

PCAN Meeting Tue 29th July 8.00 Lodge Arts Centre, Victoria Park

Present: Mike, Paul, Aliyah, James, Sue

Apologies: Barbara, Chris, Lily, Ann, Owen, David Stephen Butler

Minutes from the meeting on 25/6 accepted.

1. Reports from:

Greening Conference 20.7.08

Paul had attended this meeting of local groups at the Sustainability Centre. See report on website. Chris had given a good talk on PCAN and Paul thought we ought to forge links with other groups, especially the Winchester one.

Terena Plowright was keen to introduce the greening idea to Portsmouth and had also talked about this at a PSAG meeting (where it had been well received) and was meeting to look at details with Jasmine Fletcher. Issue over whether this should be a city-wide initiative or developed in smaller communities.

Warsash Festival

Paul and Chris had taken a PCAN stall.

Stop Climate Chaos AGM 22.7.08

Sue had attended. Very useful. Good to see how different groups leading different aspects of campaigns e.g. FOE's new Director, Andy Atkins talked about the renewables campaign. In Rochester so photos taken at Kingsnorth. See PCAN website. Various groups had stressed the importance of decisions, especially on energy policy, to be taken over the next few months.

Energy bill due for Spring

New Yes/No Campaign – yes to renewables, (plus efficient, decentralised systems with feed-in tariffs) no to coal. Action on SCC website plus plans for press pressure etc.

New branding – I Count has been dropped. SCC coalition being stressed. See the new homepage: <http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/>

Roger Geffen (our speaker on the climate camp) had told Sue about plans to stop the bulldozers at Kingsnorth after the camp was over.

Film Night 19.7.08. A good evening but poorly attended

PSAG 24.7.08

No minutes yet. Chris and Sue had attended.

Part was on the Greening Campaign and there was also a presentation on Combined Heat & Power systems as developed in Southampton from a Utilicom rep, Mike Smith.

Apparently the Carbon Management Programme with the Carbon Trust was going quite well.

Wendy Briggs had been appointed as Project Manger.

The thermal image of the city was still with Geographical information Systems of PCC but would be the basis for publicity in the next few months.

The local Strategic Partnership Vision for Portsmouth included reducing carbon emissions, monitored by PSAG

Portsmouth's Core Strategy (planning to 2026) was going out for consultation from the end of August to 8 October.

Southern Water had a new project for schools, based around the pumping station.

Consultation with PCC on Strategy 24.7.08

This had gone very well. Also written up on website.

Lots of ideas and some key decision makers had attended – about 30 people in all.

Good to keep feeding back ideas and comments as part of the consultation. PCAN members had been discussing 'quick fixes' for PCC which included:

- Rebates on council taxes for insulation
- Emphasis on saving money by reducing energy use ('Kill the Bill')
- Publicity for energy saving/insulation advice

2. Future events

Denmead Show 16/8 Chris planned to go and organise a PCAN/Veggiepower/Greenpeace display. Help needed

White Horse event 23/24 Aug. Local, Organic & Fairtrade weekend, being organised by Dawn. Help needed with PCAN stall

One World Week October

Sue was involved with organising an evening on food from around the world with speakers on the world food crisis plus an interfaith walk (speakers on food problems at each place of worship) plus an exhibition on food in the Central Library throughout October. Putting material together on food issues generally. Would appreciate anything on urban gardening/self sufficiency plus local links. Paul would check out Upfront.

Climate Camp.

Several members going. Stuart had sent details of a short film:

<http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/node/346> .

Day of Action 6/12

Campaign Against Climate Change was planning another day of action, linked to crucial climate talks in Copenhagen.

Should we book a coach?

Oxfam event. Oxfam evening planned for November with their Head of Campaigns talking on adaptation for Climate Change. A fund-raiser too

Film Festival

We had received an email about a festival being planned for the Autumn. Hopefully, PCAN would get involved.

4. Publicity

Agreed that we should get back in touch with local radio stations.

Important to have a display which showed what we aimed to do and had done. Paul would see what he could develop from the PowerPoint Chris had used.

Need for new membership leaflets plus A5 flyers with local materials for stalls on Flooding, Food, Saving Energy, Travel, Campaigning. Paul offered to do Transport & Flooding, Sue food, Ali Saving Energy. Alan to be asked to produce one on Zero Carbon Portsmouth. We wondered about finance for energy saving/renewables but felt this probably better left to PCC.

Good to have a local campaign? Various suggestions; Indoor market, planting herbs, calling for insulation help? Needs more work on this.

Seemed that original aims had been met so decided that PCAN's objectives in the brochures should be:

- Calling for real action on Climate Change in Portsmouth
- Getting people to cut their own emissions
- Sharing ideas and expertise

We could also put these onto business cards. Ali suggested Vista for printing them.

Paul had done further repairs to the website and was trying to get more stories of local interest onto it.

5. Date of next meeting Wed 27th August 8.00 Wine Vaults. Albert Road