

PCAN Meeting 1st October 8.00 Lodge Arts Centre, Victoria Park

Present: Mike, Paul, Sue, Barbara, Chris, Lily, Matthew, Andrew, John

Apologies: Christine

Minutes from the August meeting accepted.

Venue

Decision that we should investigate other cheaper venues. Barbara would check the Haven and Lily the University. Wine Lodge also possible.

Mike wondered whether we should have had a stall at the **Freshers' Fair**. Decision to suggest a joint meeting with People & Planet, support Green Screen, maybe talk to Mike Cooter about an article in Pugwash.

It's Getting Hot in Here was recommended – student campaign on climate change.

<http://itsgettinghotinhere.org/>

Leaflets for stall. Two had been produced. Would be good to have more on Zero Carbon Portsmouth, Energy Saving, Flooding. Worth finding more places to leave PCAN leaflets like Café Parisien and Student cafes. Paul had produced an A3 poster on flood risks to Portsmouth. Bookmarks with the PCAN website address?

Logo

Matthew had brought along some more suggestions as we weren't sure about those we'd seen before. The decision was made not to pursue this but to get on with more urgent matters including getting the new Stop Climate Chaos logo onto our leaflets and website.

Website. Going well with an encouraging number of hits. Good to find stories with local interest.

PCAN needed a specific local action to concentrate on . Best to decide on this after Climate Change Strategy launched, but ideas included:

- Storm defences

- Renewable energy

- Home insulation

- Rebates on council taxes for insulation

- Emphasis on saving money by reducing energy use ('Kill the Bill')

- Publicity for energy saving/insulation advice

- Indoor market, planting herbs, charging points for electric cars

Need to involve News who did not seem to be covering climate issues. Greenpeace had suggested building a mock power station to link to Climate Bill.

Climate Bill Agreed that we would circulate information about the Bill with a model letter which members could send to MPs.

Viva Veggie Fair very successful – had attracted about 85 people with 35 volunteers.

Mike had attended the **Environment Forum** and felt that PCAN needed regular representation.

Future Events

Green Screen 18-19 October. PCAN stall needed

Peace Council Study day 18.10 Sue talking on climate and war.

Fabians had requested a speaker. Daire doing this.

Green & Godly. Event on 25.10 at St George's Portsea. Andrew requested help with panel. Sue, Paul and Mike would go. Sue had already agreed to take a stall

One World Week October

Sue was involved with organising an event 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. PCAN stall needed on 25th October at the Eastney event (speaker from Operation Noah) and on 26th October.

Other: Eastney Methodists had requested speaker in November. Sue would go. Chris was going to HM Revenue & Customs which had also requested a stall.

Future meetings

Various ideas. Jointly with People & Planet? Paul had contacted Rising Tide and they might well be interested. A joint meeting with the Greening Campaign and also with WINACC had been suggested and Sue had talked to a Portsmouth cycling contact about a meeting on transport options. The idea of meeting with councillors and council officers as earlier in the year would be worth pursuing too – maybe looking at transport or energy options.

Day of Action 6/12

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

Considerable discussion about transport. Roxanne had offered to organise a coach, but it was felt that coaches were financially risky and we should investigate group travel by train which would probably cost much the same.

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

5. Date of next meeting **Wed 12th November 8.00 Venue tbc**