

Camp for Climate Action UK Gathering

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KEY DECISIONS

2010 Focus Decisions

DECISION: We focus on the Royal Bank of Scotland this summer

CONTEXT: This decision was reached after a long process of analysis and proposal development for a range of possible focuses.

DECISION: Pending agreement from Scotland, we will hold an event/action/action(s) in Scotland between Wednesday 18th – Wednesday 25th

CONTEXT: A lengthy discussion took place around dates and locations. Two key points emerged. Firstly, people felt it was vital that any decision to do something in Scotland went to Scotland Climate Camp for agreement before being taken forward. Secondly, there was a great deal of concern about doing it in Scottish school term time. It was felt by many this was the only option, due to no school holiday time being available.

Other Decisions

DECISION: We reserve 10/10/10 for day of action around regional aviation, still in development at present.

CONTEXT: An aviation break off group formed during Sunday's session, and plan to develop something coordinated on this day following the publicly announced action on Glasgow Airport that day.

DECISION: Due to time constraints, we park the 'Politics' session until the next gathering.

CONTEXT: The session was due to discuss the political statements produced at the UK February gathering. However, we needed to allow more time to discuss action focus for 2010. The process group will liaise with the political statement writing groups to find a way forward for the next gathering.

DECISION: We will give Ghana Climate Camp a donation of £500 and £500 to social action in Nigeria.

CONTEXT: This was brought about by the fact the Ghana delegate we were going to fund to attend the Conference in Bolivia could not go in the end, so they've asked for a donation instead.

DECISION: Postpone decision to fund people traveling to Bonn, with a view to bring proposal to fund them retrospectively at the next gathering.

CONTEXT: There wasn't enough time to discuss this proposal properly, taking into account remit, etc. Therefore the possibility of a future reimbursement was left open.

DECISION: We set up a "Getting things going" group to get in touch with Scotland and organize a one day planning meeting for action.

CONTEXT AND NB: If you'd like to get involved in the "Getting things going" group email process@climatecamp.org.uk

DECISION: We have a UK Gathering in May. Process Group will sort dates and venue.

CONTEXT AND NB: It was felt that in order to organise a UK wide event we would need to return to having a gathering once every month for the time being. The gathering is now confirmed as being in Manchester on the 28th-29th May. The following gathering will be held in Leeds.

MINUTES IN FULL

Saturday AM

Introduction

Given in part by a frog:

- Housekeeping/practicalities.
- Marina's revolutionary history of Lewes: two revolutions were born here already, let's make it three!
- Introduction to Consensus
- Consensus on gathering being filmed for Climate Camp TV and other radical projects.
- Run through agenda.
- Meet and greet.

Where are we now?

Presentation from Process Group:

- We had an ambitious last gathering, with a staggering 39 proposals to sift through covering a diverse range of areas: Our Politics, Our Process, Our Strategy, Our Actions/projects
- Tried to cover all these areas to some degree
- Politics: two statements emerged from the February Gathering, and have been circulated to local groups for feedback. Process needs taking forward.
- Process: There was decision made to set up a skillshare group, which is in the process of forming. There was a decision to hold gatherings once every two months, a decision to be reviewed this gathering. There was a decision for every local group to have at least one participant in the Process Group: the Process Group has tried hard to recruit for this, but take up has been low. Perhaps this is due to people not feeling able, so we are going to resolve this with a Process Group Skillshare. Speak to Process Group for more details.
- Strategy: A open discussion was had, with a diversity of different areas explored. One led to Climate Camp supporting the Fortnight of Shame.
- Actions: Agreed to support the Fortnight of Shame (which saw impressive actions), agreed to send two UK climate campers and two global south activists to Cochabamba, and decided not to commit to something around the election.
- There have been Where Next? discussions at Blackheath and Manchester last year. Bear these in mind during discussions at this gathering.

Action round up:

- Transition Heathrow: Community garden brilliantly successful. Everyone welcome.
- Volcano Climate Action (VCA) have grounded all flights into and out of the UK. Well done!
- Fortnight of Shame: actions in Plymouth, London, Oxford, Brighton, Bristol, and more. Big day of action on the 10th April. Actions also took place on Fossil Fools Day (1st April) and the day of the shareholder AGM (15th April)
- Documentary going in for editing, 'Just do it: Get off your ass and change the world'. Due to be finished by the end of the year. Features Climate Camp and Climate Campers.

