

FrackfreeCleveland#No UCG Meeting.

21st January 2016.

Saltburn House, Marine Parade, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.

7pm.

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

There were no apologies.

Minutes were verified as correct.

A welcome to all our members and to returning members Jess and Peter.

Neil gave a concise talk on Cluff Natural Resources pulling out of Scotland and transferring his efforts into Durham. There are two licences on the Northumberland coast issued. Paul Younger had said.....' UCG is not viable without CCS.....'(Carbon,Capture and Storage) Spana said that we should have taken advantage of 5 Quarters position when this statement was issued.

UCG groups in Scotland have offered their support, outreach materials and anything else we may require.

The group agreed that there should be a push on Hartlepool, Seaham, South Shields and Peterlee. Spana stated that Hartlepool should be the main target as we had established NGO and political groups to support us.

It was mooted that a stall at the Durham Miners would be an ideal venue for outreach and a networking opportunity.

The points above will be discussed in more depth in the February meeting.

Neil and Annette gave a synopsis of their visit to Paris Climate talks. Neil is to post photographs of the demonstration. Neil told the group how massive silver inflatable cubes had been used as we reclaimed the street leading to the Arc de Triomphe. There was an Angel blockade and the Belgians had donated miles of red ribbon which was used symbolically down the street held by protestors. Tulips and umbrellas had been given out also. It was a visual triumph. The Police allowed us 2 hours then everyone moved to the Eiffel Tower where demonstrations carried on until nightfall. Banners were hung from the tower and our FFCleveland banner was held at the foot of the tower. Unfortunately, despite the success of the demo the talks were disappointing with no positive or definite result in reducing carbon dioxide levels to 1.5 degrees. However, the delegates had agreed to return every 3 years to review the decisions made at the Conference. It has now been stated that there are plans afoot to meet again in 6 months time to ratify the agreements made at COP 21.Neil said he saw Natalie Bennett in the crowd. Spana told Neil and Annette that the British media reported that Prince Charles had spoken out about the urgency to act on Climate change.

Frank and Maggie spoke about their demo in Durham for the Climate march in November 2015. It was poorly attended with only 50 people there. The weather had a part to play in the poor turnout as it was torrential rain.

Spana, Lynn ,Neil and Annette had gone to the Climate march in Newcastle. This in contrast had 500 demonstrators, with speakers and Shirley Ford had also spoken to the crowd on the dangers of

UCG.

Spana informed the group that he had been to visit Fahrenheit Bookshop and it was still not ready for use as an outreach venue. Spana will keep the group informed of developments at Fahrenheit.

Stockton Green Party have plans to gather local Councillors and Neil has volunteered to present a power point on UCG to this audience.

There is also a Redcar and Marske Green Party which has been set up.

A lot of liaison work is to be done with Hartlepool Green Party and FrackfreeHartlepool. It was agreed to contact Robert and Sarah.

There was a short discussion on the Upton Camp eviction and the existence of other anti fracking camps. It was reported that there was one in Borrass in Wales. There was a short discussion on the leak in California. Lynn said she will leaflet in her area as she knows relatives who will allow leaflets in their place of business.

Events.

31st January 2016 A National Gathering event in Scarborough at Brunswick Pavilion at 11 am.

Spana is to bring the banner. It is important this is well attended.

AOB

An extension to the FFryedale consultation period it has been extended to 12th FEBRUARY 2016. Kevin Hollinrake MP for Malton and Thirsk www.kevinhollinrake.org.uk/ has resigned from the Parliamentary Committee which was formed by members of fracking companies.

The next meeting is Thursday February 11th 2016.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.