



# CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE – 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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CHAIR (1): John Stewart: Chair of Part 1: 2:00pm – 3:30pm.

CHAIR (2): Suzanne Jeffrey: Chair of Part 2: 3:30pm – 5:10pm.

### LEGEND:

T2A = Time to Act Campaign

CC = Climate Change

CCC = Campaign against Climate Change

AF = Anti-Fracking

GE = Geo-engineering

## MEETING MINUTES

### CHAIR PART 1: JOHN STEWART:

#### Claire James (Opener):

- Outlines the current state of climate affairs – disastrous.
- UK climate policy, with an acknowledgement of George Osborne's lack of action on Climate Change (CC).

#### John Stewart (Chair):

- Introduces the AGM.
- Outlines the AGM's agenda.
- Briefly introduces the Time to Act Campaign (T2A).

#### Fiona (National Co-ordinator):

- Presents a PowerPoint on T2A.
- Talks about the current situation of CC and the need for more direct action to be taken.
- Specifies what CCC has been, and is currently doing to enable this

#### Peter Coville (Steering Committee member – was re-elected later on in the day):

- March 7<sup>th</sup>, march. Talks about the aim of the march, who will be there, the logistics,
- There will be five different starting locations, each with a different theme known as blocks.
- Each block will have groups of people at each location, and will start with speeches and action(s)/stunt(s).
- All of the blocks will march towards parliament, but will first converge at Ludgate before continuing the march to UK Parliament.

- Each block will have a prop, and marchees will carry and set off ringing alarm clocks outside Parliament.
- Other props include the CCC globe prop, and T2A banners etc.
- There will be a big board with the demands, so it is clear to everyone why we are there.
- Afterwards there will be live music and poetry.

Five Blocks	Five Evils	Props & associated Colour	Starting Locations
Jobs & Transport	Unemployment	Giant Spanner - Red	TUC
Energy	Pollution	Green	Tate
Food	Hunger	Giant fork - Yellow	
Water	Drought & Flood	Giant tap - Blue	St Paul's
Finance	Corruption		

- Absent theme [raised at AGM] - Biodiversity/species loss - Ideally should be integrated without adding another bloc, possibly by combining two of the other blocks – Attributed name: Natural world.

Suzanne Jeffrey:

- Spoke about her recent visit to Sheffield for a public meeting there, with a group that is collaborating with CCC, and that will also be at the march on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Said that the group may have a series of events/actions throughout the year leading up to the 7<sup>th</sup>.

## THE RAISING OF DISCUSSION POINTS FOR CCC TO THINK ABOUT:

### Legend:

Green: Event and accessibility to them

Red: March 7<sup>th</sup> march

Orange: Newly raised issues for CC to campaign on

Blue: T2A

Purple: CCC General

### Discussion points:

-Measures need to be taken to enable those with disabilities/those not able to walk long distances to also take part in the march – i.e. hiring wheelchairs, hiring a bus or float for the march – CCC should meet with DPAC (Disabled People Against Cuts) to discuss this.

-Email candidates in the Climate Coalition.

-CCC has a number of big names attached i.e. George Monbiot, so we need to make use of them in order to move towards creating a mass movement.

-What can people do in their local group/community to increase the reach of T2A, and put T2A on the political agenda?

-What are we doing internationally?

-How do we mobilise people for marches, and secure their involvement? Especially as Rio and Copenhagen were such disasters.

-Biodiversity! Why isn't CCC doing anything to highlight the impacts of CC on Biodiversity?

-CCC should have a few simple demands!; Makes for a more concise campaign appearance.

-Full IPCC report will be released at the end of October 2014 – we should have a series of public meetings.

- Increase our use of Social media to reach new audiences.
- Link the CC page on 38 degrees to CCC's website – specifically the T2A campaign.
- Use terms that the public recognises!
- Point of notice: UKIP and the right are on the rise, neither of which care/believe in CC.
- Sustainable transport and buses: Needs to be put onto CCC's agenda/Act, and we need to involve existing transport groups.
- For the March 7<sup>th</sup> march, there needs to be a well-known transport landmark for those on the 'jobs & transport' block of the march to stop at.
- Make a connection with cyclists – Cyclists & CC = air pollution issues.
- Take out an advert for T2A in ['Greenworld' magazine](#).
- Action for Rail – AGM attendee has been working with Action for Rail on actions, and written articles with them, and has influenced the compass group [public ownership of railways].
- CCC Should try to get Heathrow and Gatwick airports involved in the March 7<sup>th</sup> march – put forward by a member of the aviation committee present at then AGM [purdah].
- Jonathan Neil: Organising an event for grandparents – Hoping to create a series of flash mobs, meetings and tea-parties in Oxford, along with a demonstration. Not sure about the route of the demonstration at the moment.
- Barnsley protests – The retired individuals there had their free public transport revoked, they protested by using public transport en-masse without paying every weekend. So far they got free-legal-travel back for retired disabled people.
  - This was also raised at the Sheffield meeting that Suzanne Jeffrey attended.
- The biggest argument against renewables is that they are intermittent/how do you store the energy?
  - Solution that CCC should be pushing: Batteries, invest in batteries and energy storage in order to counteract this 'intermittent' argument – This statement is missing from the One million Climate jobs, and T2A campaigns.