Legal Update:

- Earl Street Raid: two claimants successfully got £1600.
- Just two weeks to put in claims for Kingsnorth stop and searches: no money appeared yet.

What have we done so far?

2006:

- Climate Camp and mass action at Drax Power Station, Yorkshire

2007:

- Occupation of Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station
- Climate Camp and mass action at Heathrow Airport

2008:

- Climate Camp and mass action at Kingsnorth, Kent
- Launch of E.On F.Off

2009:

- Climate Camp in the City (G20) in April
- 114 mass preemptive arrest on suspicion of attempting to close down Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station
- Climate Camp at Blackheath in Summer
- Swoop at Ratcliffe-on-soar power station
- Didcot Power Station Occupation/shut down
- Copenhagen

2010:

- BP Fortnight of Shame
- Delegates attending World People's Conference on Climate Change and Rights of Mother Earth

Where do we want our energy to this year?

Plan to have an open mic session to shout out ideas, and then split off into groups to discuss these in more detail, weighing up when they could achieve and concerns.

Concerns with process:

- Concern that we will open it up too much, and not end up with any decisions by the end of the day.
- What about the proposals already submitted?
- Debate as to best way forward.

Open mic shout out goes ahead:

- United Nations: the most important forum to address global climate change. This is how we get to input into the dialogue and UK dialogue.
- Climate Camp this summer: decide what it should be.
- Another swoop/mass action.
- Proposed strategy: open event that anyone can help organise to crack open new issues, then people need somewhere to go afterwards once they are involved and we need to be embedded in a local campaign, and finally we need to embrace international networking.

- Airport Camp: all parties want to do another runway somewhere.
- World National Oil Companies Congress in June: let's do something there!
- Reclaim a space: like community gardens.
- Swoop at a coal fired power station. This captures our imagination as a movement.
- Day of action at regional airports.
- Gatwick should be new aviation focus.
- Swoop on multiple targets.
- Think outside the box.
- Pension funds: ways of linking up to working people.
- Protest camps: getting in the way of things.
- Incinerators
- Tar Sands actions: should continue in some form.
- Parties at big renewable installations.
- Something that is NOT in the South East.
- Camp that surrounds the headquarters of a multinational oil company.
- Target the Royal Bank of Scotland
- Biofuel/agrofuel plants

Break into random groups.

Group Feedback:

Group 1:

- Aviation should be kept on the back burner.
- Site occupation camps and national periods of action
- Coal discussed.
- Discussion of possible outcomes of options.

Group 2:

- Feel we need to move dialogue on to new areas.
- Highlight things that are good as well as bad
- Giving sustainable living side, but moving on camping
- Overall aim: build up are credibility.
- Ripe ground to lead people to positive things.
- Choose something with
- Big event could be Rapid Response.
- Tap into big issues.

Group 3:

- Three main ideas that came out:
- To support Glasgow Airport Action happening in October, To have Camp of two phases:
- First positive affirmation of something that is great (no mass action!) but then a few weeks later have a protest camp in the same region.
- Get the balance between Blackheath and Kingsnorth.

Group 4:

- UK wide convergence. Had to be with an action.
- Possible actions could be shutting down several actions, or else tar sands action.
- Camp locations: Scotland (get people
- Make links with agrofuels movement -get them back on board

Group 5:

- Want to focus on 4 proposed ideas.
- Rather than diving into form, we need to focus on campaign area
- Let's flesh out four ideas: BP Tar Sands, RBS, Coal, and Regional Aviation

Group 6:

- Don't need to be delineation between coal and Tar Sands: can join the two together.
- Looking at Tar Sands has got build up potential, because they are the sustainability sponser of the Olympics

Group 7:

- Problem of Blackheath was we were putting on a Camp for the public. Some sort of convergence to make this better.
- Economy failing everyone: not just people in this country but around the world. Make links through RBS
- Regional Airports could for regional issues. Tar Sands better for
- Should do something at the Oil Conference: group should go away and start working on something!

Group 8:

- Talked more about aims and strategies that actions.
- Talked about aims for movement: keep building tipping point to make protest acceptable, create space for inspiration/vision, lots of energy for action, efficient in our use of time.
- Build alliances with other groups, communicate climate camp with a 'wow' factor with whatever it does.
- Condensed the above down to wanting something audacious, but not sure where it would be.
- Don't care what it is as long as its audacious.
- Draw link between tar sands + aviation.
- Big day of shut down Heathrow

Saturday PM

Where Next?

