

Frack Free Cleveland Meeting.

Saltburn House, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.

7pm.

Those present: Annette, Maggie, Lynne, Neil and Spana.

Welcome.

Apologies from Frank and Sharon.

May minutes verified as correct and there were no matters arising.

N,A and S gave their feedback about the 14th June meeting at York Quaker Meeting House. A. has written a synopsis on the event which is on Frack Free Cleveland Facebook page and Frack Free Cleveland website. The consensus of those who were present agreed it had been a success. A wonderful opportunity to network. These meetings are to take place every six weeks. They are to alternate as one in North Yorkshire then one in South Yorkshire. There is to be a gathering for the whole of Yorkshire which will take place in Leeds. One group member had stated that the planning permissions had been made easier as conventional wells had already been in place within the area. It was reiterated that the whole process had to be nipped in the bud from the very beginning. Third Energy lie to the farm owners and residents telling them that the seismic testing is not about fracking. If one disallows the seismic testing in the first place one can halt the whole process. Third Energy offer great financial incentives(bribes) but omit to inform the farmers and homeowners that if they accept the money they will not be able to claim insurance if damage is caused by fracking. Also, they will be issued with a gagging order.

All present in FFC agreed that the decision to frack Ryedale at the Planning Committee at Northallerton County hall had been a travesty of justice. The polls had shown an overwhelming victory for the anti frackers. A. related to the group her experience in speaking to the Committee. After the decision had been broadcast the feeling within the activists outside Northallerton Council Offices had been that of utter bewilderment and disbelief. However, speakers on the stage spoke of optimism that the battle had been won but not the war.

L said she had been leafleting Pocklington. It was agreed that more outreach had to be carried out in Hambleton, Kirby Misperton, Selby and Sheriff Hutton. L. said she would leaflet Thirsk. Also, she would leaflet The Great Yorkshire Show. The whole group discussed what next?

Frack Free Middlesbrough is organizing a walk from Middlesbrough to Kirby Misperton in a day. Leaving the Bluebell at 6am and arriving at KM very late being met by a candlelit vigil. There is to be a meeting with KM residents from all the various Yorkshire fracking groups. A camp is mooted but it is early days to discuss these tactics. A. briefly discussed the Judicial review which had been discussed at The Quaker Meeting House on 14.06.16 a Judge will decide if it is to go ahead. A JR will cause delays and will also cause a lack of confidence in Third Energy and could cause a lack of financial backing. It will also culminate in events taking place nearer the County Council Elections. This could put our anti fracking stance at an advantage as the decision to go ahead with fracking has proven to be very unpopular with local voters.

N. spoke about Robin Hoods Bay and it was decided that one should keep an eye on the licences. A. pointed out that RHB was still a place of beauty and it should not be spoilt by wells even if it was conventional gas. RHB holds SSI's.

The EU Referendum was discussed. N&A spoke about the debate held at danby and how it had

been a success. The results of the poll are as follows:

Before the meeting 56 voted.

66% were for staying in the EU.  
18% were for leaving the E.U.  
16% did not know.

After the meeting 54 voted.

74% were for staying in the EU.  
19% were for leaving the EU.  
7% did not know.

A and N said the debate was well attended and it was a good platform for energetic political discussion.

The FFC group agreed that the main criteria for either being in the EU or out of the EU seemed to be that of Immigration. The media had brainwashed the public into voting out if Immigration was contentious to your values.

AOB

It was thought that fracking would be debated on Question Time with FF Ryedale participating. S. informed the group to watch the video on Facebook as it showed the farmer who lived a mile from the well site giving a very good interview about the damaging effects of fracking on her farm, the aquifers and climate change.

A. said she had bought Groundswell Rising and it was to be lent out for fund raising events. S. told the group that we had the use of a mini bus which with a small contribution for its use could be driven to fracking gatherings. Financial details to be confirmed at a later date.

N spoke about Five Quarter licences . They are still a company but have ceased trading. There is a hiatus. They can sell the licences to someone else/handing them back to the coal authority.

Monday 20th June 2016 there is to be an EU Debate in Scarborough Library. Doors open at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.