

## **Movement Building Workshop**

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, Nottingham**

#### **Action points and decisions are in red**

Questions to focus on for the day:

Structures needed to maintain continuity supporting local groups, co-ordinated decentralisation  
-toolkit

Identity

Outreach overcoming cultural barriers

Role of mass action

#### **Role of Co-ordinated mass action**

- need to find ways of keeping momentum between camps
- Monthly nationally co-ord mass action on particular topics
  - we would need to support pop edu, resources etc
  - centralised media
  - have for 3 months until camp type thing
  - Need people to co-ordinate it!
    - Could be different people each action
  - Could relate to stuff in news and therefore not be everymonth
- Need to think about identity

#### **Ideas**

- λ A climate summer have pre-organised stuff for after camp to keep momentum
- λ doing smaller actions is more accessible to new people.
- λ Propose this at Leeds therefore more people to take it on
- λ Regular times eg first monday of the month
- λ Have regional contacts that can help people training, education, affinity group training etc
- λ Lots of small actions with one or two big ones.
- λ Groups with expertise take on media / creating resources.
- λ Need to talk about ethics as well as sustainably.

#### **Good points:**

- Can do on subjects that we want to expand to eg food / no borders
- Can focus on lots of different issues.
- Will generate media for climate camp
- develops local groups and their skills
- Already works rising tide RBS day was a great success
- Creates an easy access structure throughout year
- Activity brings numbers
- Training aspect is a good benefit
- Creates a sense of a movement

**Concerns:**

- Still need to do national mass action
- Do we have capacity to do every month? Maybe 4 a year??
- Need to have everyone behind it
- Realistic to do 3 before next 'camp'
- Does this build affinity groups?

Most people into doing this in some form

**How to do it?****Identity:**

Network for Climate Action is over riding group that can involve lots of other groups eg biofuelwatch, rising tide etc

Bill as biofuels watch and climate camp etc.

Maybe we should supporting other people in their work, rather than expecting them to join us join them and boost them.

Create a charter to share with other groups doing action with.

**Frequencies:**

Maximise leverage by tying stuff in with national political events media attention is good for movement building

Want to do on own day, not on days to do with what they are doing we should be the news we need to be the main focus in the News.

Once a month organic, builds itself.

Can just do 3 before the main event then evaluate whether that worked.

Wait till after climate camp?

Want to do something on April 15<sup>th</sup> Biofuels being put into all our fuels.

**Consensus on doing 3 nationally co-ordinated days of action in April 1, May 1, & June (date to be confirmed)**

**Themes:**

Maybe to get attention, we should be quite focused on particular issues than wider days of action on general bad stuff

- Capitalist solution to climate change / false solutions nuclear, biofuels
- Food
- Transport road building M1 mayday???
- Uranium should be a fossil fuel topic.
- Housing building houses on greenbelt
- Environmental refugees and borders
- Biofuels could piggyback on biofuels watch
- nuclear

Selected down to

- *Capitalist solutions*

- Good
  - everyone already knows about climate change
  - gets anti-capitalist message out
- Bad
  - Need to get clear yes in the over all strategy
- *Transport*
  - Bad
    - is an old friend do we need to do it again?
    - Can link in with fossil fools already and do an big day of action with all energy from climate camp?
  - Good:
    - M1 campaign needs support.
    - Links in with caravan idea?
    - Individuals can make a difference in their day to day lives
- *Food*
  - Good
    - can link in with grassroots community stuff, food poverty, animal rights food or biofuels
    - Not done before
  - Bad
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*Consensus:*

May 1: False capitalist solutions

June: food

M1 / transport as the first action after the camp (September 1<sup>st</sup>) unless this is the focus of the actual camp.

*Standaside:* Roger Geffen on false solutions as not well focused for media communications and without any clear sense of what we're 'for'

### **Choosing the date for the food action:**

UN Food security conference 3-5<sup>th</sup> June.

Food action working group empowered to determine how the timing of the action should relate to this- **AGREED.**

6 people willing to do overall co-ordination of the days.

## **AFTERNOON**

### **Supporting the network**

structures to support decentralised but co-ordinated affinity-group based network

Foye gave a history of Network for Climate Action

The Network has a list of groups wanting to be active on climate change, and produced a climate action pack. But the groups have never had a structure to maintain communication within the network. However the idea of days of action agreed this morning will help provide some of this.

Proposed that the days of action are organised under the umbrella of the Network for climate action.

Comments:

- We will need to ensure that the other groups who we want within the network (and who want to be part of it) to know about the network, to feel part of it and to feel able to shape it.
- The network needs:
  - a list of contacts for groups, to make it easy for individuals join a group near them or set one up.
  - an 'umbrella' identity which can be used flexibly by whatever groups want to use it.
  - groups within it which are locality-based and others which are topic-based
  - a website, plus email lists / web forms which enable people to sign up for information either based on either the locality where they are based and/or the issues they are interested in.
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Discussion of a name:

- The name Network for Climate Action is established and has a web address but doesn't trip off the tongue.
- The Climate Camp identity is better known, but we may not continue doing camps.

Suggestion that we keep the name Network for Climate Action, but encourage local groups to shorten it to XXX Climate Action (e.g. Nottingham Climate Action).

