

## February 13 2019

### Plotting and Planning

#### Notes from Food group

##### Issues and ideas for dealing with them:

##### Reliance on food imports

- Impact of Brexit – food shortages?

##### Food waste

- Share excess produce – eg Food Sharing hub at the SHRUB on Bread Street
- Recycling and composting – how to make it easy?
- Education needed

##### Pollinators

- Major concern – what to do? Ban on pesticides
- Grow pollinator-friendly plants in council greenhouses?

##### Community growing projects

- Working together – need for a gathering/forum to replace Power of Food Festival
- Forest gardens – potential to apply approaches used eg by Graham Bell in Coldstream
- Selling produce – co-ordination needed, eg through a food hub
- Therapeutic growing eg hospitals – multiple benefits
- Can they be scaled up into Community Farms, how could this work? Eg CSA.
- Potential for building future city food resilience

##### Food distribution systems

- Connection to local organic farms – more into supermarkets and local shops
- Create community food market or food hub – eg Cyrenians community garden partners' scheme

##### Land access

- Options for taking on Council-owned land for community-based food production
- Plenty of excellent soil close to Edinburgh – but not available – land banking, commodity crops
- Community access needed – Leith Community Crops in Pots exploring what can be done with Common Good land
- Common Good Food, Scottish Farm Land Trust – other organisations working on the problem

##### Policy and regulation

How to ensure enforcement, eg Marine Protected Areas often unenforced and flouted esp by clam dredgers.

##### Education for future farmers

- Skills shortage – who will deliver training in eco-friendly growing?
- Improve educational standards in rural skills courses
- Apprenticeships the most effective framework? – if funded, would also help support existing growers

##### Timeline: Policy and funding:

- Good Food Nation Bill – consultation deadline 29 March
- Climate Challenge Funding announced April
- Sustainable Food City Bronze award – June (opportunity to press Council esp re Food Growing Strategy)

##### Community events:

- 24 Feb potato day
- 3 March seed swap and Borders potato day
- 'Kindness Directory' food map project – aiming for launch in March
- Community Gardens get-together (summer?) and/or autumn festival – needs planning

**Climate Jobs - Just Transitions** The need to develop and articulate the idea of a Just Transition - make it real, share it widely and make it ours.

- The importance of building a campaign to stop new developments (INEOS) at Grangemouth and to argue for a positive alternative that involves decommissioning and supported reselling and redeployment to alternative sustainable occupations for those who current work there.
- Organising a Climate Jobs Bloc on the Edinburgh May Day May (this is midday, Saturday 4th May)
- Workshops at the May Day Festival event on Sunday 5th May - I'll be discussing this with Mairi from Lighthouse bookshop next week
- Plans to distribute literature and speak to delegates at the STUC in mid April (Dundee)
- Two upcoming conferences in Aberdeen - I don't have dates
- Likelihood of a November conference in Edinburgh with ScotE3 and the various campaigns south of the border that draw inspiration from the original Lucas Plan on an alternative sustainable economy and how to get there

#### **INEOS NO**

- New refinery – NO
- Aberdeen STUC conferences

#### May Day

- March Sat May 4 Have a climate jobs block
- Mat Day festival May 5

#### Alt Economy conference November

#### Just Transition

- Make Just Transition ours, claim it and develop it
- Importance of Just Transition commission

#### Mega event !?

# Carbon neutral

## WASTE

- ENERGY FROM WASTE
- INCINERATORS
- SET UP Free cycle day each month
- Reuse
- Recycling targets

## CULTURE AND CHANGE

- School strike !!!!

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Heat and energy efficiency
- LHES strategy
- SG/LA HEEPS

## HOMES

- Green belt
- Energy efficiency in new builds
- Future proofing ----electricity supply

## SUSTAINABLE LIVING

- Swap shop
- Vegans
- Packaging free
- Food sharing – SHRUB
- **Plug in for recharging cars**

## POLITICAL PROGRESS

- Deputations ? Transport Committee
- Citizens assembly
- Tourist tax and sustainability
- LDP Local development plan – input

## COMMUNITY

## AUSTERITY !!!!

Post meeting extra Build on TE CNEs

## Energy discussion

ACTION NEEDED	Details of action	Who to do it	Who to enforce it
Reduce energy use	retro fit insulation	council	Council with funding from government
		landlords	
		Owner occupiers	
	Public buildings procure renewables	council	
	Triple glazing compulsory for all replacemnts		
	Standards for new builds	Count embedded carbon in materials of new builds	improvement
	Upgrading boilers		Council via Home Energy Scotland or Changeworks
	ECO builds		
	Behaviour change	Peer pressure in communities incentives needed Sharing data on what is possible	Council provide incentives
	Non domestic and public buildings a problem but did not come up in discussion		Council ?
	Energy is abstract and people do not see it as a part of resource use		
Sustainability policy to drive procurement			council
Engagement with communities	Push tenants associations to pressure for more efficient homes		Council ?
		Local energy project	TE with help from Govt, HES, Local Energy Scotland etc
	EPC diagram familiar but uses numbers	People don't like numbers	? TE/HES pilot way to make EPC real ?
	EPC rating to influence council tax on property	council	council
Ambitious Climate Bill		FOEE campaign	
Scottish Investment bank	Home energy improvement		
Society less centralised	Community empowerment act	Councils reorganised to smaller units	Holyrood
Local development groups	New Economic Foundation Commonweal	Development councils could link	

		with local energy projects	
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- District heating as better way to use natural gas was not mentioned. Again Council responsible with funding from government

#### Transport

- Electric buses
- 10% Edinburgh's transport budget on active travel – needs to increase
- Free public transport like in Luxembourg
- Tram !
- Lower priority for cars
- Ambitious low emission zones
- Safer provision for active travel/ improving infrastructure
- Car clubs/ car sharing
- Increase in loans/incentives for EVs/ active travel
- Looking at bus routes and possible changes
- Pop up car free days
- Removal of subsidies for aviation
- Restriction on internal flights
- Air freight to pay the true cost
- Remove subsidies on fossil fuels
- Civil disobedience to force pedestrian access
- Holiday in UK
- Heavy charges to entire city on Sunday
- Stages to car free ( ? Sundays ?)

Post event add Enable contactless card swipes on Lothian buses

#### Waste

- Focus campaign on supermarkets
- Copy Shop and Drop campaign
- Need major culture change to value resources

( These from Mile comments – please add more )