

Climate Camp Gathering
March 1st to 2nd
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SATURDAY AM

RECAP SESSION

Where are we are? What decisions have been made so far?

- § Static camp with some kind of caravan
- § Bio Fuels key issue/possible location
- § Kingsnorth Power station key issues/possible location
- § Network for climate action: commitment to building the network beyond the camp. We agreed to support 3 days of action; Fossil Fuels 1st April, May 1st False Capitalist solutions, 3rd June Food Climate Change and Food

FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

- 1) Process people didn't realise that organising a gathering required so much work, including practical stuff as well as agenda planning, facilitation and dealing with enquiries.
- 2) Caravan Feedback. 50 miles from Heathrow to Kingsnorth. Cycle caravan would take stuff ahead and people would walk. People would stay in community centres. Food could be provided, it has been done before for 400 people. Toilets, using public facilities and some kind of portable composting facilities. Seems feasible for this route, all practicalities seem to have solutions.

PROPOSALS FOR CAMP LOCATION

- 1) The Wirral Liverpool.

Has got cold feet because he was at the Heathrow camp and now has concerns.

D1, worlds number 1 biofuels company.

Partnership with Biotech and BP.

1st Stage in development, 2nd about to begin.

Suitable open spaces, not a local employer, good transport, Liverpool and Manchester activists have been involved.

Is accessible for a caravan...but long way from Heathrow

Close by: Cargill oil seed crushing plants. Largest importer of soya. Coal power station, oil refinery and uranium plant.

- 2) Biofuels. Agro fuel Target, West Thurrock.

Half an hour from London on train, cyclable, close to Kingsnorth, accessible.

Vopak import and distribution service.

11% of UK road transport fuel. Imported from Holland. Palm, soya and rape seed mix.

Location tells a story, possible to combine fossil fuels and no false solutions.

Centre of Greenergy growths. RSPB and NGOs are mobilising.

National Express have withdrawn from using bio fuels.

2 coal fired power stations nearby. Including Tilbury.

Next year could be too late to tackle climate change, needs the full backing of the movement. Need to nip it in the bud.

GM, Human Rights brings in people from all part of the climate campaign.

3 or 4 potential sites around Thurrock. More around Tilbury.

Site not high security. Port for 3 ships, high wall (good canvas) huge bridge, very visible, thousands of car pass by... M25 bridge.

Less than 20 miles from Kingsnorth.

1 tanker every 4 minutes.

Key focus for capitalism's development.

How safe are would actions be on site? A mass action on site might not be safe but concentrating on road access would be effective.

Local activism, Royal Mail have been granted permission.

Bio diversity is less important than commercial enterprise.

Cement factory, Car import depot, also close by.

Road transport and haulage sites would be blocked if we went for the roads and Procter and Gamble?

Greenergy HQ in London and Cargill.

Tesco have 25% stake in industry.

Will noise be an issue? Close to busiest motorway in UK? Can we be somewhere a bit nice? There is a wood and a lake close by.

How much of an impact can we have with a one off event? Does it need to be sustained?

Tipping point in consciousness that this is not an acceptable route for capitalism? Needs to be a GM situation.

Trying to build this as a political issue?

Policy Targets will be set in April 2009, we could influence this.

3) Hyde Park

Don't divide these issues into What's worse, coal or biofuels?

It's not helpful.... The problem is: capitalism.

Wherever you go, you need to go through central London. Maybe we should have a central place for people to come to.

Hyde Park, good outreach !? Strategically useful ?

Traditionally place where democracy is supposed to happen.

Use it as ransom....if you stop us from setting up camp at either target, we will call for decentralised actions across Leeds.

Suspect the police would let the camp happen on the park?

Set up marquees just for outreach

Royal park, everything is illegal in them, what status would people who came to it have?

Would they be arrested?

Not a good outreach activity

4) Kingsnorth

Coal is main source of electricity for UK

Coal is most polluting

Kingsnorth is first of 7 new coal fired power station

There will be nothing different about these new ones (no CCS)

First step in long battle, of moving people away from fossil dependency

Hopefully if one was stopped, the others would follow ?

Need to stop it if we want to reinvigorate investment in renewables.

John Hutton is considering holding a public enquiry into the permission granted.

