

Minutes of Camp for Climate Action National Gathering Brighton, Sat 18th and Sun 19th April

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KEY DECISIONS MADE

Saturday

- Camp will be WITHIN THE M25 – Within proximity of London. Within easy transport links of London. CONSENSUS REACHED
- Camp will be a green or brownfield site. CONSENSUS REACHED.
- Camp will be a DEFENDABLE SITE – Finer points of what this means not agreed at this stage – CONSENSUS REACHED
- Camp will be ONE SINGLE UNIFIED SITE (as in we don't want have to a green space in one place and a building that is part of it 5 miles away) CONSENSUS REACHED
- The main site should not primarily be a building, having a building is not excluded, but it should not be the main site. CONSENSUS REACHED
- PURPOSE OF THE CAMP - to build an effective movement through training and skill sharing and engage new people. CONSENSUS REACHED
- Focus of this year's camp is highlighting the economic – ecological crisis. CONSENSUS REACHED
- Legal Team working group remit agreed.
- Site, Workshops and Entertainments working groups set up.

Sunday

- Immediately following the traditional closed group site take there will be a public swoop to the site. This will be part of the narrative and pre-publicity advertising the convergence. This is subject to land group concerns and capacity. CONSENSUS REACHED
- Camp will begin on Thursday 27th and to end on Wednesday the 2nd. This includes a day at each end for week for the public to be involved in setup and tat down. CONSENSUS REACHED
- The national Camp for Climate Action process will support the Scottish and Welsh regional Climate Camps, both in terms of finance and in terms of skillshare and tat.
- All working groups have been given 39% of their budget from last year.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION: G20 Debrief

People split into small groups to share their experiences, this was not minuted, then 4 groups were formed to consider the following;

A) POLICE LIASION AND LEGAL DEBRIEF

Legal observers were seen as stewards (also police)

* not enough tranquility to deal with drunk people and bottles

role of welcome people not clear

interaction between process and police liaison not good enough

protest activist techniques not applied?

*was it a street party or protest? How manage drink and drugs

doing a more flashy protest so we're out of there before it turns nasty. Will leave people with a better experience

have tranquility jackets

is it acceptable to dampen down alcohol use earlier

once kettle in place immediately turn in action mode -> how to cope

do we want to really meet and discuss this not every one will be happy applying these techniques

now to better control of our space?

* we weren't using all our skill and available tactics

set our own framework in which police has to use their tactics. Create uncertainty via media

lib dems came along. lots of camera's present (police were told this)

not every one happy with this approach (CC contact with police)

training on peace and tranquility

how deal with people ending up in/out kettle

used flags for legal communication

legal felt vulnerable < signalled issued not fed back to camp

wide range of stances on position of police

legal was aware of issues very early -> comms/process to get this back to camp did not work

Better communications.

LEGAL – communication issues. Legal were aware of some issues but couldn't feed them back to the rest of the camp. E.g drunken people. Solution? More + better tranquility teams. Kettles - should we inform what a kettle involves quite quickly after they've formed. Some sort of event that allows us to leave on a high.

Need to set our own framework not the police's.

B) KITCHEN/SITE

Go Round

Security of equipment needs addressing. Too close to toilets. Amazing to get that much food and equipment in. Chilled, happy workers. Need to be more visible. More water needed!

TAT

Salvaging stuff from what's left – getting more stuff that.

Ask people not to bring glass.

Using tat for police protection.

COMMS

-More Games in the day, get people mixing more.

– more infrastructure, organised smaller spaces.

Consensus decision making tactics needed.
More people needed for comms.
Announcements of decision and policies.

MISC

Rubbish – there was too much of it. Needs more addressing.

BUDGET

- cuts at the last minute
- key areas needed fair money distribution

SITE

- Was a difficult site
- needs more structure
- needs more workshops
- keep security in mind.

C) MEDIA + MESSAGING

What worked:

We managed to get some message out amongst the G20 hype.

We came across as non-violent.

