

Notes from the Scot.E3 organising meeting 21st January 2020

Present: EC, WB, PC, BP and JF

Apologies: AM, BH, AT, AM, LH, MD and CM.

1. The meeting started with a general discussion. Points raised included:
The impact of the election result: likely that there will be detrimental changes to regulations and standards – areas that could be effected include energy from waste, devolved powers, outsourcing and tendering, nuclear policy, targets and subsidies, energy distribution and supply and workers rights. Potential for heightened tension between Westminster and Holyrood. The big issues in the Scottish context include Oil and Gas (particularly INEOS), Public Transport, Housing and the opportunities and challenges presented by the COP being held in Glasgow.
2. Agreed that we should argue for, and contribute to, an attempt to ensure that mobilising for the COP is not just about the existing activists but instead is a vehicle for reaching out into workplaces and communities to widen and deepen the campaign for climate jobs and a rapid and just transition to zero carbon.
3. PC talking to climate jobs activists internationally about joint work over the next few months. Update at the next meeting.
4. We looked at current events that we are engaged with over the next 3 weeks:
 - Friday 24 Nuclear Free Local Authorities meeting (Glasgow) – EC attending
 - Saturday 25 January: Glasgow, XR meeting on oil and gas – we've been asked to speak – PC and WB attending
 - Tuesday 28 January: COP organising meeting – Glasgow – Strathclyde University – PC attending
 - Saturday 1st February: CACC Glasgow meeting – Pete and others attending
 - Thursday 6th February – AM and MD speaking on BECCS at Unite branch meeting in Glasgow
 - Thursday 20th February, 7pm: Next Scot E3 organising meeting at the Epworth Halls, 25 Nicolson Square – this venue now has excellent Wifi so a Skype link will be available.
5. We want to encourage discussion and action in workplaces and community settings. Wherever possible we will do this in partnership. We will encourage requests to help set up or provide resources for events. We agreed to proactively approach people we know to set up events in Fife, Falkirk and Aberdeen and with the Construction Rank and File group.
6. We aim to organise seminars and discussion meetings throughout the year.
7. We will work on four new briefings- working titles are: 'Is nuclear part of a sustainable solution', 'Organising at work', 'Hydrogen', 'What is the 'COP'".

8. We need to raise funds to support the expense of meeting venues, printing and travel. PC to draft plan for fund raising.