

Minutes Frack Free Cleveland 10th September 2015.

The Marine Saltburn-by-The-sea.

Those present: Maggie, Frank, Neil, Annette, Lynn and Spana.

1. Apologies from Jay.

2. Mini bus to Firth of Forth was discussed. There seems to be a lot of support and more people to confirm eg South Tyneside . Hopefully, there will be enough interested parties to fill a large bus. It was not yet decided how much the ticket cost would be but there was a £5 deposit to be returned when you arrive at the bus.

3. Neil will write a Press Release before the bus leaves. It was suggested that Jay approach Frack Off to pay for the bus.

4. The Press Liaison officer was discussed. It was agreed that there was no need for this at the present time. Friends of The Earth would always be available to talk to the press on UCG.

5. F.O.E. are calling on Barclays Bank not to frack in North Yorkshire. Barclays own over 90% of Thurd Energy who plan to frack across Ryedale in North Yorkshire. This is to be discussed October meeting as a possible event. Meanwhile you can write to Barclays bank, 1 Churchill Place, London E145HP. Or contact www.foe.co.uk/act/ask-barclays-stop-fracking-north-yorkshire

6. Spana gave feedback to Spana and David for manning the stall all day at 4 people not profit festival. Thanks were given for being there throughout the day despite the unseasonably inclement weather. Unforeseen circumstances had prevented the promised volunteer support being present. Spana said that using the jars prompted the visitors to think about the implications of UCG in the event of it being implemented.

7. The photo shoot was discussed and it was decided that we would not follow up on the next planned photo shoot but follow another line of protest. Lynn is to explore the possibility of events in the Teesside area. Many landmark areas identified in brainstorming session. Further discussion at next meeting.

8. It was mooted that 38 degrees were asking for £140 for every anti fracking group to donate this amount. This would go to Bindmans Solicitors who would be our legal representatives.

9. Spana discussed holding a stall in Boro in Lush during Freshers week.

10. Hartlepool folk week would be an ideal venue for outreach possibilities, however, this coincided with Firth of Forth event. Anyone who was free would be welcome to take some leaflets and hand them out in Hartlepool.

11. Future events are: North East Peoples Assembly 26th September 2015. Rob and Spana will be present. The main focus is Climate Change, Austerity and U.C.G.

19th September 2015 Thornborough.

AOB.

Future venue was to be investigated by Maggie. Maggie will e mail Annette to see if Saltburn House is suitable for Octobers meeting. Marine quiet but has insufficient lighting and as it is next to the main entrance will be very draughty in winter months.

Neil quashed suspicions on new plant installations in Teesside. Annette informed the group of possible water injection well at Westerdale for gas installation.

Spana recommended the group see Voices from the Gasland. A film by Ian Rowland Crane.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Next meeting to be held 8th October 2015 . Venue to be decided and will be publicized when finalized.