Educating Ourselves

Non-hierarchical communication

Embedded + escorted journalists + contacts

We're trendy – e.g Time Style Magazine + Grazi Mag (3 pg article)

Pre-camp press event

What didn't work

-Not much coverage in the print media immediately the next day.

-Opportunity to link Climate + Economics missed?

-Should we focus on carbon trading first and then wider economics, or the other way round?

-Too centralised, wasn't enough capacity in the media team.

Our messaging not clear enough on restructuring the economy in an experienced way – we aren't clear on the details of this.

- Dissemination of photos: no links from front page, web people were busy on the street.
- People were there to party? And the media talked to them?

What was learnt

- Carbon Trading weekend was very good.

- Perhaps we could produce an info sheet to be mass produced for everyone there
- Media work is more than talking to media on the day, there's lots of pre-preparation which lacked capacity.
- Need to clarify messages
- Iconic symbol needed to focus message
- More talks/politics/films to focus people's attention
- Need to speak out with a louder soundsystem.

D) MOBILIZATION / SOLIDARITY / PUBLICITY

What worked well

Facebook worked well

Word of Mouth / flyers / emails

Not enough flyers & posters ? public art?

Confusion over messaging of different groups

One banner? Two different things?

Attempt to avoid clashes

Rampart

Meltdown became a specific event, not an umbrella wasn't an open forum

Collaboration was fucked up by branding

Mainstream media did great job of telling everybody what to do / where to go

Media still interpreted as good/bad protests. But we did try to address

Convergence confusion & actual events and safe spaces

Rampart had good list of all different events

Learning process & stronger

Different forms of mobilization learnt self sufficiency

Celebrate great friendship

Convergence spaces organized separately to mobilization

Three were other spaces planned but didn't happen

2nd of April

- abysmal mobilization, left to cops to pick on convergence spaces and solidarity march

new people looking for alcohol

resources were really stretched

can't kettle together party goers and those trying to make message

Ran out of water

Good to do it day before. Media was always going to concur on G20

How to bring different groups together?

Concrete welcome groups

Really important CPO15 be effective but Cop15 much more about climate change?

NGO style mobilization and autonomous groups work together?

Avoid Gleneagles situation

This is a protest not a party incorporate into publicity. Still have fun

different police force & rely on expertise of others

need a meaningful crowd & needs to be made interesting

got to do both & attractive/enjoyable & but do it clever and well

no alcohol policy & keep festival charm

- different situation on week long camp & please don't bring alcohol

**** end of G20 Debrief****

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: The Summer Convergence

Current Situation:

In January at the Oxford gathering we decided the aim of summer convergence will be broadening and strengthening the movement, in the summer holidays, targeting the economic system.

In March at Nottingham we decided the envelope of dates would be 26th Aug – 2nd September

No other decisions have been taken but sentiments have been expressed about possibilities (see previous minutes for details)

Back to Brighton : The gathering was asked to consider the following bits of information

Feedback from Land Group(LG)

Camp has evolved since it began. But means more threats from the state and system. Police oppression resulting in greater costs, e.g tat + vehicles. The LG feel that the camp in London raises issues of defence of the site and access. Need to allude back to the key aims of the camp.

What's the purpose of the camp?

To provide an entry point for people to take

A space to take mass action

(see letter for rest of these questions)

Proposal: A defence working group needs to be set up for London convergence.

LG is asking people to ask about different spaces – eg brownfield, park, building.

Resources. The existing LG “are up to it, and up for it.”

Activist Tat Collective Statement

The ATC comprises individuals experienced in providing infrastructure at squats and convergences including Climate Camp. Generator X has been Climate Camp's main supplier of electricity. Both these groups have serious concerns about the idea of holding a camp in London from a logistics perspective. We realise that there is enthusiasm for an urban convergence, but ask individuals to think back to Kingsnorth and the damage to and confiscation of our equipment. Both Generator X and the ATC are used by a range of campaigns groups and events during the summer months and we simply cannot let others down due to police destruction during the camp.

