously there was a sense of being a temporary and spontaneous event or resurgence, now monthly gatherings and yearly duties are draining us. Giving us space could reenergise us, be creative, maybe come back to climate camp network with renewed energy, maybe move on. A September gathering would be a duty. Give neighbourhoods space to build their local networks.
- Yes: We need space to reflect on the camp after the camp. If we give ourselves too much time, we might just drift away. Somewhere to talk about, plan for October 12th.

Question posed to the whole group; What other kind of event or meeting could we do in September instead of a gathering?

- Have international feedback from other climate camps, gathering of all international camps.
- Debrief for new people after camp.

- Social, celebration, party!
- Tree-planting.
- Preparation for October 12th: practical jobs/ making props etc
- Space for neighbourhoods to meet, either at local level or at a national meeting.
- Skill share.
- Coordinated neighbourhood actions.
- Local/ Regional gatherings

Proposal: That the decision of what we do post-camp is not made at this gathering but that we feed in the above ideas into the process at the camp for deciding what next

Active Consensus

Theme for the day of mass action

PROPOSAL: We message the day of mass action as targeting RBS and the fossil fuel industry (ie broader than RBS operations which is the target of the mass action itself)

Discussion Points:

- * Lack of continuity of people over both days makes decision difficult. We need to be consistent with our media messages, which focus on RBS. But we can elevate some elements from our media messages to speak about our day of action. We need to have a narrative to clearly explain why we're targeting RBS – need to link them to fossil fuels and financial crisis.
- * It is a good proposal, and Climate Camp can handle the complexity.
- * We need to push the message out there to everyone that we want to take action. We need people to be prepared in advance.
- * It's not a problem having RBS is an emblem of the fossil fuel industry.
- * The reason for needing to make these decisions is to enable those helping facilitate the action.

Temperature Check: RBS as an emblem?

PROPOSAL: We announce the 23rd of August as a day of action against RBS and the fossil fuel industry.

Stand Aside: Don't like the term fossil fuel industry.

Active consensus

END OF GATHERING

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Cousland/Airfield Climate Camp event proposal in full:

Support for Communities Opposed to Airfield Open Cast (CAAOC) during Climate Camp

This proposal comes from discussions with people who are active in CAAOC and working to oppose Scottish Coal's new 2 million tonne open cast coal mine in Cousland, Midlothian. Battles around the planning for this mine have been fought by the community for many months now, and are coming to a head with the predetermination hearing taking place on the 20th September and a decision expected to be made by the council on 8th October. Coal Action Scotland will be supporting CAAOC in the run up to and during the predetermination hearing. This event at Climate Camp will be a good way to raise the profile of the campaign in the lead up to this and in the build up to the decision date, as well as help the camp to support an ongoing struggle in Scotland.

For more information about the campaign go to <http://airfieldopencast.co.uk/> and help by sending an objection (deadline 3rd September) to the proposal and new information recently submitted by Scottish Coal. This proposal is in two parts: Support for the campaign through the camp, and an event.

1. Support throughout the camp

- **Support with objections** - the main focus of CAAOC's activities is currently getting people to object to the plans – through many objections they can demonstrate the widespread opposition in the community to the mine. It would be great if the camp would be happy for there to be a stall with objection letters available for people to sign, and if people in the campaign could go around the camp encouraging people to sign them. The campaign has generated some 700 letters of objection so far – in response to this Scottish Coal requested all of its employees and families, (mostly from East Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire) to send pro-forma letters of support, submitting some 600 well after the deadline. We should be able to get at least another few hundred from people attending the camp to combat this.

- **Support on the website** – this could involve a link to the campaign with a link for people to object to the plans, encouraging people to object and come to the event.

- **Support with media** – the campaign relies on generating local media coverage to get its message across and influence decision makers. The camp could be a way to generate national media coverage for the campaign, something it would really appreciate. A strategy could be developed whereby media is directed to campaign spokespeople, allowing them to get their own messages out and give them useful experience with dealing with national media for when the campaign heats up should the council accept the plans.

2. The event

- **Reason for the event** - Plans for an event are still being formulated by the campaign and supporters, however, the support and involvement of Climate Camp would be very beneficial. Climate Camp would be a good opportunity to get a large number of people to the site of the proposed development and meeting with the community, something that would be much harder to achieve in Edinburgh otherwise. Getting many people to Cousland and on to the proposed site would show the community that there is widespread support for them. It would also send a message to Scottish Coal and the Council that opposition to the mine is not confined to the immediate area and that, should the plans be approved, opposition to the mine will continue. It would also generate national media coverage for the campaign and provide one way for activists coming to the camp to support an ongoing community struggle in Scotland.