Plan: We're going to identify which broad aims people think are most important for the Camp for Climate Action. We'll then go into looking at four campaign areas, where written presentations have been prepared before the gathering and circulated among participants, and consider these in light of high priority aims.

Possible Aims, and temperature check for how high a priority we think they are:

- Movement building – Very high

- Just transition – Very high
- direct action – Very high
- sustainable living - Medium
- building a global movement climate movement – Very high
- education – Very high

Plan to now split into five themed areas, with groups rotating around facilitators to cover each area by the end of the session.

The five areas are:

- BP and Tar Sands
- Regional airports
- Coal
- RBS
- Other

Process questions:

- Can we add in a 'Workers' theme?
- CONSENSUS!

Questions to consider for each area:

- What does Climate Camp want to achieve in this campaign area, in light of our prioritized aims?
- What forms and tactics of action are the best way to tackle this?
- What concerns?

Split into groups.

Feedback

Coal:

- Mass refusal to take minutes meant this feedback wasn't recorded.
- After intensive begging, minutes resume...

Aviation:

- Aims: Highlight aviation expansion as “Learn from other experiences, stop ourselves from going up your own arse”
- Concern: Climate Change is not a lifestyle problem: stopping flying won't solve the problem.
- Concern: Overstretching ourselves?
- Big convergence is better than coordinated day of action.
- Camp in the summer: which government is in power? Can't plan.
- Some felt this was low priority.

BP and Tar Sands:

- BP and Tar Sands
- Achieve: International links, movement building, lots of targets around the country, fuel and petrol/peak oil (allows us to talk about these), allows us to talk about corporate bullshit,

winnable, immediate, solidarity with other suffering from BP.

- Actions: RBS Headquarters in Scotland, garage forecourts, stop expansion on new fossil fuels.
- Concerns: Separation of source, no field of struggle/worker issue, does it resonate in a recession? What would our propaganda campaign look like (go to Shell?), Are we any good at this -what can we bring to this that isn't covered by NGOs, would a success really change the status quo? What would the victory look like? Coal is still a bigger problem.

Royal Bank of Scotland:

- Aims: Green investment policy/responsible investment? Awareness raising: entry route for making points about capitalism, strengthen solidarity with other networks that are working on this,
- Phrasing: “stop investment in fossil fuels”
- Could set a precedent.
- Tactics: Presence at RBS AGM
- Camp at RBS HQ (Edinburgh)
- Camp down south at same time linking BP and Tar Sands
- Picnics/food fights
- ATM: Out of order
- Case study: impact of RBS investment on communities
- Student boycott of accounts
- Targeting political parties to shame them for involvement in RBS
- Concerns: Too reformist? Too narrow a remit?

Workers issues and just transition:

Goals:

- Intervene and Radicalise the movement as it stands.
- Intervention in the labour movement which has become stagnant and passive
- Support worker led struggles#
- Create green jobs
- Increase our own knowledge or worker led, just transition struggles
- How? Respond to struggles as they occur: some planned, some reactive.
- Support workers actions with our skillset.
- Network rail: beyond a strike? RMT has a more radical history: could be a good link.
- Key campaign area or incorporated into others?
- Proposal to set up a working group to develop this work
- Strategies: join conference to explore common ground with the labour movement.
- Send more messages of support
- Concerns: Does this meet the camps current needs ?
- Iconic/Imagination – lacking ?
- Are we wanted ? Is it how we do it.
- Response network – can we really respond in time, are we flexible enough ?
- Is this a union ? What are we allying ourselves too ?
- Self education process that we would have to go through.

Other:

- Tesco's/food security/sustainability
- Occupying spaces/community Garden
- False solutions
- Climate Skeptics
- No Borders
- Pensions
- Subsidies
- Construction/Cement
- Cars
- Water
- International Solidarity

Made some kind of key decision to accept these 5 themes as a priority options for the year?

Spectrum Lines

Single campaign focus?

People spread across spectrum line.

Reasons 'For':

- Fear of the ideas blob
- We don't want to overstretch ourselves: lets do one thing and do it really well.

Reasons 'Against':

- What needs to be done in the time available: urgency
- Urgency: need to do EVERYTHING!
- We couldn't focus on more than two but we could handle more than one. We have so much involvement in so many issues, there is support and experience to do this.

Two focuses

Still quite evenly spread. People on both sides cross over.