The ATC realises that the planning for G20 was rushed. However, as providers of some kitchen equipment and expertise to the G20, we call on the climate camp to honestly appraise its failure to allocate/muster sufficient budget, planning and input from individuals and working groups. The ATC also asks climate campers to be realistic about our general skill-set. Over the past 3 years we have developed skills connected to outdoor events. Whilst members of the ATC and the wider climate camp movement have experience of squatting, we do not have a sufficient skills base or networks in this area to prepare, hold and organise several squatted buildings.

The feedback from the G20 reveals that considerably more organisation is required on the following areas, as a matter of high priority or else any summer convergence in London will be a health and safety risk.

Food

Transport

Drivers

Phone comms

Toilets

Financial co-ordination of collecting and safely keeping donations

Water management

The raid at Ramparts and the violent eviction of the Earl street convergence spaces during the G20, means that squats used for political ends in London can not be considered secure for people or property. Both Climate Camp 2008 and G20 events resulted in considerable amounts of valuable equipment being confiscated.

Generator X was expecting to provide power to climate camp again this summer but is not willing to park outside or inside a climate camp in a building in London.

PROPOSAL : Given the above, both ATC and GENX believe we should not use buildings in London as bases for protests such as the climate camp. In whatever way the summer event unfolds, recruitment of people specifically for site and kitchen issues is an urgent priority.

Discussion points:

More security than a squat - if a building is hired, can it still be raided?

Must we be in London or the City of London? i.e. are we happy in the suburbs?

Are people happy to be in a brown-field site?

What provisions can be made for back-up options?

Remember that in fields, we can create autonomous zones with minimal edges of vulnerability, and internal cohesion. In buildings in urban space, there is a more "infinite edge" effect, where every piece of infrastructure can suffer simultaneous, unrelated constant harassment from police forces, journalists, unskilled users, thieves etc.

Excerpt from "G20 Kitchens Feedback"

"An urban convergence is not 'easier'. At the G20 We suffered direct police harassment, injury, got four hours sleep in 48 hours, had to tackle endless logistical nightmares around police road blocks etc etc.

Getting stuff in was hard and even with water and food all around, the kettling technique meant we could not get to you and hard for you to get to us. We had to have people mobile offsite who went nowhere near the site to ensure that things happened but they were vulnerable to police intervention."

Related proposals to consider in small groups

- Proposal 1

Big mass action at Ratcliffe on Soar before the camp.

- Proposal 2

That we THEME the summer event around the concepts of casinos, gambling and addiction.

- Proposal 3

The summer convergence should be a camp in a single location (but with the possibility of using nearby buildings as long as it doesn't interfere with the feeling of a unified camp) in one of Islington, Haringey, Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Barking and Dagenham, Newham, Lewisham, Greenwich, Southwark, Lambeth or the City of London. We will compile a list of requirements and empower a secret land group to make the final choice.

Break out into groups to discuss:

- How can we reconcile our aims in the new political context?
- Should we prioritize our aims?
- How can we refine our plan given the challenges we face?
- What and where should the convergence be?

Feedback from the groups

Groups were asked to consider the above and feedback in less than 3 sentences !

A – missed

B - View of the City could work as a media image just as long. Camp should be camping, not buildings

C - Hard to prioritise the aims. Camp should be within the M25, possibly on a site challenged by development.

D - Brownfield site in London, access to buildings are an add-on bonus not a necessity. Camp acts a space where affinity groups can form and take action. Call out for affinity groups Like the idea of casino theme. Provide themes for affinity groups to act on.

E - Priority should be focussing on Copenhagen, preparing for an Autumn of direct action. People's Assembly Trial – putting climate criminals on trial. Deliver a verdict of direct action.

F -Should be within M25, should be to facilitate DA not do it.

G -Should separate mass action and Want to be somewhere nice but as near as possible to something bad.

H - Up North proposal is bad. Should prioritise movement building. Concerned about date, but also about changing date. Could declare where we're NOT going, to see off police aggression, eg not going to the Square Mile,

I - Should maintain the topic of economic crisis. Like the theme.

