

FRACK FREE CLEVELAND.
Meeting Minutes. 10/10/13
7pm at : The Old School, Marske Mill Lane,
Saltburn-by-the -Sea.

Those present:

Jay Jackson. Group Co-ordinator/Facilitator.
Annette Hudspeth.
Neil Bye.
Ellie Strange.

Welcome.

- 1) Neil and Annette were present at the BBC filming of the Sunday Politics Programme broadcast on 6/10/13 on the North east and Cumbria spot. They spoke about their experiences and how a lot had been cut. However, it was agreed by those present that Ellie had come across very well despite being heavily edited.
Neil stated that he had written to Newswatch and had complained about bias in the final reporting. There had been a lack of information or clarity concerning UCG and it was almost as if fracking and UCG were the same process. Also, Harry Bradbury, Chairman of Five-Quarter had not said that the energy procured from UCG would be used for fuel but instead for the chemical industry in Teesside.

Five-Quarter have now employed a Public Relations firm.

On the subject of Extreme Energy Companies Neil referred to some disturbing news that a certain amount of sensitive data on Australian UCG tests had gone missing . These were test results carried out by the Queensland Government concerning Link and Cougar firms. A lesson to be learned by this to always save everything asap. Before they disappear test results. To record phone calls to various companies is a good idea also, this evidence may be used in the future to challenge Extreme Energy. It transpires that they admitted that they did not know how to shut the UCG process down.

- 2) In order to make preparations for a Radio 4 programme which will give a more in depth coverage of UCG, a working group is to be formed. John Bloom as media liaison is to be approached to join, Ellie Strange and Neil Bye to research the content of the piece . It was decided that our approach was to be slanted in a different direction with an emphasis on Tradeable Energy Quotas , the carbon bubble, IPCC & IEA report, divestment,(taking money out of coal) and renewables . Thus supporting a Leave it in the Ground theme. Shifting emphasis to renewables in a slow transition resulting in a softer landing. If we continue to argue about safety, The energy companies will use so called experts to support their Safety hallmarks. This tactic is to side step these arguments. Neil will explain TEQS etc mentioned above on his website climatecalm.org.
- 3) There was a proposal to contact David about a generic Press Release to be outreached to the Media. Press releases were to go out before every group event However, it was important for this to reflect the change of stance in the group in offering a positive alternative to energy use. David is to look at the leaflet first then he can write the Press Release.
- 4) Neil is to create a leaflet offering a positive solution to the energy crisis for 19th October Global Frackdown day. This is to coincide with 4 people not profit event. It is to take place in the evening at The Marine. Jay is to ask Anna to help with designing badges. There are to be 2 different leaflets for people to peruse when they return home . Tom Blenkinsop to be invited.

- 5) Book Fair, Neil and Annette will (WO)man the stall on 19th October which will take place in the Forbes building , Boro. Any volunteers gratefully received.
- 6) Jay and Ellie were handed Consensus booklets to read then to circulate around other group members.
- 7) Neil briefly spoke about using Riseup and will give a more in depth discussion on using different search engines and servers to ensure group security. The next meeting maybe appropriate.
- 8) The role of Treasurer was discussed. Ellie is to approach Deborah to take on the role as treasurer. Ellie and Jay agreed to be signatories.
- 9) Annette discussed her on going applications for grant funding. She is awaiting replies from Lush and 38 degrees. The Co-op cannot be approached until a Bank account has been set up by the group. She agreed to apply to the Edge Fund also before the deadline.
- 10) A.O.B.
Dutch folk are offering their support to our group. Randy Moyer has requested to join the group.
- 11) Jay said that a leaflet should be produced to explain all extreme energy procedures. It was very confusing to people especially those who are new to this subject .
- 12) Ellie said that Jessica and two Canadian Inuit were to visit our extreme energy sites in the U.K. This was to be confirmed.
- 13) Josh Fox was also looking to visit these sites.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9.00pm. By Jay Jackson.

Minutes submitted by Annette Hudspeth.
Minutes approved by Neil Bye.