Reasons 'For':

- We have a back up plan
- RBS and Tar Sands go brilliantly together

Reasons 'Against':

- Just because we have one focus doesn't mean we can't talk about many things. History shows when we try and do a few things at once, you tend to have a few people doing lots on both, instead of lots of people on one thing.

Indifferent:

- Militant liberal lobbying mentality – choosing between one or two issues. Whereas we should be trying to think about what kind of activity will create a revolutionary social movement
- How much energy do you have to put into this area?

Focus on RBS

'For' end: 30

'Indifferent' end: 20

'Against' end: 8

Reasons 'For':

- Tapping into something that is resonate, channeling that discontent
- Could do it in Scotland

Reasons 'Indifferent':

- Not enough time
- Not sure what we'd do, even though it has worth

Reasons 'Against':

- Not sure how clear the link it to climate change

Focus on Aviation

'For' end: 5

'Indifferent' end: 30

'Against' end: 20

Reasons 'For':

- Nail in the coffin of aviation industry

Reasons 'Indifferent':

- Don't have enough knowledge

Reasons 'Against':

- Tactics I'm not sure of: regional or national.

Focus on BP and Tar Sands

'For' end: 40

'Indifferent' end: 2

'Against' end: 4

Reasons 'For':

- Climate Camp really helped internationalise the Tar Sands campaign, so let's stick with it.

Reasons 'Indifferent':

- Are we needed?
- Are our strengths in this type of campaigning?

Reasons 'Against':

- Doesn't think it has radical capacity.
- NGOs will applaud but we have moved on.

Coal as focus

'For' end: A few

'Indifferent': Many

'Against' end: A few more

Reasons 'For':

- We haven't nailed it yet
- We need to keep at it.

Reasons 'Indifferent':

- It doesn't feel alive at the moment.
- Not sure about the energy for it in the movement.

Reasons 'Against':

- We should be opening up new political space
- We have done coal.

Workers Solidarity

Reasons 'For':

- Encompasses lots of struggles

Reasons 'Indifferent':

- Doesn't work as primary focus for climate camp

Reasons 'Against'

- Hostage to fortune
- Don't know what is going to be happening over the next year.

Dropping proposals

Plan: To attempt to drop those proposals that didn't get enough support to be the Camp's primary focus.

PROPOSAL:

- We drop 'Workers solidarity' as a key primary focus
 - 1 Block: Don't agree with doing this.

Discussion:

- Why the Block?
- The process hasn't given us the chance to properly consider whether something is good or bad.

PROPOSAL:

- **To drop aviation as a primary focus for 2010**
 - **3 Stand asides: There's a lot of benefits to tackling aviation/ We're not ready to make a decision yet, and there's loads we can do/ Wrong decision: there's lots we good do.**
- **CONSENSUS!**

Discussion:

- Should we decide whether to have camp?
- No, this is not a good direction to jump the discussion to.

- It's late, and we can't make decisions now. Let's think about how we take this forward tomorrow?

Process for Sunday:

- Let's share more ideas now as to how to run the session.
- This year we've been trying to work out what to focus on without knowing the form.
- We've always discussed focus.
- My impression of what we were going to do today was decide where we wanted to focus, and then pick what we want to do
- The process we tried to do today was a good one: let's stick with it and make it work
- This seems like the Kingsnorth/Biofuels episode: we want to avoid a nasty split this time.
- We've done lots of good strategic thinking today: let's not lose sight of this.
- This is extremely hard. Let's accept this fact.
- We need to recognise that this is a more complicated year, and no single focus will solve the problem of climate change in themselves.
- It will be difficult for the facilitators to rearrange the agenda without mandate from the gathering: let's cut our politics discussion and reduce time of Cochabamba to give them more time to play with.
- People need to be honest when making a decision.
- Let's talk about each of the proposals, and then proposals can be taken forward.
- Too much negative spin on what we achieved today: lots of pros and cons, and lots achieved.
- A decision making process is difficult.
- Climate Camp has got a very strong brand, and we should always focus on something on the home term.
- Suggestion to enable us to have the time to feed in if we feel rushed, but while also being steered on a bit.
- Unfair to leave pushing to the facilitators, everyone needs to self-facilitate.
- Those who have ideas stay/go to comfy room and plan agenda for tomorrow.

Sunday AM

Tactics discussion

Plan: Lots of the discussion so far has focused on themes and areas of focus, but there has been a call for some discussion on tactics for their own merits:

- How much energy for them?
- Do they fit in with our overarching aims?