J – Want to link with Scottish and Welsh camps. Green space, perhaps not in the centre of London, but as close we could get. If we can get buildings. Bank Holiday might mean the City is empty.

K – Want to continue focus on economic crisis. A public swoop could be the mass action? Should not have a mass action from the camp. Should have a unified space. Affinity group action training at the site. How hot is the swoop? Groups of 114s could go do swoops on power stations separate from the camp. Visible skyline, link with Bangladeshi community and make climate links.

===== LUNCH BREAK=====

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: Announcements

COAL CARAVAN

Starts this Friday cycling through a lot of open cast sites and stations.

Bike powered Age of Stupid showing in mining communities. Lots of linking with coal communities.

Big action planning session at the end of our journey. Staying in Church halls along the way, holding events in colleges. Taking it to the heartlands. Moving away from Leave it in the Ground message.

Big thank you to Climate Camp for adopting the Coal Caravan as a working group. Thanks for the offer of

cash but they don't need it!

Help needed: Can you distribute some of the Coal Caravan newspapers? They've got useful info in them even after the event.

Wanna come? Yeah – they can sleep about 50.

ACTIVIST TRAUMA SUPPORT

25th April -

26th April – 1pm – 6pm @ LARC. If you were a victim or saw police violence then please come along. activist_trauma@riseup.net – write to them if you're coming if u can so they have an idea of numbers.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: Back to summer convergence

Test for consensus on the following:

PLACE:

1. WITHIN THE M25 – Within proximity of London. Within easy transport links of London.

Stand asides? - a few. Nervous about alcohol and g
Consensus reached? Broadly yes.

2. Green (or green as possible) site – as in field space with grass.

Does this include brownfield? Yes. (Brownfield = where there has been previous development. Can have grass with rubbish) Concern that green spaces can involve heath or woodland – need not to damage local space. Concern not to impeded on anyone's recreation space. Land group is not stupid, have a history of finding sites for us sensitively and can be trusted.

So, a green or brownfield site – YES CONSENSUS REACHED.

3. A DEFENDABLE SITE Well obviously yes. But what do we mean? A more defensible site than the KN site? – e.g a smaller site? Reminder of request from Land Group that a defence working group be set up. Definition of defensible should also include legally defensible – so a rented site should not be ruled out. Consensus reached that we will have a defensible site. Finer points of what this means not agreed or disagreed.

4. ONE SINGLE UNIFIED SITE Clarifications: as in we don't want have to a green space in one place and a building that is part of it 5 miles anyway. Yes, consensus reached.

5. The main site should not primarily be a building. People want to create their own space. They want to be camping. So having a building is not excluded, but it should not be the main site. YES CONSENSUS REACHED ON THIS.

6. PURPOSE OF THE CAMP. What should be the purposes of the camps?

- **to build an effective movement through training and skill sharing and engage new people.**

Clarification: this includes not just DA but education + several things.

The key phrase is 'effective movement' which is encompassing of a lot of issues.

YES CONSENSUS REACHED ON THIS.

7. FOCUS OF THE CAMP' ACTION SHOULD BE ON AFFINITY GROUP ACTIONS AND NOT A MASS ACTION

Clarifications:

Mass action = one that comes out of the camp directly. A mass action should not be a key focus of this years camp. So we're not going to pre-announce a mass action on the camp.

Affinity group actions seem stronger than publicly announced mass actions, from point made.
Okay, so rephrase:

The focus of the camp's action should be on affinity group actions.

Consensus not reached, put into temperature check section.

8. Focus is on economic – ecological crisis.

Ya consensus reached ya.

===== End of decisions=====

Temperature Checks – people were asked to stand in the part of the room that best represented their opinion in response to a variety of scenarios – (Numbers represent those who were Keen on the idea, not sure, not keen.)