If a public enquiry isn't granted, bulldozers may be knocking down Kingsnorth in the summer, this could be a site battle.

Eon climate change is at the heart of everything we do

5) Joined up proposal

Public event at Heathrow airport, start with convergence, how far would we go?

Build continuation from last year. HACAN and NO Trag are supportive

People would converge, caravans gather and march to Kingsnorth.

March goes along the Thames. It's about 50 miles.

Day of action at Kingsnorth

Pros

Already been land grouped

Could be a monumental, defining moment

Fits in most people's interests

Building momentum through each stage

Outreach along the way

Cons

Marching caravan may only be for committed activists,

Police might slow us down

Not very accessible

Lots of work sleeping spots, toilets, kitchens

Loss of focus.

Various practical issues to think.

HACAN and NoTrag's involvement.

Options for mass direct action?

Most stuff comes in on boat so that's where we'd have to block.

Scope for affinity group actions on site... mass action is possible to make an attempt to breach the site. Or if they are bull-dozing, we have a site battle.

Why Kingsnorth rather than Tilbury? Because of the planning permission, it's on political agenda, because NGOs are mobilising, it will be familiar and logical and in the public psyche.

Proximity to homes nothing close to power station. But there is lots of opposition to the power station in the surrounding communities.

Geographical distance

FINANCE REPORT SUMMARY

36.5k costs. Made surplus 5.5k.... 23.7 spent on site.

(See full report in January minutes)

SATURDAY PM

PRESENTATION OF WHERE WE ARE

Drax was an ambitious target, huge milestone politically.

Heathrow was even more ambitious.

Now we need new target: need to think about sustainable living, action, moving together as a whole rather than focusing on individual sectors no winners or losers.

If we want to do a little bit of everything it must be a conscience choice and not just something we slide to in order to keep everyone happy.

There's quite a lot of power in our hands what we decide will be really good.

CHOOSING A LOCATION

Proposal: that people who proposed Wirral would be happy to go to biofuels South East target instead.

Point of clarification could be still done in advance as launch event.

Consensus!

Proposal: Hyde Park: could fit in very well with what we've already decided and it can fit into other targets. Proposal to park idea for now, and then feed it into later discussions.

Concern that we should discuss it now and not later.

Response that Hyde Park will be an add on. It is being removed as a main target, as it was never meant to be main target, but instead part of other things. Its not being got rid of as an idea.

Consensus!

Split into small random groups. Come back together in 45 minutes. Imagine a forced consensus on biofuels proposal and then coal proposal, taking note of how many blocks and stand asides for each. Try to deal with the cons of each proposal. Feedback to bigger group after each has been discussed.

Restatement of remaining proposals:

Thurrock: focus on biofuels depot, but also linking them up with fossil fuels to tell a new story about biofuels.

Heathrow to Kingsnorth: Fluffy event at Heathrow, some form of movement (different sizes/speeds possible) towards camp at Kingsnorth. Details can be changed.

Concern with process: It s not a clear cut this or that the suggestions are fluid ideas that can be adapted and changed.

Another concern: think about how these fit in strategically.

Also think about previous Land Group s points presented earlier.

Split into groups...

GROUP FEEDBACK:

Group 1.

Biofuels Cons and solutions:

Narrow issue: but this could be refuted.

Small site

Little intrinsic local support or local movement

RESPONSE: Adjacent campaigns in area that can be linked in.

Lose focus due to number of targets,

RESPONSE: this could be considered a pro.

Could be more appropriate to a day action not a camp.

More of a symbolic action, as one camp could not directly affect climate camp

Health and safety: dangerous materials

RESPONSE: That these are heavily sealed, and only experienced direct activists would participate.

Problem with attracting more people for biofuels as its not as well known issue.

Kingsnorth Cons and solutions:

Limited possibilities for mass action.

Single target

Isolated

RESPONSE: The peninsula is actually quite large on reflection.

Coal has been done

REPONSE: Hasn t been finished

Biofuels could be aided by focusing on coal

RESPONSE: Biofuels must also be addressed if coal becomes the main action.

Group 2.

Biofuels Cons and solutions

How will the story be played to the media? Not as obvious as coal.

RESPONSE: Could be thought through.

Might look like we are attacking a solution, and therefore we will lack support

RESPONSE: Lots of global support.