Brainstorm session on tactics people felt they want to put energy into, before we then divide into the five groups we agreed to focus on yesterday: RBS, BP and Tar Sands, Workers Solidarity, Coal, and aviation.

Process question:

- What about a group to deal with the UN?
- This was dealt with when you raised it yesterday: no energy for it, so we agreed on the five groups.

- For the sake of clarity lets test for consensus again.

PROPOSAL

- To focus on discussing the five areas we narrowed down yesterday: BP and Tar Sands, RBS, Workers Solidarity, Coal, and Aviation.
 - 1 Block

Dealing with Block

- Leave the group then!
- Or shall we just add “UN” as a category people can discuss if they choose to?
- CONSENSUS!

Tangent:

- Two blocks this weekend. At some point we need to set aside time to discuss exactly what a block means, and how it should be used. Also need to discuss how we deal with it and wider process issues.

Day's aim stated:

- To deliver decision by Lunch
- To use the afternoon to discuss next steps, including the formation of working groups.

Let's focus guys!

Brainstorm of tactics:

- Identity as a tactic: not a tactic (focus!)
- Camp
- Occupation of a workplace
- Street theatre
- Building a space to hold an event
- Rebuilding an abandoned estate
- Decentralised day of action
- Centralised day of action
- Shut down source of emissions
- Publicised day of action
- Mass day of shoplifting
- Swoop
- Rapid response to unfolding events
- Street Party
- Caravan
- Blocking trains
- “Camp Out” -G20/Trafalgar Square style
- Guerrilla gardening
- Flash mob
- Mass occupation
- Presenting positive proposals for solutions
- Smash mobs

- Critical Mass (on the M1)
- Impromptu rave
- 24 hour rave against Climate
- Armada
- Space voyage

Moving forward

- Let's arrow down the things that fit within other things, and get rid of things that we expect will happen anyway/are clearly not for UK wide process.
- Narrowed down list to spectrum line.
- Are people happy with facilitators team taking it forward and narrowing it down?
- Yes!

Tactics Spectrum Lines

Each spectrum line will be given an 'average' figure on a scale of 1-10. 1 being no energy/10 being lots of energy.

Blockade

Average score: 9

Camp

Average score: 7

Swoop

Average score: 8

Rapid Response

Average score: 6

Critical Mass

Average score: 4

Rave against Climate Change

Average score: 3

Occupation

Average score: 8

Pop up Camp

Average score: 7

Smash Mob

Average score: 3

Caravan/pilgrimage

Average score: 6

Mass bunk of train fairs

Average score: 5

Decentralised day of action

Average score: 7

Bike Bloc

Average score: 5

Conference

Average score: 4

Armada

Average score: 7

Rebuilding a rundown estate

Average score: 5

Moving forward:

- Proposal that we remove anything below a 5.
- Why is Bike Bloc in and critical mass not?
- This is not a decision, just creating a useful tool for future decisions later in the day.
- Let's go with this process the facilitators have worked out and stop interfering.

Focus on Theme

Plan: We're now going to further critically assess the different possible themes. Keep in mind the energy for different tactics when thinking about potential plans.

Goldfish bowl

A self-selected representative from each of the five areas steps into the 'goldfish' bowl, and the five individuals then enter into dialogue with one another. They can swap out at any point.

Aviation Advocate:

- As a movement we've had wind recently, but this has largely been due to the recession.
- The last clear Direct Action victory was GM
- Aviation could be our victory if we put energy into it.
- The volcano has weakened them, and Direct Action can only help weaken them further.

Coal Advocate:

- Problem with aviation is that in a time of austerity you are taking away the pleasure people have, or at least seen to be: cheap flights.
- We don't want to be set against the public in peoples' minds.
- The big economic forces are dealing with aviation: the recession will curtail it.
- This will happen due to the price of oil as well.
- It would, therefore, not be genuine victory but symbolic.
- Coal better opportunities.

Tar Sands and BP Advocate:

- Tar sands are the major environmentally destructive problem on the planet.
- Broadens scope into new area in the UK.

Workers solidarity advocate:

- So far we've succeeded by carefully selecting an issue and then tapping into a strong public sentiment.
- How do we get a load of people on board?
- If we don't take up radical tactics, we just become a militant lobby group. Single issue.
- We need to back out of this, and spread all ideas and tactics rapidly beyond our community.