To have public targets listed: 40, 30, 15

To do a public swoop – 22, 42, 11

To have a carbon casino theme: 16, 50, 20

To have themes for each day: 16, 50, 20

To link with the local community 32, 30, 12

For the site to be in view of London: 36, 40, 1

To make a trashed site beautiful: 26, 40, 1

Use camp to prepare for COP15 - 65, 10, 4

To change the date of the Camp: 1, 0, everyone else (70).

To not be on a 'hot site' (as in one that we will have to defend from the State) – 2, everyone else. (?)

To be on a rented site: 3, 57, ___

To use the camp only prepare for actions in the Autumn (focus only on the future): 20, 22, 21

===== end of temperature checks=====

LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: Working Group Time

Working groups were asked to explain what they do generally and what they have been doing recently.

1. LEGAL TEAM

Feedback : G20 - have been very actively campaigning on it. A lot of the Guardian stuff has been coming from the CC Legal team. (LT) LT have a report being submitted tomorrow. Will be on Sunday Times will have it online and an exclusive from one Times, Observer and Independent are all running stuff

As a result of G20 1 person bound over on breach of the peace. 1 person on possibly criminal damage. Bindmans think it may be a mistake of mistaken identity.

Our evidence on police brutality we have a lot of.....Bindmans have taken ownership of it.....looking for funding from the Equality .NUJ is bringing a claim as well through Bindmans. Campaigning to get cop numbers much visible. What about the fact that the police gave no prior warning of clearing of Climate camp. No asking to leave. LT have been given funding by Joseph Rowntree on how to deal with police searches. And also funding to increase the equipment for LT. So LT are self-funded this year. Hurray.

Suggested the idea that LT need to feed back to Gatherings, because they're might be issues of speaking to the press on behalf of the Camp. LT intends to stay rooted in the Climate Camp process and be accountable to the camp. Loads of Lib Dems came and observed Climate Camp G20 and they will be writing a report and making policy recommendations .Massive support and appreciation from the camp towards all the work that LT have done and continue to do. Need to look at more clearly distinguishing between Police Liaison and Legal team.

Legal Team remit:

To provide practical support, where possible, to participants in Climate Camp activities by:

- Providing legal information to activists through briefings, booklets and bustcards as appropriate (but not providing legal advice)
- Recruitment, training, equipping and co-ordinating legal observers to support participants during climate camp activities by providing and distributing information and by recording or gathering evidence for use in subsequent legal cases
- Campaigning through legal challenges and through political and media activity, on policing and other legal issues affecting the right to protest based on climate camp's experiences
- Providing an arrestee support phone line to track those arrested during climate camp activities

2. FINANCE WG

Feedback:

Camp is not in a great financial state. Camp does not have enough money atm to put on what happened at Kingsnorth and Heathrow.

Proposal: Each working group (WG) needs to come up with a budget. . And each WG needs to have a finance liason person who can liase with the main camp finance WG.

Sunday 10.30am – each one person from all working groups to come to this meeting.

Any monies taken from the G20 Camp kitchens? Not worked through all accounts yet but looking like it went 40% over budget. When do u want budgets from WGs? Sunday? Yes, asap.

All WGs are supposed to bring their budgets to each gathering. These budgets are to the end of the year.

Proposed working group. Proposal: For Finance to make budget suggestions to WGs.

Historically:

50% has gone on networking

20% gone on site.

Fundraising – needs help. Needs to know who people are approaching. Need help with writing applications.

And other matters.

3. MEDIA

– need more people. Finding ways to skill up people. No finance person atm.

Write press releases, do interviews, try and seed stories, strategise, attend all gatherings, are on other lists too so that they can communicate this. Be the Media team? Everyone should be doing it.

4. NETWORKING Soaks up a lot of odd jobs. Produce publicity and distrbutes.

Also does outreach. Sometimes.

Sub-groups:

- publicity,

- distribution,
- outreach events,
- climate camp presence at other events (but also a Festivals group is forming)

5. ACTION SUPPORT – very small.

Organising NVDA training for trainers event on May 31st.

Needs help.

6. WORKSHOPS

- organises workshops at talks at camp. Sometimes events.

