

PCAN Meeting 12th November 8.00 Wine Vaults

Present: Sue, Barbara, Christine, Matthew,

Apologies: Chris, Paul

Minutes from the October meeting accepted.

Matters arising:

Venue

Barbara had checked the Haven but they could not offer evenings. No news from Lily about the University. Wine Lodge seemed fine.

People & Planet. Sue had set up a meeting with the group and Matthew would go too
Green Screen event had been very poorly attended but we had had a PCAN stall up for a couple of days

Leaflets for stall. No more had been produced yet. Ideas had been Zero Carbon Portsmouth, Energy Saving, Flooding. Paul had produced an A3 poster on flood risks to Portsmouth and Sue now had a simple backdrop to display 3 x A3posters and had done bookmarks with the PCAN website address?

Logo

The decision had been 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 which Paul had done.

Andi had been in touch offering to do some more work and Sue would contact him.

South Downs College

Paul had made contact with Graphics staff there who were going to offer A2 students the option of producing work for PCAN , possibly including modifications to the logo, but not huge changes. Sue and Paul had met with three staff and Sue was going to talk to the students in early December.

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

Climate Bill We'd agreed we would circulate information about the Bill with a model letter which members could send to MPs. Sue had done this. Final outcome better than expected – 80% cuts plus aviation and shipping emissions included.

Day of Action 6/12

Campaign Against Climate Change march in London - Chris Price was trying to arrange a coach and had received about 20 expressions of interest so far. We weren't sure whether Roxanne might have found more. When the details were finalised, Sue would circulate. The cost would be £10 waged, £5 unwaged.

Yes to Renewables No to Coal

This was the new campaign from Stop Climate Chaos. Sue had prepared action cards and would send round both the cards and a summary of the campaign to all supporters.

Report from PSAG

Sue and Paul had attended the last meeting and Sue and Chris had been to a previous meeting with Jasmine about communicating climate change issues. The strategy was more or less ready and would be published shortly.

Portsmouth City Council has signed up to National Indicators 186 and 188 in its Local Area Agreement. PSAG is named in the Portsmouth Local Area Agreement as being the group to deliver these National Indicators. PSAG's primary role is to cover the climate change agenda and to potentially become a lead partnership for the LSP.

The thermal image was presenting problems in extracting the promised data.

Events since last meeting

Chris had taken a stall to HM Revenue & Customs

Green Screen: PCAN stall plus Daire chairing

One World Week events – talk on climate action by Mark Dowd of Operation Noah, Interfaith walk Food for the World event. PCAN stalls and emphasis on world food issues.

Talk on climate and conflict at Peace Council Day sat Sustainability Centre

Green & Godly. Mothers' Union Event on 25.10 at St George's Portsea. Sue, Paul and Mike had talked about PCAN and Sue had taken a PCAN stall.

Southern Water dinner invitation. No-one had been available to attend this.

Future meetings

Talk to women's group at Eastney Methodists 13/11

Oxfam evening with head of campaigns: Climate Change the Challenge for Oxfam 14/11

Sue attending Crisis Forum conference in Southampton 14/11

OU conference 22/11 – see website. Chris hoping to attend.

A specific local action to concentrate on?

We'd decided it would be best to decide on this after Climate Change Strategy was 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

We discussed this further and decided that energy saving and insulation advice went together and would be good to link into a programme of public awareness.

The charging points for electric cars should also be pushed.

There was some discussion about contacting private landlords and whether this might be done via PCC (links via Housing Benefit) or through the University Accommodation office

Need to involve News who did not seem to be covering climate issues.

Future meetings

We'd had various ideas. Paul had contacted Rising Tide and they might well be interested. We'd been told that the Greening Campaign was setting up in Southsea and Paulsgrove so that would be an obvious group to talk with. Sue would contact Terena.

A meeting 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 had been discussed– maybe looking at transport or energy options.

Resources. Operation Noah had some very good resources for schools etc. Christine was using a play about life in 1948, 2008 and 2048

Date of next meeting: Wed 10th December 7.30 Wine Vaults