RBS advocate:

- Climate Camp should be a serious social movement and keep fossil fuels in the ground.
- Tapping into public concerns has worked for us: Heathrow tapped into something.
- RBS could be this again.
- It is populist: serves the benefit of rich people.
- It's our bank, it's our money: key line!
- It's going to remain an issue for the next few years, so need to get stuck in now.
- It's means we're going with the public NOT against them
- Coal: really important, but doesn't have the potential to spin off into something exciting.

Aviation advocate:

- Concern with RBS and Tar Sands: we are so far from the source so where does that leave us in terms of direct action?
- Our track record has seen us take direct action against the sources of emissions, we're not tactically suited to RBS.

- We need to use our strengths, and this could work with aviation.

Tar Sands advocate:

- Fear of offending the public, we should get over this.
- Need to cut emissions in the short term.

Workers issue advocate:

- RBS would fit within the sphere of cracking new political space
- But fear it is just a 'glass fronted building' like any other.
- Doesn't inspire, a bit like the G20.
- Militant lobbying: danger we become this.

Coal advocate:

- Let's clear up this idea of the big divide between 'militant lobbying' and this more radical 'other'
- It's nonsense. The radical 'other' is just talking unless it can be translated into real world things.
- When you focus on an issue you can see a way to talk about the wider mechanisms.
- Let's be honest: what action hasn't been militant lobbying? The Poll Tax Riots were militant lobbying.
- RBS is perfect in every way except I can't imagine how it would work tactically.
- If we can imagine how it can work tactically, then great.

RBS advocate:

- Militant lobbying: we have to do some lobbying in order to build a movement.
- Heathrow: concrete victory BUT was lobbying.

Tar Sands advocate:

- What has not been said yet is about the specifics of BP.
- BP: massive global problem.
- The reason there was a massive failure at COP is because the US did not engage, and this is due to corporations like BP.
- How can climate camp put its support to BP?
- How do these issues impact globally?
- Lot's of new ground to be cracked working in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

RBS advocate:

- A large part of this applies to RBS as well: we can excite people for targets
- RBS has inspired action in the past.
- We can express the diversity of tactics through many means: from people changing bank accounts to smashing windows.

Workers advocate:

- We always talk about movement building
- In the past we've picked an issue and shown why its bad.
- Right now people are angry about their jobs.
- There's no organised labour movement.
- We should have gone to Vestas before, and be ready to act in the future.

Tar Sands advocate:

- If you target RBS, what is it you want to happen?

RBS advocate:

- List of possible demands?
- Stop putting any money into funding fossil fuels is the key line.
- But we are walking into an area that is so far underdeveloped.
- How do we develop a response?
- We need to discuss the other things they do.

Moving Forward

Plan: everyone is going to split into self-selecting groups in the six areas, with the remit of developing thoughts and proposals.

- RBS and BP and Tar Sands is the biggest group, having decided to merge
- Smaller coal, aviation and workers solidarity groups also form
- No one goes to the UN group.

Groups discuss.

Group Feedback

Workers Group:

- Good process: thanks to facilitation team. Got the chance to have discussions required.
- Not at stage where specifics can be discussed, but discussion has begun.

Aviation Group:

- No proposals for whole group to take on board, but request that no one books anything for the 10/10/10. Glasgow have publically committed to shutting down the airport on this day: hopes to develop it into wider day of action.

PROPOSAL:

- **We reserve 10/10/10 for day of action around regional aviation, still in development at present.**
 - **CONSENSUS!**

BP/RBS Group:

- We discussed how to merge, and it termed out that the BP crew were more keen to focus on tar sands in a broader sense than BP.
- The group felt that RBS offered the opportunity to do this, among many other things, and therefore BP was dropped.
- Excited by ways we can target RBS:
 - Take our money back: Bailiff the Banks!
 - Talking about the bailout, etc.
 - RBS is funding bad things, taking away your money from good things: health, education, etc.

- Proposal to group: We target RBS with specific focus on RBS.
- Proposals to be dealt with after lunch.
- Headquarters of RBS is in woodland area up in Edinburgh: could do something the same time as the Edinburgh festival.
- Need to get dates for this, and other potential clashes.
- Hargreaves Coal is UK target funded by RBS.
- They also financed the Kraft takeover of Cadburys: workers issues tie in here.

Coal Group:

- Proposal: Party at the Port: We SWOOP to a coal import terminal, and occupy and blockade it.
- Why? We import 70% of our coal from overseas: Russia, etc.
- Issues of human rights tied into this transportation of coal.
- We could pick one near to an open cast mine or a power station to join the dots.
- Coal has to end: it is where most of the carbon comes from.
- Possibilities: Bristol, Immingham, Glasgow.