7. SITE GROUP

Kitchens, plumbing, toilets, waste and recycling, vehicles, transport.

Activist Tat Collective. Without a site group there's no camp and all the other groups are redundant.

Need a skillshare with experienced campers to less experienced.

8. PROCESS – hold it all together, make sure there are other people. Has a Finance person.

9. POLICE LIAISON

10. FUNDRAISING – every working group needs to try and raise their own funds.

11. DEFENCE – at this stage should go be part of SITE.

12. WEBSITE: Each WG is responsible for editing your own pages. So are each neighbourhoods.

13. INTERNATIONAL - Description of the international mobilisation process so far for the Copenhagen mobilisation. Principles for cooperation have been agreed for the mobilisation by various international movements. Form of Action has been agreed and the name is Climate Justice Action.

Next meeting for this process is in June in Copenhagen and people are welcome to attend and participate.

Aims are: Reduce emissions in line with the science, recognising indigenous rights and more to be updated by Chris. A newspaper has been produced to explain and discuss the whole mobilisation and COP15 meeting please take them away. It's called 'Deal or No Deal' The mobilisation so far has been very positive and diverse.

14. E-ON FACE-OFF

===== Working Groups Time – those that were able met =====

FINAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: Working Group Feedback

SITE + DEFENCE

Gonna carry on from the e-list from last year.

Grass would be nice for putting up tents.

Issue about whether site needs to get on site first.

Feeds into the Swoop.

Suggestion that tat should get on site first then followed by Swoop.

(Not discussed just flagged up for now)

People who went to site group have little or no experience in site. They're gonna talk online and discuss what area of sites need to be worked on at what points in a timetable leading up to the Convergence.

FUNDRAISING – more help needed. Suggestion that email goes round asking for money from campers as

well as friends and family.

MEDIA – lots of new people came to the meeting.
Got a Finance liason.

NETWORKING Defined itself: Outreach, events, festivals, fundraising.
Social media and electronic media. NGO + External groups media. Print production. Distribution.
Farmers Markets not Carbon Markets made £400 at the Camp.

ACTION SUPPORT

If we are going to have affinity group actions then we need the
Call out for anyone with NVDA training.

Action support training 30th May
Training for trainers on 31st May

WORKSHOPS

Not a massive amount of experience in running a comprehensive workshop list.
Need to know the amount of spaces and marquees, big ones or little ones.
Dates – Wednesday 26th August to Wednesday 3rd August.
Need to know when to start scheduling workshops – for the whole week or a just a few days.

Entertainments (sub group of Workshops).

Looking for cool artistic acts, music, poetry especially politically minded ones. How to make them part of the protest.

=====End of Saturday=====

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION: Announcements and Proposals

Entertainers: Any artists or entertainers please contact Alex with name, location and contact details if they willing to offer their talents in support of climate camp or fundraising efforts: etchartmusic@gmail.com

Action Support Clarification: confirm that the camp will have a focus on training and supporting people to take Direct Action.

Dates for the Summer Convergence: Currently we have 8 days earmarked for the convergence. How long do we actually want it to be?
Decide to end on Wednesday the 2nd. Start on Thursday 27th. This includes a day at each end for week for the public to be involved in setup and tat down.
Issues to do with media, numbers around at the beginning, tat coming from EF! Gathering the week before and school holidays.

Fundraising: we need more fundraising immediately to solve a cash flow issue at the moment. Callout for decentralised fundraising and people to organise benefits. Suggestion that everyone raises £100 as a matter of urgency. In the past this has been done through the neighbourhoods people need to get involved.

Land Take Swoop: The idea that we could use the land take as a publicly organised mass action that gets everyone on the site at the very beginning is discussed. It's an exciting, accessible action that would break down the punter and crew divide that has encroached in the last few years. Also it may enable us to get tat there early without too much police harassment. General support in the room for the idea. Logistics would

have to be worked out but it has been done many times before with Free Parties, Reclaim the Streets and the Pure Genius Guinness occupation in the 90s.