Not as much groundwork done on this site

RESPONSE: Could be done.

RESPONSE: Could bring the join the dots idea in by linking biofuels to coal

Kingsnorth Cons and solutions

Just doing coal again.

RESPONSE: building on the support we've gained for this issue.

What can we strategically do? Undecided.

Group 3.

Biofuels

Mixed more complicated message

RESPONSE: Media team normally very good at getting these things across in simple points.

Kingsnorth

Could legitimise use of biofuels

The message is already there, so we should do something new.

Group 4.

Biofuels Cons and solutions

Complicated message.

RESPONSE: But could be articulated if clever.

Public don't know much about it.

RESPONSE: But it will affect them as prices of food goes up.

Kingsnorth Cons and solutions

Hard to access

RESPONSE: Could be a good thing.

Too lobby orientated, not direct action

RESPONSE: As direct action group we could bring something new to the existing movement: we will not let you build this.

Done it before

RESPONSE: Fresh topic because of the new build

Coal comes from the sea

RESPONSE: opportunity to try some interesting actions.

Group 5.

Biofuels

Difficult to get the numbers because we need the camp to be bigger.

Caravan:

Brilliant to build social movement, historical connotations

Cons of Caravan:

Could be too small and thus crap, but then at the same time we didn't want too many people.

Policing of the caravan:

Go down the river to avoid police.

Group 6.

Biofuels

A new thing, where companies control everything.

Lakeside shopping centre for more widened anti-capitalist message.

Mass action in Thurrock is fuzzy at present.

Kingsnorth

Could be pro or con whether it is a building site

Pro is that coal could make people more angry.

Could be suicide mission marching to the gate to failure?

SPECTRUM: WHOLE GROUP

Thurrock or Kingsnorth?

Concerns with doing spectrum:

What about possibility of dual camp.

Is it saying one is more important than the other?

Response: No, this isn't actual decision making.

Change of Spectrum: One camp with two targets OR one camp with one target?

One target: Half

Two targets: Quarter

Don't know: Quarter

New spectrum: Kingsnorth or Biofuels?

Kingsnorth: 29

Biofuels: 24

Don't know: 14

BREAK UP INTO SMALL GROUPS AGAIN.

Imagine you've just forced a consensus decision on Kingsnorth and Biofuels, checking for blocks and stand asides, and trying to find the compromises that would bring people back in.

Amendment to idea: that as well as blocks/ stand asides there should be a consideration of how much energy you will put into the camp. This is agreed.

FEEDBACK FROM SMALL GROUPS:

Five minutes from each group, with hypothetical forced consensus...

Group 6.

Kingsnorth:

1 Block

4 Standasides

Solutions: Day of action at Thurrock, strongly encourage autonomous actions on biofuels

These solutions led to hypothetical consensus.

Thurrock

5 Standasides

People would put less energy into Thurrock.

Solutions: Clearance from media team that they could sell it.

Clearance from land group that it could work.

3 people would removed their stand asides with these solutions.

Group 5.

Kingsnorth

2 Stand asides.

These could possibly be resolved if there was attention paid to biofuels, through the caravan and so forth.

Thurrock

3 stand asides.

Kingsnorth more family friendly.

Yet on the other hand Thurrock offers more choice, and offers both biofuels and fossil fuels.

The open nature of Kingsnorth meant that sustainable living could be paid more emphasis to.

5 stand asides for a Kingsnorth

Group 4.

Kingsnorth

2 blocks

1 stand aside

Two of these satisfied with day of action against biofuels. One happy if there is a inbetween camp at biofuels location.

Thurrock

2 Stand asides.

They considered there would be less movement building. These stand asides were because of issue with site, not because biofuels less important.

Group 3.

Thurrock

No stand asides

Kingsnorth

5 Stand asides

People felt biofuels had not been addressed, whereas coal has. Tried to bring them back in. One could not be brought back in at all, but proposed solutions were day of action against biofuels. Try and make it less polarised by making it about less energy more generally.

Other propositions to bring people back in. Use bridge inbetween both sites to demonstrate both issues being important. Also, emphasis on positive alternatives.

Group 2.

No one blocked on either side.

2 strongly demotivated by Thurrock.