Discussion:

- Q: How would coal proposal this be different from Ratcliffe?
- Response: It is actually achievable to do, and greater opportunities for diversity of tactics: armadas, etc.
- If we focus on Tar Sands with RBS then we lose the point of doing RBS.
- Are we going to link coal to RBS?
- What sort of time of year would we do the coal proposal?
- Perhaps mid-summer.
- Doesn't this mean very few imports.
- No.
- I know how I'd frame RBS to media, but no idea what coal would be.
- Party at the Port: can we stop partying about the end of the world.
- Would the coal thing be our major focus?
- This is a one off event: for this purpose we should go back to BP.
- There is no decision waiting on coal.
- Also remind of oil conference coming up in June, whatever we do.
- We can't do RBS as we have no history of working on it.
- Yes we do.
- RBS: can talk about numbers.
- Both coal and RBS no either/or.
- Strong concern against a camp in one place.
- Day of Action?
- We plan to "take money back" from RBS.
- Clear objective to take something back over the course of three days.

Sunday PM

Decision Time

How long shall we go on for/what shall we cover/sorting stuff out?

Can we keep session going till 5pm?

- Proposal to end at 4?
- Let's keep going and see where we are later.

PROPOSAL:

- **Due to time constraints, we park the 'Politics' session until the next gathering.**
- **CONSENSUS!**

Feedback from someone from Scotland, via telephone:

- Other news: big aviation trial, needs support. Check out www.climate9.com for details.
- RBS AGM coming up: possible opportunities to make links in Scotland for possible summer event.

Concern about twitter:

- Do we have guidelines for twittering? Any group agreement
- There was one made allowing it at the last gathering, but not this one.
- Given that we are discussing our plans for the year we don't want miss-communication, so let's agree to stop it for now.
- **CONSENSUS!**

Agreeing our focus

Outline: Two proposals emerged from the last session, one of coal and one on RBS, therefore we need to choose first whether we have one or two campaign focuses.

Are people happy with this only now taking forward the choice of RBS/Coal or both?

- Yes.

Process questions:

- Is Climate Camp agreeing UK stuff not what local groups are doing?
- Response: Just UK wide stuff.
- How are we approaching the choice? If we choose 1, we don't choose the others?
- Response: Priority at this gathering is over the immediate future: ie what we work on NOW. Anything else can be brought forward at any time.
- Need to make clear we have other things on the go?
- Response: Ok, everyone keep that thought in mind.
- How do we make sure other things stay on the agenda?
- Response: Read the minutes.

PROPOSAL:

- For the next few months we focus on the Royal Bank of Scotland
- Is there a particular reason we should pick one first?
- Answer: We should work out what we need to do? Set dates.
- Are there two proposals or one
- Answer: Just the one about RBS right now.
- Are there any other proposals?
- Answer: The one about coal.
- Suggestion forward: test of RBS, and then on the coal proposal.

Temperature check for doing RBS

- High energy

Temperature check for doing coal

- Medium

PROPOSAL:

- **We focus on the Royal Bank of Scotland this summer**
 - **Stand aside: Concern about the process that got us here.**
 - **CONSENSUS!**

PROPOSAL:

- We do, or are involved in making happen, a swoop at a coal port terminal.

Concerns:

- Bad idea to do two actions/projects. We're delicate as a movement right now, and there's not enough energy.

Other points:

- If it drops off now, it can be brought back in later.
- Might need something to build for after the summer.

PROPOSAL:

- We do, or are involved in making happen, a swoop at a coal port terminal.
 - Too many stand asides.

Twitter issue:

- Can we tweet now we've made decision?
- Response: Not enough context
- Concern about people making wrong assumptions about what we're planning to do.
- Let's stick with decision not to twitter.

Dates

Factors:

- RBS are sponsoring the Edinburgh Fringe: we should do it then: during most of August.
- 6th – 30th August: Earth First.

- 27th – 31 August Animal Rights Gathering
- Maybe consider NOT doing it at a bank holiday this time: takes people away.
- 13th - 15th Radical Routes.
- Concern: Scottish School holidays are different region to region.
- Can we just say we're doing it at some point during the fringe?
- No, we need dates now.
- Deciding factors are when EF! Ends.
- 14th can probably get structures from EF!
- Concern: Radical Routes: same people as EF!
- Concern: can we wait to hear from Scotland?
- Concern: the workers need to be in work, in order to disrupt.
- 17th - 22nd instead.
- Holidays in Scotland end on the 17th
- More RBS workers will be at their desks in the second week of August.