Proposal: Immediately following the traditional closed group site take there will be a public swoop to the site. This will be part of the narrative and pre-publicity advertising the convergence. This is subject to land group concerns and capacity.

Concern that it will make it difficult to take the site. Concern that it may necessitate too many cars if the location is not accessible by public transport.

Consensus: One stand aside that it is not practical.

Carbon Casino Theme:

A discussion is introduced to flesh out that the idea that the camp themes around casino gambling and addiction. Lots of support and a number of concerns were discussed. Ideas about the psychology of the theme were discussed. Some felt it could be done in a small way and some felt a theme should be integrated into the entire aesthetic and narrative of the camp Ideas put out to propose having further discussion and proposals via networking. Concerns about looking like Lost Vagueness.

Next Gathering

23rd and 24th of May, Hebden Bridge: If people want to come a day early to help organise the gathering this would be helpful. Please contact Penny.

Direct Action Training for Trainers May 31st organised by the action support group, details from actionsupport@climatecamp.org.uk .

Brighton Convergence

Brighton is organising summer convergence. People interested in helping should get in contact with gathering organisers.

SUNDAY LATE MORNING SESSION: Regional Camps

Climate Camp Cymru

Decided 13th - 16th Augst near UK's largest open cast coalmine. Welsh views on how they would like to run their action are reflected in Scottish Climate Camp proposal. Would also like some financial/people support to get it going. Last camps submission for financial support/skill share has not been accepted.

Scotland Climate Camp activities:

- There will be a big climate convergence in Glasgow June 11th -14th.
- A climate camp will be held 3rd – 10th of August.

People from rest of uk climate camp please come along and help out. If you live in the north come along and find out what we do.

Proposal regarding this camp provided on separate sheet and distributed to gathering participants.

Climate Camp Scotland proposal comments:

Want to stay part of the main climate process, but want to be in control of finances, media etc.

Only such regional action will grow the movement.

Financial support of £500 proposal has been submitted.

The camp does not want to function as a working group. They want to be more autonomous. Becoming a working group will not be enough, although it is a requirement to get financial support. There needs to be a middle ground for situations like this.

Further concerns/comments:

Some discussion follows on how to deal with this structure.

Can we legitimize this structure now? Scotland mainly needs start-up funding.

Some people see this is not much in the scheme of things.

Fundraising from bottom up will be the better way of working. Therefore seed funds can be a good thing.

Proposal not just about financial support. Having a way of sharing skills is a really positive thing.

Suggestion is made to split up further discussion into two parts: finance and skills part

Comments on Finance aspect

If the Scottish camp gets surplus they can donate back.

Need some statement of recognition that camps are part of the movement. Just a startup loan may therefore still be ok. (S and W camps later indicate they really want a grant not a loan.)

Do we need to discuss climate camp regions dynamics now? Shall we put this off to later in the year when we have more time and in one off instance give them more support to start off.

What exactly is it being a working group? What is the common ground between regional and central camps?

What are the values/key aims of their camp?

Don't have a suitable framework now. Test proposal for consensus.

What about calling them autonomous neighbourhoods?

There should be a point of contact with each regional camp within each working group.

Do we need to discuss this now? Can't we not just decide this?

Issues with giving grant

Loan better option because it is less hierarchical.

As a neighbourhood regions get more money for just some site aspects as transport without having to justify.

How does the regional camp process relates to the national gathering process? E.g. climate caravan has fed back during this gathering as part of their working process.

Can both groups agree on the principles?

What goes to one regional group goes to the other.

Ultimately finance needs to decide how much money there is.

Isn't there already is a system for this kind of funding through neighbourhood support?

Are we being too bureaucratic?

Does finance or the gathering decides on this?

We legitimise finance to give money to regional camps

One person now leaves to feedback finance group.

Scotland Climate Camp Proposal financial part accepted

1 stand aside: There has to be a clear remit for this kind of 'funding arrangement'

Now other part of the proposal: skill sharing and tat.

Concerns:

Moving tat across the country is expensive.