**AGREED to keep the identity of the Network for Climate Action.**

**AGREED to propose to the Leeds meeting that the climate camp should agree to regard itself as part of the Network for Climate Action, along with the days of action agreed this morning, to get used to the idea that the climate camp is not the only thing we are now doing!**

**AGREED to adopt the aims of the Network for Climate Action (the first 3 bullet points on p2 of the Network Climate Action briefing sheet).**

Discussion of what structures are needed to support the network:

- Regular co-ordination meetings, which bring together individuals from groups within the network

Roles for the network:

- To keep groups in touch with one another
- A 'way in' for individuals
- A forum for discussion and strategy
- A repository for history and resources

Areas of work:

- Maintaining a contact list
- Website and email lists
- Developing and distributing resources
- Offering and co-ordinating training and skills sharing
- Distribution of news and updates
- Media work
- Organising strategising discussions
- Doing outreach and supporting local groups to do outreach (n.b. this is a huge topic in its own right)
- Co-ordinating action!

- Finance!!

#### Immediate jobs:

- Get the climate camp to rebrand itself as part of the network
- Contact groups already involved in it to (a) input to the network and (b) link to it from their websites
- Decide who is on any steering group
- Determine who, when and how often it should meet
- Respond to emails and phone
- Spec out and set up dynamic update website and email list structures

#### Working groups

We broke into small groups to discuss

- What working groups we need
- How to present our proposals to Leeds
- How the core of the Network will function (meetings, steering group etc).

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#### *Organisation focus group:*

-How would the organisation of network work? steering group, too much power.

need for working groups (not power holders): facilitators.

-Meetings good networking tool so need for regular event. Should this be separate to Climate Camp gatherings or simultaneous?

Potential problem, being too focused on Climate Camp network (Network for Climate Action network is wider, smaller groups should also be contacted).

-Individuals to be encouraged to join network, not organisation.

-Request to spend a day formulating a strategy to coordinate NCA at another Climate Camp gathering. Need for more detailed preparation by us to feed into process (strategy).

-Commitment has been made for one day of each gathering to be spent planning actions, so we need to be firm to ensure NCA has this time.

#### *How to present this to Leeds gathering?*

-3 actions, 3 months.

-Need for the network.

-Camp needs to help raise the profile of NCA.

-How can people get involved in the network? Why is there a need?

-Ask for day at next gathering.

(More detailed analysis and planning at future gathering day long session).

-Awareness of dangers of duplicating work (e.g. too many e-lists and groups).

-Focus on need for structural rethink. If we clearly separate what we are discussing we can have one day for Climate Camp and one for network wide issues (as is what happened at Oxford gathering).

-Ask local groups and individuals how can the NCA work for them, what would they like to see?

-Spoke from each action planning group (food, capitalist solutions, coordinators) to feedback and be available for questions on the proposals.

#### *Working groups group:*

1-Information collators: Web technicians, news reports, e-lists, newsletter.

2-Group support: skills share, collating resources.

3-Facilitation: strategy, meetings, finances.

- 4- Networking: Media, outreach
- 5- Coordinating national days of action.

Names, job descriptions to be amended after Leeds gathering.

Process group to be contacted with specific proposal.  
NCA job structure to be circulated.

***3 days of action: general:***

Press strategy.  
Action training (affinity groups).  
Advertising day among groups.  
Money.  
Setting up meetings with other groups.

***Press strategy/Media:***

Ask Climate Camp media team to support us (for 1<sup>st</sup> May and 3rd June).  
Need for continuity for the 3 days, and input from the Fossil Fools day media team.  
Media team to put days of action out in the post-gathering press release.  
Media team to be formally asked to be empowered to comment on press and actions outside the climate camp to help with days of action, and organise media training.  
Days of action to provide training for new media people to develop skills, and work with local media and skills shares.  
Need for more film makers.  
How can people get their images and actions out to ensure all are reported?  
Website for people to upload their reports (as with RBS and Fossil Fools day).

***Action training workshops:***

Seeds for Change have a list of trainers that could be updated. They want to do more training for trainers.  
National day of training for trainers to be organised. Local groups to send representatives.  
Performance/creative training.  
Networking with CIRCA etc.  
How to ensure trainers organise regional trainings (within time frame of national days of action).

***Advertising/Networking:***

Use the networking list of NGOS and local groups.  
How can we package the days of action to specific groups?  
Email list for general announcement, but specifics more strategic link up required.  
International groups to be contacted (e.g. US).  
Networking working group to be formally requested to become empowered to network the actions (and if anyone wants to join in with Fossil Fools day they should!).  
Biofuels day 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in all publicity.  
Distributing publicity.

***Money:***

Proposal to ask Climate Camp to give money for publicity (to be submitted to Finance Group).  
Also, for training etc (sell as good advertising for future July convergence/camp).

***Fossil Fools Day:***

Relationship with RT for this day.

RT:

England, America, Australia.

E-list with representatives from each country.

One leaflet in circulation, another one being made.

Website.

National press coordination.

Resource pack.

Can RT advertise future days of action on the new flier?  
and NCA?

Local contacts to help publicize Fossil Fools beyond social centres.

Can regional groups take on trainings in run upto day? (e.g. Nottingham).