Reservations against going to Thurrock was because of movement building, whereas reservations against Kingsnorth because biofuels very important.

Solutions on movement building. Still focus on coal if we do Thurrock by doing Kingsnorth all year round and maybe do Tilbury.

2 strongly demotivated by Kingsnorth difficulty on getting message across, key people might be lost, waste of movement building around Kingsnorth.

Group 1.

Didn't record their discussions. More people strongly in favour of Kingsnorth than Thurrock. Proposed solutions similar to those already mentioned.

FURTHER SPECTRUMS

1. Kingsnorth or Thurrock?

Thurrock: 23

Kingsnorth: 38

In between: 9

2. Will put work into Kingsnorth camp?

Majority keen to put in a lot of work, significant amount not keen to put lot of work in.

3. Will put work into Thurrock camp?

Less people on either end, more of a middle ground.

Reasons why people are where they are...

One person in the middle because they want to put energy into caravan as well, so less energy the camp.

One person in middle because they can only do what they can do, and therefore can't commit to every part of camp.

One person raises disappointment with people moving depending on the camp's topic, reminds us we should care about the whole movement itself.

Applause!

AFTER BREAK

Proposal: any decision made will have a big focus on biofuels and coal.

Consensus!

Action possibilities on both biofuels and coal, based around the mass action.

Concern that time isn't being allowed for strategy summaries.

Response that time was given for this earlier and that it will be going over old ground.

Suggestion that rather than one person present, many people throw out ideas on both coal and biofuels.

Suggestion adopted.

Thurrock Mass Action possibilities

§ Blocking supplies being driven out in tankers.

§ Close to M25: Possibilities for mass action against M25 and bridge over river Thames.

- § Lots of visibility, lots of media potential.
- § Close to London potential for actions.
- § Very iconic images.
- § Potential to draw people into movement, more inclusive of many people.

Response from facilitator: that ideas should be specific to mass actions.

- § Actions that can be viewed from the bridge.
- § Art action on the sea walls.
- § 24 Mini-camp on the M25 bridge.
- § Occupation.
- § Water based.

Someone raises point that Thurrock is more about diverse action, not mass action.

Kingsnorth Mass Action Possibilities

- § Some water based creative actions.
- § Occupation within power station.
- § March everyone straight into Kingsnorth.
- § Dismantle Kingsnorth.
- § What about fluffy action?
- § Something semi-direct.
- § Something symbolic: build a wind turbine.

Concern raised that we also need to address strategy as well as action, with regards to the targets.

Kingsnorth Strategic possibilities

- § At Kingsnorth loads of people on the brink of taking direct action.
- § The issue of Kingsnorth and the potential to stop all coal power plants is inspiring.
- § Post-camp action strategy: whereas Biofuels too decentralised with small depots.
- § We need somewhere where people will come with their kids, and Kingsnorth is better for this.
- § Actions at Kingsnorth will evoke in older activists minds the historic struggles of recent years: anti-war movements, road building, -coal is something equally outdated that needs to go away.

Thurrock Strategic possibilities

- § The links that can be found with biofuels are very strong: prices of food, burning crops when people are starving, peace and justice with people being made refugees. It is a good issue to get people involved.
- § Thurrock is equally attractive surroundings.
- § The biofuels issue is more complex, but we should still take it on. Important we inspire people, our actions must be inspiring and this will be inspiring because it will be the first of its kind.
- § Biofuels: links with the GM campaign.
- § Biofuels not actually that complicated its just lots of different simple issues.
- § We need global solidarity to win climate battle the issues that mobilise people are immediate things like price of food. Biofuels can unite us all on this.
- § This shouldn't become a static movement, and we don't want to be hippies who do the same thing, but we must take our direct action message to new audiences.

SPECTRUM

1. Mass action best at Thurrock or Kingsnorth?

Few on either side, but most in the middle.

2. Movement building best at Thurrock or Kingsnorth?

Double the numbers at Kingsnorth (30) than Thurrock (15) and many in the middle.

DISCUSSION TIME

New points from people who haven't spoken about remaining issues.

Request for the four aims of the camp to be repeated:

- § Building grass roots movement,
- § Sustainable living,
- § Education,
- § Taking collective action.

Figures brought into room that coal is 50% more emissions per year than biofuels.