Helping with regional camps by having a representative in working group (this is not thought feasible. Just a contact person could be sufficient)

W and S regional camps want to be as self sufficient as they can. Have access to lots of stuff but some key areas missing: Plumbing for example. If they can't get hold of some particular kit or experience they may want to request central support.

When discussions on camp aspects happen W and S regional camps should be included in the conversation e.g. when organising skill sharing activities.

Each working group should have contact person(s) for regional camps. Not all workshops are essential. Get one process liaison person to sort this out. Remit of working group is to include support for W and S camps as

well.

Proposal:

All working group designate a contact for W and S regional camps which is sent out as a list to these camps.

Proposal not tested, but generally supported. S and W regional camp representatives go to finance meeting

Outstanding issues Wales:

Support between central and regional camps will work both ways.

Other issue:

Skill sharing needs to be prioritised. People involved in the past need to get started.

Can people do some skill sharing before the gathering in Hebden Bridge?

====LUNCH BREAK====

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: Announcements

Lost properties from April 1st: Email went out and page is up on website related to lost property. Lots now available at Rampart and things (still?) coming back. Lots of stuff already listed on the website.

If you are looking for stuff contact London@climatecamp.org.uk

Printout provided.

Future meetings:

After May location for round mid-June and July required. Talk to process if you can help out. Guide on how to run a gathering is available. Can be a good way to create capacity/raise money for the neighbourhood. August gathering is likely to be held at one/both of the regional camps.

LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: Working Group Feedback

1. NETWORKING

Need to know the name of the summer event. Or a subtitle for the text of the logo. So still Camp for Climate Action – Could be Camp for Climate Action 09 Or Climate Camp In the City - Part 2

But, don't know the location so can't be too specific.

But the media have shortened it to 'Climate Camp' but it's for us to decide, not the media.

Ways forward?

Name of the event stays as Camp for Climate Action.....yes we expect the media to abbreviate it to 'Climate Camp', but many are concerned that the ACTION part is being dropped....and it is very important. This is particularly the feeling of experienced and skilled hands who have been involved in the camp for a long time. Have started a timeline of events that the Camp should have a presence at. Any suggestions then email networking@climatecamp.org.uk

2. WORKSHOPS

Any concerns or feedback from last years camp should be emailed to workshops@climatecamp.org.uk

3. SITE

Many in this WG is inexperienced in site stuff.

8th and 9th May

Potential in field skillshare in practical site stuff. Event will be posted online/on lists when details are finalised. Other groups determine Site's remit....eg with Workshops about what sort of crew were involved.

4. INTERNATIONAL

Doing a how-to guide for other camps around the world. If other WGs can write short blurbs to submit to this then email international@climatecamp.org.uk

5. MEDIA

Wants to be more proactive with different press releases focussing on different angles aimed at different groups. e.g:

Womens

Refugees

Childrens

Black and Asian

Disability

Trade Unions

So there would be a CORE press release and diversified/specific press releases.

More communication and information sharing with Indymedia/Be the Media.

Workshops to feed into media about the educational side of the upcoming Camp.

6. THE SPACE in Hoo Peninsula

Unlikely to happen.....if it used the money allocated to it previously, then there would be no money for anything else.

Potential KN decision in July, so it would be a 3 month outreach project in local community. Will only happen if someone steps forward to make it happen. This is not looking likely at present.

7. PROCESS

New innovation of having new people welcomed on Saturday lunchtime. There's still a gap between that workshop and gatherings being wholly accessible to new comers. If anyone has any suggestions for this then email process@climatecamp.org.uk

8. LEGAL

Now is a very good time to make a complaint to the IPCC. If you have a specific complaint of abuse by police then speak to legal FIRST. Don't go straight to the IPCC, this can affect later proceedings.

Smaller complaints about police misbehaviour complaints (e.g they made me delete the photos from camera) can be made straight to the IPCC

The press are counting the number of complaints made.

If in doubt, speak to legal.

9. FUNDRAISING needed by all!