- Pension funds – are they an ethical investment?

CHAIR PART 2: SUZANNE JEFFREY

**CCC 2013 ACCOUNTS**

- A big Thank you to Fiona Brookes (National Co-ordinator), for managing the day-to-day accounts.
- CCC now has a more detailed plan and budgets.
- CCC as an organisation is Ok, but needs more fundraising growth.
- If anyone knows a fundraiser, please ask them to get in contact with Claire James (CCC steering committee secretary, re-elected), who will then contact us.
- Need to ask Unions and Affiliated branches to re-affiliate and donate/pay membership fees on a regular – either yearly or monthly- basis.
- CCC Should display affiliation forms at the front of any relevant conferences.
- CCC should make it easier for groups to become affiliated.
- The account breakdowns should include separate figures for membership orders only, and should not be mixed in with other sections.
- Show the accounts from the year previous to that being discussed, as well as the year being discussed – to see what expenditure or which accounts have gone up or down.
- Have up-to-date accounts at AGMs – have this year's accounts thus far, so that members have a sense of where CCC is headed for the year.
- Make membership amounts clearer.
- Money management needs to be more ordered, reduce the chaos.
- Point of clarification: Can CCC afford the up and coming events on the schedule?

Answer: Yes.

-Manage our mailing lists:

Find out who thinks they are members, and who actually is a member.

Establish people's statuses within the organisation – who is a supporter, who is a member?

-CCC Office staff will be contacting people to clarify this.

Grants: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation was impressed with our joint conference with GPS-UK, which is a positive.

- AGM attendee said: CCC is going after money instead of, going after members.

Point of Clarification:

<b>Supporter</b>	<b>Member</b>
£1 a year	£2 a month minimum , or £24 a year minimum

Vote on 2013 Accounts:

For: **Everyone**

Against: 0

Abstains: 0

Everyone agreed to approve the accounts.

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

-A Heartfelt thanks to the out-going steering committee members, who are not standing this year.

-Especially Hilary Gander – longest standing member (10 years) but is standing down due to being elected as a councillor.

### Nominees for named positions on the committee:

John Stewart – Chair

Suzanne Jeffrey – Vice Chair

Claire James – Secretary

Rebecca Warren – Treasurer

Jonathan Neil – International Secretary

### Nominees for unspecified positions on the committee:

Peter Deane

Ken Montague

Martin Empson

Marina Littek

Peter Robinson

Peter Coville

John Sinah

Jonathan Whittaker

### Vote on Nominees:

For: **Everyone**



Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

All nominees agreed and approved to form the new Steering committee 2014.

- It was agreed that all new committee members would meet at the end of the AGM to arrange a time for their next/first meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

Motions to be put forward:

1) Local Outreach: **Passes**

2) Climate and Anti-Fracking leaflet: **Falls**

3) Investment in Technologies – Formerly known as Negative Emissions Technologies:  
**Falls**

4) Emergency Resolution submitted by John – People's assembly march against austerity  
-21<sup>st</sup> June 2014: **Passes**

Structure of Motions:

Original:

Proposal – including seconder if want/need: 6 minutes - Against: 4 minutes.

Changed to; and agreed by everyone:

Proposal: 3 minutes - Secunder: 3minutes - Against: 3 minutes – Amendments: 1 minute.

1) Local Outreach: - Rounds: 1

Proposer: Peter Robinson

Seconder: Claire James

Amendment: Ken Montague

Proposal:

- Groups don't want to be a branch, but want to be affiliated.
- Local groups are a good way to get CCC's message through to communities.
- CCC are good at communicating and collaborating with groups outside of CCC, but needs to improve its communication and collaboration with its affiliated/member groups and strengthen these relationships.
- Attract more local groups.
- Local groups have a track record of lots of good individual work i.e. the Sheffield group's work with students.

Amendment:

"The CCC will also seek to proactively establish local CC groups".

- Loose groups are not beneficial to CCC; CCC needs to work together with local groups to create a stronger connection.

Proposer:

Does not accept amendment

- Much debate on the need for the amendment. Some say that the resolution has a similar statement in it. Others say that this statement rigidly affirms the need for CCC to establish new groups, and so is necessary.

Proposer:

Withdraws objection and accepts the amendment as is.

-No vote on the amendment, as proposer accepted it.

Vote on motion overall, as amended:

For: **Everyone bar 2**

Against: 0

Abstainers: 2

Motion agreed and passes.