Response: refuting relevance of figures.

Request that only those unsure speak, as coal and biofuels debate has been had already.

All other climate camps are about coal. There are going to be seven other climate camps, all going for coal.

Which site is going to get more people along?

Feeling that we aren't moving close to any kind of consensus. Tired at people shouting at each other. Need to move towards consensus, and hear proposals that will bring about compromise.

Don't think people in the UK are strongly motivated with biofuels.

Coal more suited to mass action.

Worry about split camp.

Kingsnorth: a better known issue, people already very familiar with coal, and more likely to make sense to them. They note they have no problem with where climate camp goes, but they believe coal is more likely to take the public with us.

People are more bothered about domestic rather than international.

Response that they are still interested in biofuels.

A day of mass action and another day of action seems to be agreed, so let's not get over worried.

Practical question: Is Thurrock open on a weekend?

Response: Yes.

DECISION

Acknowledge there has to be actions on both sites. A proposal is to be put to group. If consensus isn't reached then we split the group. This is what is hanging over us.

Proposal is a camp at Kingsnorth where all the run up media etc is entirely equally billed between biofuels and coal. 2 days of action. 1 caravan and 1 mass action at Kingsnorth.

Concern that we might want to reorder plan.

Practical issue: coming through the road tunnel to get to biofuels could present problem.

No physical camp at Thurrock.

Logistical concern. Need the camp set up while the mass action is going on.

Wondering in terms of logistics: when will the two days of action be? Will it be during caravan, or during camp, or etc?

To reiterate: this is about the spirit of the camp, not practicalities/logistics.

Concern that we are all tired and therefore unable to hash out a good proposal tonight.

Sense that we are fudging it to make everyone happy.

One of the big concerns is that multiple plans will lead to small numbers, lack of focus.

If two days of mass action is proposal then this will not be possible. Instead, one day of action on one target, one mass action on another target.

Not meant to be two days of mass action.

Equal media split will not work - will lead to chaos! One will be more prominent than the other.

The equal media focus is to avoid a split.

We don't get to decide what the media story is. Also, it is what we are next to that will be the focus, and we should aim for climate change as a whole.

Person says he is mixed all day, and worries that we've got a weak mixed proposal. There has been slightly more energy to do something at Kingsnorth.

Proposal that we make Kingsnorth the main focus of the Climate Camp process. Biofuels

then to form an affinity group and shut it down for the day, with media support.

America has started doing dual targets. We should too.

Not interested in affinity action, but mass action for biofuels.

The first proposal of dual focus on both coal and biofuels will allow for unity and not splitting.

Don't want to rush it through now.

Test for testing for consensus on proposal to make coal key issue of camp.

-No consensus!

We should test for consensus, so we can work out what the stand asides are. We can establish where you are.

Proposal that we decide the camp will happen at Kingsnorth and the focus will be Kingsnorth. Biofuels will do separate affinity and be supported by the camp.

-Stand asides: 10

-Blocks: no blocks.

Break for stand asides to come up with alternative proposal...

Additions to previous proposal...

1. Dual media message: biofuels, coal.

2. Day of action to close Thurrock with possible overnight stay.

We don't want to say 'yes' to renewables as a key focus, because there is lots of bad renewables.

The media message has to be about capitalism and economic growth, as well as two specific campaigns.

Proposed amendments to proposal...

1. Dual media message: no fossil fuels, no agrofuels.

Instead, can we say no to the carbon economy?

Response that we should go with specifics, to avoid ecosystems being sidelined.

Emphasis that we don't need to go into detail of wording issues, because the media/networking team's mandate is to reflect decisions made in meeting.

Emphasis that networking is more than just media.

We need to decide now to an extent so we're not fighting over every poster.

People want Kingsnorth. If it means that every time you mention mass action you mention both issues this won't work.

Clear dual punch line: No Coal! No Agrofuels!

Strap line does not address we are a movement with a difference.

We shouldn't micro manage media team they will reflect spirit of meeting, and anyone can join.

Proposal (amendment): We trust media team and networking team to put as much emphasis on coal and biofuels as appropriate.

-1 Stand Aside

-Consensus!

Restate second amendment:

2. Day of action to close Thurrock with possible overnight stay.

At G8 loads of different days of action, and we can do this at camp, but one must be the main action. However we can decide to have a publicised day of action on biofuels at Thurrock.

Not an affinity group action, but open action.

Can't have two camp wide days of action. Confusion over types of action. We don't have capacity to organize two camp-wide actions.

Mass action or day of action?

Want people engaged in biofuels action who are not biofuels focal group.

We seem to be arguing prematurely of details.

Pre-announced target.

Concern that in the past Climate Camp has delivered on what it has said it will do. We need to maintain this.

Concern that we are splitting numbers for mass action if we want to be audacious.

Suggestion that we have a whole day of workshops on agrofuels. Can't have more than one mass action.

Have day of biofuels action as being a working group, who will organise and publicise.

Need a designated day of action on agrofuels.

Audacious idea to have day of action and mass action on two different topics. Brilliant idea.

Response to splitting numbers.

Full proposal to be put forward...

The Climate Camp happens at Kingsnorth. We trust media and networking to publicise both publicise as appropriate giving equal weight to both coal and agrofuels. We will have a day of actions against agrofuels, worked out by small group set up as a climate camp Working Group and mass action against Kingsnorth.

2 Stand asides because of concern with media policy.

Consensus!

SUNDAY AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT GATHERING

1. Next gathering

Agreed that the responsibility for gathering practicalities needs to be separated from organising agenda and facilitation.

5, 6th April, Glasgow, as already agreed

There will be a Friday evening event, and a hill walk on the Monday.

Help requested with the agenda.

DECISION: Following gathering will be 10,11th May, London.

2. Announcements

Fossil Fools day 1st April, posters and booklets available.

Shell to Sea weekend March 15-17, people coming over from Ireland to London.

May day and food flyers: please take but make a note of who has taken what.

Treesponsibility is celebrating its 10th birthday, next weekend.

Heathrow Terminal 5 Flashmob 27 March

Biofuels Day of Action 25 April.

Tara Hill are calling out for help.

Newcastle Green Festival 7-8 June, good opportunity for publicising the camp.

Training for Action Trainers in London, 2 day event next weekend.

19th March, Workers Climate Action meeting in London.

LENGTH AND DATE OF CAMP

FACTORS TO CONSIDER...

1. Recap previous camp timelines

Drax was 10 days long and took 2-3 days to set up and took about 1 week to tat down.

Heathrow was for 8 days and took 2-3 days to set up, and a week to tat down.

2. Caravan

Flexible, but current idea is for 6 days but can easily be shortened by using public transport.

The idea was that the caravan would arrive on the night before the opening day of the camp.

The caravan working group would be responsible for the caravan, so it does not take energy from the wider camp.

Heathrow one day event: no day has been set, but it will be a weekend, probably 2 weekends before the mass action.

3. Biofuels action

Will be in first half of the camp, and might involve the caravan.

Action focus: if focus is actions and not workshops then the camp could be shorter.

The day of mass action should be on a weekend.

A day or two after the day of mass action would be very useful, but perhaps better to timetable a meeting a few weeks later.

There was a sense that workshops remain a very important part, but that we need to make the mass action more effective.

Workshops should have more of an action focus.

Tat-up and take-down: needs to be incorporated into the publicity and made part of the camp, but issues around secrecy.

Could have a convergence space for people to gather before the site is taken.

Timelines and dates discussion

Do we want a 3 weekend process or a 2 weekend process?

We have already agreed 23/7 – 6/8 as the window.

Saving Iceland camp runs from 12th July for about a month, and they again asked us to minimise any clash.

Ideally they ask that Climate Camp would start in mid August.

Also we have received a letter from the Scottish Barrio so say that they are very concerned about avoiding a clash.

Schools finish on 23rd July.

Earth Activist training 12-26 July.

Other climate camps around the world are in July.

So should we move the camp?

If it is moved later it may clash with Northern Green Gathering 7-10 August, Radical Routes 15-17 August, Bicycology tour 23 August – 1 September.

Agreed we cannot move the camp forward in July, it should go later.

Consensus was achieved initially on the mass action being on the bank holiday weekend on 23-24 August. 1 stand aside, concerns being clash with Radical Routes gathering on previous weekend and start of Bicycology event on 23 August. However we then realised that this gives a clash (though not total) with Earth First in that their set up coincides with our weekend of action. There was further discussion.