PROPOSAL:

- Pending checking in with the Scottish folk, we will hold an event that incorporates the weekend of the 21/22.

More discussion:

- The RBS HQ is closed during the weekend.
- We should block out a week: easier to take Monday to Friday off work.
- What about 21-26th
- Concerns: Strategically: when do we want numbers to swell? When do we want big action?
- We can't shut it down at the weekend.
- Massive site crew might be gone by Bank Holiday.
- Is it not good enough that we have a two week slot?
- If we go ahead, we need to consider Scottish feelings.
- How about big action on the Friday 27
- Concerns: Scottish schools, but it looks like we can't do anything about this as we need time to organise and no other earlier time is free in August.
- We need to work out what infrastructure we need.
- We need to only make provisional dates if the plan pending agreement from Scotland.
- What about schools?
- Unavoidable clash with term time, but we could have family friendly weekend.
- Weekends are normally the focus. This is because most people come at this point.
- But there will be actions all the time, so family weekend plus actions during the weekend.
- We could go into schools.

Temperature check: how do we feel about it being during term time?

- Result: not a lot of care if it is during term time.

PROPOSAL:

- **Pending agreement from Scotland, we do something in Scotland that will be over the weekend of the 21st – 22nd August.**
 - **3 Stand asides: Need to know what Scotland doing and what form/shouldn't clash with**

school holidays/process disagreement

- **CONSENSUS!**

Facilitator: Where do we go from here?

- Either more discussion about firming up dates OR discussion of form first?

Process discussion:

- Can't firm up form now.
- Temperature check of discussing form: minimal energy.

PROPOSAL:

- **Pending agreement from Scotland, we will hold an event/action/action(s) in Scotland between Wednesday 18th – Wednesday 25th**
 - **2 Stand Asides: media concern about doing it during school holidays/form not decided so can't make this decision**
 - **CONSENSUS!**

Concern:

- We must make Scotland aware that we were aware of the holiday issues.

International Solidarity

Presentation of Cochabamba:

- 15,000 delegates from 126 countries, 70 governments, NGOs, scientists, social movement leaders, NO BUSINESS.
- UN process will take into account what comes out of this conference
- Workshops on building bridges (workshops on 22nd April)
- Blogs, twitter, radio interviews, pictures of flickr, booklets produced.
- We funded two people to go there and 2 from Global South: document process.

Who should our delegates contact/avoid?

- Find indigenous groups that may help link up actions in UK and abroad.
- Imported coal: groundwork for future actions: Columbian reps?
- Feedback on how CJA, CC, other others can interact.
- How are others organising non-hierarchically.

Global South funded delegates:

- Woman from Ghana couldn't go
- Man from Bangladesh: land occupation, land rights.
- Man from social action in Niger Delta

PROPOSAL (from international group):

- We will give Ghana Climate Camp a donation of £500 and £500 to social action in Nigeria.

Concerns:

- Does this promote DIY culture? What does it mean for our relationship with them? Will we

continue to fund them?

PROPOSAL (from international group):

- **We will give Ghana Climate Camp a donation of £500 and £500 to social action in Nigeria.**
 - **CONSENSUS!**

PROPOSAL (from international group):

- To sign up to anti-REDD campaign.

Points:

- Let's leave this for a future time.

PROPOSAL (from international group):

- Send someone to CJA meeting in Bonn in May.

Suggestions:

- Group now too small to make decision.
- What would be the remit?
- People will go anyway, so we will get feedback even if we don't send someone.

PROPOSAL: Postpone decision to fund people traveling to Bonn, with a view to bring proposal to fund them retrospectively at the next gathering.

- **CONSENSUS!**

PROPOSAL:

- International groups have sent us letters asking how we set up Climate Camp, can neighbourhoods twin up with international groups.
- How do we deal with this?
 - Let neighborhoods decide.

Rounding Off

Group too small and not enough time to form proper working groups, so proposal from facilitators to take process forward:

PROPOSAL:

- **We set up a “Getting things going” group to get in touch with Scotland and organize a one day planning meeting for action.**
- **CONSENSUS!**

Next gathering:

- If we are to organize a UK wide event in three or so months, we need to return to having gatherings once a month.

PROPOSAL:

- **We have a UK Gathering in May. Process Group will sort dates and venue.**
 - **CONSENSUS!**