## 2) Climate and Anti-Fracking leaflet: - Rounds: 2

Proposer: Peter Robinson

Seconder: Reg Hand

Against 1<sup>st</sup> round: Jonathan Neil

Point of Clarification: Fiona Brookes

Against 2<sup>nd</sup> round: Ken Montague

Additional materials: A draft leaflet

Proposal: First-round.

-CCC and its affiliated groups need a leaflet to hand out to sceptics, and people who reject CC as an important issue.

-A leaflet is needed from the national organisation.

-There is a need for leaflets connecting fracking to CC.

- All anti-fracking (AF) leaflets at the moment are connected to Green House Gases (GHG).

Secunder:

- AF will go down the toilet

Against:

-Mr Neil disagrees with 'the idea that fracking is a diversion, and CC is the only thing that matters'.

- Many people involved in CC, have been involved in the AF movement.

-We need to rejoice in the AF movement, as it has given the climate change community a chance to move out and expand within the environmental movement.

Point of clarification:

Inference: We have got and produced AF leaflets in connection with CC on our website.

There are 2, one is a FAQ leaflet.

Vote on whether there should be a second round of debating the motion:

For: 13

Against: 5

Abstainers: 6

Second round of debates agreed.

Second Round:

For:

-Proposer is speaking at a Conference, and wants a CC & AF leaflet to hand out there.

-Current CC & AF literature is not good enough.

-Proposer will accept help from the steering committee, with regards to re-drafting it as he is aware that the current draft is not perfect.

Against:

- CCC already has two CC & AF leaflets, and both do the job. One is a FAQ leaflet for the trade union group(s).

Vote on the overall motion:

For: 6

Against: 9

Abstainers: 8

Motion Falls.

3) Investment in Technologies

Proposer: Peter Robinson

Seconder: Reg hand

Amendment/ Point of Clarification: Simon Norton

Against: Peter Deane

Proposal:

- It is necessary to invest in technology.

- Invest or Lose!

-When governments invest in things, they come up with solutions.

- It is necessary to throw all of 'our' weapons at CC.
- More research & development, so it is known what will/might/may work.
- Not referring to Ge-Engineering (GE), but to technology!

Secunder:

- Any chance of a technology fix should not be ignored, all avenues must be explored.

Amendment/ Point of clarification:

There is a need to continue with mitigation.

Amendment/ Point of clarification was not voted on, or taken forward.

Against:

- This motion was proposed last year, and failed.
- A contrary motion was proposed instead to adopt the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)'s de facto moratorium on GE projects and experiments.
- GE is bad for biodiversity, dangerous, and unpredictable, and should only be used as a last resort – The Technology partnership (TTP) was mentioned in relation to this point.
- George Monbiot (Honorary CCC President) opposes GE, it would not be correct of CCC to associate him with GE through this motion.
- CCC's position is not to support and invest in technology.
- Renewable energy and mitigation are what CCC is about.

Vote on a second round of debating on this issue:

For: 2

Against: **Everyone bar 2**

Abstainers: 0

A second round of debating is not agreed. Falls

Vote on motion overall, without the amendment:

For: 5

Against: 14

Abstainers: 4

Motion Falls.

4) Emergency Motion: People's assembly: No More Austerity march -21<sup>st</sup> June 2014:

Proposer: Ken Montague

Seconder: Jonathan Neil

Amendment: Unsure

Point of clarification: unsure, but answered below.

Proposal:

People's assembly march against austerity -21<sup>st</sup> June 2014, actions that CCC should do:

- a) Support this demonstration.
- b) Liaise with Romaine Pheonix and support her in organising a climate block for the march.
- c) Bring the big CCC globe, to take on this demonstration as a prop.
- d) Produce a banner in time that says 'T2A on CC demonstration March, June 21<sup>st</sup>'.

Amendment:

-Produce a leaflet around pushing T2A.

-Trade Union group will be making a leaflet for this demonstration.

Proposer:

Amendment is accepted.

Point of clarification:

Asked: Is the globe in a fit state?

Answer: No, a new inflatable bit in the middle needs to be bought.

Vote on the motion overall as amended:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstainers: 2

Motion is agreed and passes.

### **ACTIONS FOR CCC**

Reclaim Shakespeare Company

-Bring a ship into the British museum

-National demonstration against TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership)

-15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August Reclaim the power are holding an AF camp up North – details to be confirmed.

Reel news: Fliss Premru

-Reel news is holding a meeting at Glastonbury Festival on climate jobs on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>



June; 1:00pm; feel free to join them if you are available.

- Can people support the TFL pension group by attending any future such meetings

#### Eco-Socialism Conference: Jonathan Neil

-There is a conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

-There is room at this conference for campaign stalls.

#### T2A public meeting:

- The Time to Act on Climate Change meeting, which will be held on 10th June from 7-9 pm in the October Gallery (24 Old Gloucester St, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3AL).

#### Film showing:

Dog Wood Alliance: [Our Forests Aren't Fuel](#)