DECISION: There was a final decision to have the day of mass action on the weekend of 9/10 August as the best overall compromise.

Consensus!

Length of camp

Two options were initially presented

a) A 3 weekend, 2 week camp process, and

b) Shorter version of 2 weekends and 1 week. The shorter version was dropped since it doesn't give enough time for the Heathrow event or caravan or the biofuels action. A counter proposal was that we just set the dates of the camp itself, and proposing Monday 4th running to Wednesday 13th.

Counter proposal Friday 1st to Monday 11th.

DECISION: Agreed to put 1 day of tat-down in the publicised camp dates.

2 stand asides: 1 concern that it worked okay last year without doing this, and 1 concern the publicised tat down period should be advertised.

DECISION: The last day of the camp will be the Monday.

No stand asides.

DECISION: Agreed start date Sunday 3rd August.

Stand aside: shame not to use the weekend.

DECISION: The Sunday will be advertised as a set-up day.

Stand-asides: why not have Saturday as set up.

DECISION: Day of mass action to be the Saturday 9th August.

DECISION: Caravan group mandated to choose the date of the Heathrow start event, and to aim to do that today if possible.

RECAP OF OVERALL CAMP DATES DECISION AS A WHOLE:

Camp dates are Sunday 3rd August (to be publicised as a set up day) to Monday 11th August (to be publicised as a tat down day), with a day of mass action on Saturday 9th August.

Consensus!

Biofuels group encouraged to decide a date for the biofuels action at this gathering.

WORKING GROUPS SUMMARY

a) New groups

- § Caravan Group
- § Biofuels Day of Action Group
- § Mass Day of Action Group

b) Existing groups

- § Site Group (site, finance, structures, washing, council liaison, neighbourhood liaison etc.)
- § Kitchens Group
- § Networking (publicity, design, printing, stalls, website, media team)
- § Process Group (admin part is sorted but the gathering facilitation part needs to be sorted at this gathering)
- § Meetings Group (meetings at the camp itself)
- § Action Support (researching actions etc)
- § Legal Observers and Support
- § Workshops Group
- § Indymedia/IT
- § Kids Group
- § Medics
- § Trauma
- § Tranquility
- § Land Group

FINANCE PROPOSALS

Proposal: Student Climate Project has requested £100 for Carbon Copy Project

Brief: Came out of last climate camp. Working to increase student participation and response to climate change.

Use for money: Reach out to students, get them involved in climate camp. Carbon Copy project guerrilla artwork tour urban redevelopment with graffiti, motifs, stickers etc. Reach out to students to copy. Guide to guerrilla art.

Consensus!

Proposal: Flashmob has requested £100

Fits with last year's climate camp even if not with climate camp ideals of project this year.

Consensus!

Proposal: Approval of Accounts

Last year's climate camp accounts need approval from this meeting.

Consensus!

Proposal: Publicity Leaflet requests £300

Brief: Networking team. Simple first/introductory flyer to be designed by the next meeting and organised through the mailing list. Will print as many as they can with the £300.

PROPOSAL: Give it to the networking team and then take it out of the budget once it has been decided and approved. Upper limit of £500.

-1 stand aside (just handing out money everywhere)

Consensus!

Newcastle Green Fair requests £?

To outreach at the fair about climate camp.

Should approach the networking working group to ask for funds and help.

Sipson Eco-Village Update

28/02 Indymedia

EarthAid (aka rinkydink?)

Permanent village at Sipson. Read the article.

DECISION: No further action.

NETWORK FOR CLIMATE ACTION

What is it and what have they done so far?

Network brings together smaller groups taking action to tackle climate change. This allows people to make bigger actions and to feel more powerful and effective and to share ideas and resources and build the movement.

So far:

- § There has been a Website set up based on the resource DVD. Since then the IT group have been updating it and working on turning it into a CMS system (users upload info etc).

- § Resource pack (looks like a pizza box).

- § Start the action, legal, media training etc.

After Heathrow people came together to build on climate camp and the movements as it stands. The network aims to:

- " Help groups share ideas

- " Be a point of first contact for people wanting to get involved in action against climate change.

- " Training

- " Share info between groups, calls for actions etc

- " Discuss strategy etc

What is needed:

- Some of the groups need more people (although the network is being used by lots of people!).
- Ideas of what needs to go on the website.
- New events to go on the front page.
- Announcement list (name on RiseUp).
- Building on the training days.

Question Responses:

1. It is possible to contact members to advertise events.
2. You cannot yet upload documents.
3. At the moment email the website contact if you want something uploaded onto the website.
4. To become a member someone must agree to the aims (similar to the camp aims).
5. To join contact the email on the website.
6. If you have joined the list you are one of the groups.

Days of action and climate camp support

To encourage people to get involved in climate action -people need a way in. At the moment the planning system for climate camp is quite hard to get involved in and is not focused on actions.

Therefore there should be outreach projects to get people involved in direct actions if they are interested in fighting against climate change. Result...

Three days of action to network and get people involved (with training) alongside more experienced people/groups.

At the camp the strategy can be evaluated and if it is useful it can be rolled out as a project across the country.

The first three targets are:

Fossil Fools Day

April 1st which is organising itself.

False Capitalist Solutions Day aka Invasion of the Climate Snatchers

May 1st A database is being put together along with a map of targets, flyers etc.

Food and Climate Change

June 3rd coincides with UN Climate Change, Food Security and Biofuels conference.

Animal rights and vegan activists etc are getting involved. Setting up a website with factsheets, flyers etc.

PROPOSAL: climate camp supports these days of actions - website, media support, press releases, networking support, use of climate camp support and money in the future if there are further days.

DISCUSSION:

Concern: Branding of Climate Camp

Concern: Smaller group making decisions on the way that climate camp is moving (i.e. the days of action) then we are losing the consensus aspect of climate camp.

Response: This is just a test, if it is found to be successful then everyone can be brought in to decide on next targets etc.

Concern: Why set up something new when we have organisations and networking groups such as Rising Tide.

Response: trying to stop this mass of networks and bring them together to share knowledge, skills, resources etc rather than them repeating their work and publications.

Concern: Will the links between May Day aims and traditions and climate change be clear?

Clarification: the Fossil Fools day has been called by people outside the camp but the other days have been called by people within the camp organisation group.

Support would be as much as can be spared.

Clarification: need to build a strategy and network identified at Oxford meeting.

Unofficial mandate?

Clarification: Network isn't a separate entity, it is a move to have a movement rather than an annual camp and nothing else. Network for climate action had the open discussion to organise these days. The camp is being asked for its support because it is linked and taking the climate camp into a year round and country wide movement.

The network for climate action is climate camp (and vice versa) so there shouldn't be a problem with decisions made by either on behalf of each other.

Concern: The monthly meeting is being used as a sovereign body, which is required to give permission or ratification to decisions made elsewhere.

Clarification: Oxford gathering decided there would be more action against climate change. Working groups have autonomy to do their own thing unless it affects climate camp. This is a working groups asking for help and support. This is an idea that affects the camp in terms of how we move forward and grow. That has not been brought back to the camp main meeting as it should have been.

PROPOSAL: The 3 days of actions can be labeled as being co-organised by climate camp This will be reviewed at this years climate camp.

-1 Stand aside

-Consensus!

NOTE: there is an issue for the process group to consider in the future gatherings (and at climate camp), to come up with a better process for balancing the decisions between the network for climate action and camp against climate change.

Regional Networking

Most people have left. Is this because the networking discussions have not been given time or is not interested?

DECISION: This subject is dropped from this meeting.

NOTE: The climate camp meetings have pushed for networking but when people go away and do that, and then try to report back ask for help they are criticised for not consulting the group.

Maybe the working group should be identified as separate from climate camp but can come back to a group who have a range of skills and ask for help.

NOTE: the biofuels working group do not need to get permission for their day of action but need to tell the group what is happening so it can go out in publicity.

PROPOSAL: the biofuels day of action will be the Wednesday of the camp
Consensus!

Network working groups

Invitation for people to get involved in the Network for Climate Action.

3 working groups in the network:

1. Co-ordination of national days of action (including media people)
2. Group support to share skills, support each other and outreach (skills sharing, training, resource sharing etc).
3. Network Facilitation strategy, direction for days of action, co-ordination of discussions, meetings and moving the movement forward plus finances.