

## MINUTES 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015

O'Gradys Redcar. 7pm.

Those present:

Jay  
Lynn  
Spana  
Frank  
Maggie  
Neil  
Annette  
Andy  
Nikki.

Jay is to hand out Divestment leaflets.

Lynn spoke about her visit to Third Energy Consultation held in Malton.

Spana and Neil gave feedback on the No Ucg in the North East (NUNE) 15 people were present . Spana said they were using LUMIO as a means of communication. The aim of the group is to replace Frack Free Tyne and Wear. Its agenda is education, co-ordinating the extreme energy groups in North East.

Neil is to put the NUNE Minutes on FFC website.

Outreach. Spana explained he had been offered support for the summer of water related activities which includes the planned kayak route down the North east coast to high light U.C.G. and gather support for our Group.

A document containing Minutes from Friends of the Earth Scotland was passed around. This is to be used for ideas and inspiration in our group.

Fund Raising. Although group funds are solvent it would be helpful if we can still keep thinking about new ideas to raise money.

Andy spoke about the new bill to allow fracking under our homes. Frank wanted clarification on a letter he had received from House of Commons about this contentious issue. It was agreed that there had been a U turn and as yet the matter was still being debated and not yet conclusive.

Nikki informed the group that Green Party Redcar is putting on an event 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Venue: Redcar Rugby Club.

September 5<sup>th</sup> Jay informed the group that 4 people not profit is holding a festival day. Stalls are to be booked asap. Volunteers wanted to wo/man the FFC stall.

Andy spoke about Tom Blenkinsop MP backing Fracking.

Discussion on where Fracking has been banned. The group believed that in France it is banned also in Scotland but this excludes UCG.

Spana is to leaflet Durham Miners gala. N.U.M. Is backing our group against U.C.G.

A.O.B.

National Climate march 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Mini buses to be booked if anyone interested. Police have refused to police it and are charging organisers if they turn up.

Barclays. It is important we protest against Barclays as they are investing in Third Energy.

David Malone is to give a talk at Whitby Coliseum on TTIPS 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 7pm. Trade Deals and the Death of democracy. Entrance free refreshments are available.

TTIPs was discussed and its viability to withstand legal opposition.

A call out to network the dates of Hustings . This is an opportunity to leaflet and talk to potential candidates about U.C.G. These dates are to be e mailed to the group.

Nikki spoke about a Recycling Plant at Wilton which uses waste food , the group agreed this was a good idea as long as it was not using bio mass from unsustainable sources.

Andy suggested that tree planting was a positive way forward. Annette suggested that tree planting is beneficial and a tree planting session would be a good idea if one could find suitable land.

Spana had been following up the construction of drill ships.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 to leaflet Divestment leaflets and to support Greenpeace in leafletting against the involvement of Santander in rainforest deforestation. Meet 11 am outside Santander bank Middlesbrough.