- **Form of the event** – the idea currently is to encourage as many people as possible to come to Cousland on either the Saturday or Sunday afternoon, for a community picnic or some such event, where people from the camp can meet people from the community. A tour of the site could take place, with a talk on the campaign so far and how people can help, delivered by community activists. Depending on transport, it would also be possible to include other aspects, such as a cycle ride from town to Cousland (one of the issues around the mine is the impact on cycle routes), where cyclists could be wearing dust masks, or something visual. The event could also include visiting other places near by, such as Cockenzie coal-fired power station where the coal from the site will be burned, the council headquarters in Dalkeith, the nearest large community in Ormiston, or Scottish Parliament where the plans will be referred to if approved by the council.

- **How Climate Camp could help** – there are a number of ways that this event could be supported by the camp:

- Making it a part of the programme and advertising it as a Climate Camp event, both at the camp and in advance (on the website, etc) so that people are aware of it before the camp and can plan to come
- Helping to provide transport to the site – it is accessible by public transport but vehicle use would make it more accessible and allow transportation of materials banners, food, etc)
- Generating media coverage, helping with press releases and doing media work with the community.

• **Taking this forward** – a group within Coal Action Scotland is taking on the organisation of the event and communicating closely with CAAOC. If the gathering likes the proposal, in order to take this forward a liaison within the workshops/programme, transport and media working groups to work with CAS would be very helpful and provide points of contact such that things can move on quickly. We can submit text/blurbs and links for the website and programme within the next few days, depending on the camp's deadlines. We can be contacted on coalactionscotland@riseup.net, and include [Cousland] in the subject heading. We're sorry that none of us could be there in person to propose this!

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Camp for Climate Action 2010 Safer Spaces Agreement

'I too want order, every bit as much as, or more than, those who breach it with their alleged government. But I want it to be a product of my will, a condition of my labour and a testimonial to my reason.'

'As man seeks justice in equality, so society seeks order in anarchy'
(Proudhon)

This agreement was made collectively at climate camp national gathering in August 2010. Its purpose is to support our collective efforts to create a safe space free from hierarchy, oppression, and conflict. It is a provisional agreement that can be changed at any time by the consensus decision of the camp.

We welcome everyone who enters this space as an equal participant in our movement. We believe that each of us has something to contribute and to learn. We are a community based on respect, trust and taking responsibility for our actions.

Creating a space free from hierarchy and oppression:

We reject a society that exploits people and planet in the interests of private profit and privilege, and that fosters exclusion and oppression. Oppression can happen at a political, social or personal level and typically occurs on the basis of ethnicity, class, gender, gender identity, gender presentation, sexuality, age, income, ability, appearance, migration, belief or non belief, activist experience, and other forms of difference and inequality. We consider any behaviour that demeans, marginalises, threatens or harms anybody, as oppression and we commit to resisting it.

- Anyone who is responsible for violence, intimidation, harassment or unwanted sexual contact will by their behaviour exclude themselves from the camp.
- We reject any form of language and behaviour that perpetuates oppression, however unintentionally: for example a racist or sexist joke, or interrupting someone on the basis of unspoken privilege. Providing a safe and welcoming space is everyone's responsibility. We ask camp participants to challenge attitudes and behaviour in a way that is respectful and constructive, whilst treating the needs of the oppressed, and our desire for a safe space, as paramount.
- Stealing and other breaches of trust, including informing on camp activities, will also exclude the person responsible from the camp. All allegations will be treated seriously but with an awareness that they can be divisive, especially if unsubstantiated.

Resolving conflict and maintaining a productive camp:

We have also agreed to avoid behaviour that undermines or disrupts the camp's ability to function as a place where people live, work, and take action on climate change. By mutually seeking creative ways to reconcile any conflict between our individual and collective needs, we believe that we can demonstrate a more free and sustainable way of living.

- The camp offers an alternative to consumerism that exploits people and environment. It is not a space for excessive use of drugs and alcohol, nor is it a festival: it is an active

movement for social change. We have agreed to respect spaces marked out as alcohol free.

- Please be responsible about your waste.
- We have agreed to have a power down when amplified sound will end: this will be at 10.30pm unless we agree to change it as a result of the location of the site.

The Tranquillity team

The Tranquillity team are available 24 hours per day to support the camp in challenging oppression, resolving conflict, and keeping to collective decisions. We can arrange access to conflict mediation, and offer a fair and accountable process for dealing with concerns about behaviour. You are very welcome to contact us with any concerns, questions or feedback.

You can contact us at the Tranquillity tent, around the site (identified by green sashes), or via your neighbourhood Tranquillity reps: